

## Printing Ideas

Printing makes a copy. You could paint your hand, press it down on paper and you'd see a copy of your handprint.



Can you think of any objects which you could use to make an interesting print?

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There are lots of different ways to make a print and here are just a few:



Woodcut: Artists carve their design into the wood using sharp tools. Ink or paint covers the design before being pressed down to create a copy.

Relief printing is where the design sticks out from the surface.

This bit gets covered with ink or paint.

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**Engraving:** Using a sharp tool, artists carve a design into a flat piece of metal. The design is then covered with ink.

The ink sits inside the grooves of the carving pattern and the rest is wiped away. The pattern is pressed onto something to make the print.



#### Foam Board Printing Instructions

1 Use a pencil to draw a pattern into the foam. Press hard enough to leave a groove. On the back of your foam, draw a cross at the top of your design. You could also add your initials.

It's important to remember that when you print, the image is the opposite way around so you may need to draw your design backwards. You could practise this first on a whiteboard.

2 Choose an ink colour. Put a large blob of the ink into the inking tray. Using the roller, spread it to create a smooth, even layer of colour in the tray.

- 3 Using the inky roller, spread an even layer across the design side of your foam.
- 4 Turn the foam over and press it down firmly and evenly onto the paper or card (you could use a clean roller to do this).
- 5 Lift the foam up slowly to reveal your design!

