

Foam Printmaking

Create a printing surface with foam, and make multiple prints!

Artists carve woodblocks, linoleum, and other materials to make prints. An image is carved into a block, ink is applied, and paper is pressed on top. An artist can make multiple images from a single carved block.

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Materials Needed:

Styrofoam plate (or other clean flat piece of Styrofoam)*, pen, washable markers, white cardstock, sponge, paper towels.

*You can also use scratch foam designed for printmaking, available at art supply stores such as Dick Blick.

Instructions:

Step 1: Prepare your Styrofoam. Cut off any edges that are sticking out, so that foam is flat. Cut the foam to the shape and size you want for your print.

Step 2: Use a pen to draw a design on your piece of foam. The pen will push the foam down.

Hint: Your print will be a mirror image of your design.

Step 3: Color over the entire surface of the foam with a washable marker. Make sure to color over the lines you made in the previous step!



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