Cyanotype Photography

Cyanotype is a photographic printing process that uses sunlight to create beautiful blue-hued prints.

To make a cyanotype, you start by mixing two chemicals—ammonium iron(III) citrate and potassium ferricyanide—to create a light-sensitive solution.

Next, you coat a piece of paper or fabric with this solution and let it dry in a dark place. Once dry, you place found objects, stencils, botanicals, or negatives directly onto the coated surface to create your design.

Then, you expose the coated paper or fabric to sunlight or UV light. The sunlight reacts with the chemicals, causing them to change color and create a blue print.

After a few minutes of exposure, you rinse the print in water to stop the chemical reaction and reveal your cyanotype masterpiece!

The result is a striking blue-and-white image, with intricate details and a unique aesthetic that's both vintage and modern.

Cyanotype is a fun and accessible way to create art, suitable for all ages and skill levels.