

Block Print and Play!

Learn to hand carve your own block prints for use on paper and/or fabric. Learn more about the supplies, tools, and block printing process as you go through the steps to design, carve, and print your own original block printed patterns. Be forewarned that block printing is super fun and addicting!

Materials/Supplies Needed:

- Linoleum Cutter: Speedball's Linoleum Cutter Assortment Set #1 comes with 5 cutters/tips and is a great option for getting started with carving your own block prints. You can purchase additional handles to minimize changing tips. Mel's go-to carving gouges are made by Pfeil with the L 12/1 and L 9/2 gouges used the most often.
- 2 or more Speedball Speedy Stamp Carve Blocks measuring 4"x6" or bigger
- X-acto knife and a small cutting mat (6" or bigger)
- 1 or more ink pads. Recommended brands: Tsukineko VersaFine Claire—available in 24 colors with option for refill ink, Tsukineko Kaleidacolor-beautiful ombre ink pads, and/or Memento Lux (which works on fabric too).
- Pencil with soft lead. Mechanical pencils work great especially if they have a metal cylinder tip which can be used to punch tiny dots!!
- 10-15 sheets of printer paper
- OPTIONAL:
 - Acrylic Stamp Blocks (they are available in assorted sizes and shapes. I suggest starting with a 2-3" square), 1-2 packages of Tsukineko's Tack 'N Peel Reusable Cling Sheets, and a pair of scissors (for cutting the Tack 'N Peel).
 - Fabric (light colored solid/solid-like)—can be 5" or 10" charm squares or bigger.

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