

The Art of Block Printing

Materials and Tools List

Materials

- Rubber carving block (or linoleum)
- Printing inks (assorted colors; water-based or oil-based)
- Ink extender (for increasing ink transparency) (optional)
- Ink retarder (for slowing ink drying time) (optional)
- Printing paper (rice paper, printing paper, etc.)
- Mineral Spirits (solvent for oil-based inks)
- Drawing paper (pad or sheet)
- Tracing paper (pad or sheet)
- Chip board (for making a registration jig and stiffening printing blocks)
- Elmer's glue
- Rubber cement
- Duct tape
- Drafting tape (optional)
- Latex or rubber gloves

Tools

- Carving tool and assorted cutting nibs
- Baren
- Brayer (rollers 2 in. and/or 6 in.)
- Pane of glass 8½ x 11 in. or plexiglass
- Wooden or metal bench hook (optional but recommended)
- Matte knife and/or Exacto blade, cutting mat
- 3-hole punch (to create registration jig)
- Pencils
- Color markers
- Color pencils or watercolors
- Wooden spoon
- Clothespins and clothesline