


Block Printing Workshop

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Supplies

Fabric Block Printing Ink or Block Printing Ink
Rubber Brayer
Speedball Speedy Carve Carving Block - 3x4"
Speedball Linoleum Cutter
Plexiglass - 12" x 12"
Cotton Canvas Tote Bag or Blank Cards
Paint Sticks
Plastic Cups / Mason Jars
Pencils
Paper
Hard Surface For Fabric
Tracing Paper

Step-By-Step

1. Sketch or print out a design
2. Transfer design
 - Trace your design on tracing paper with a pencil. Flip over and place on block. Trace the backside of the tracing paper with the pencil. This should transfer your design to the block.
 - You can also iron on if you have a laser printer. Print the image out then place it onto the block with ink facing the block. Iron the back of the paper on a low setting.
3. Cut out your design
 - Make sure to hold onto the block and cut away from yourself.
 - Start with large areas of blank space first using large blades.
 - Work outside in and use increasingly smaller blades and get into details.
4. Print your design on fabric or paper
 - Spread out your ink on plexi glass with a rubber brayer.
 - Evenly spread ink on your block.
 - Print a test proof and adjust your block until you are satisfied.
 - Print on your final paper or fabric. Make sure to have a hard surface under your fabric.

Resources

The Complete Printmaker by John Ross, Clare Romano, and Tim Ross
www.distillcreative.com/block-printing

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