



## MUSEUM CONNECTIONS

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Ryujie, *Ice Form 77*, 2005,  
gelatin silver print, gift of the artist

# art activity

## Sun Prints

*Sun printing uses the photographic process of light exposure to create unique images. This activity is a fun way to explore the effects of shadow and light.*  
30-45 minutes

### Directions

1. Collect objects with interesting shapes. You can use flowers, rocks, leaves, shapes cut out from paper or any household item.
2. Prepare a bowl of cool water
3. Carefully take a piece of light sensitive paper making sure not to expose the blue side until you are ready.
4. Go outside and place the paper with the blue side facing up in a spot protected from the wind. Place your objects on the paper. Remember to work fast!
5. Leave the paper in the sun for a few minutes until it has turned almost white.
6. Put the paper in the water for a couple of minutes to stop it from reacting to the light.
7. Lay it flat to dry.

### Materials

- Light-sensitive paper (available at most craft stores)
- A bowl of water
- Small found objects
- Sunlight