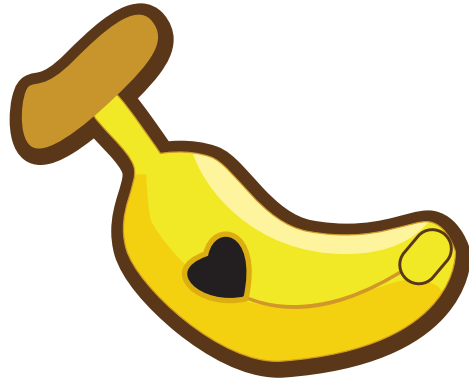


# Banana Tattoo

Transform a simple bunch of bananas into edible canvases for clever and creative tattoos!

## **Materials:**

- Banana
- Toothpick/ pin
- Paper
- Pencil



## **Instructions:**

1. Take a banana and trace the outline onto a sheet of paper.
2. Create a drawing inside the outline of the banana.
3. Hold the drawing over the banana and use the toothpick to pierce the banana skin along the drawing.
4. Let the banana sit for a few minutes and watch what happens.
5. You have your very own banana tattoo! Repeat with more bananas to create a unique collection of drawings.
6. You can even try creating a single drawing by drawing different parts of the image on different bananas in a single bunch.
7. For older kids, you can follow the art activity with a simple scientific explanation of what happened.

## **Explanation:**

Banana peels contain phenols, used to fend off insects and microbes. When the peel is cut or bruised, an enzyme called polyphenol oxidase is released and causes the phenols to react with the oxygen in the air, producing the brown color as a side effect.