Think about the word **print**.

Where have you heard this term before? Maybe you've used a computer printer or left a footprint in the snow. Those are both ways to repeat an image or to make a copy of something. Prints you might see in the museum often start with a block carved from wood or linoleum, but for this project we'll use simple Styrofoam.

You can purchase foam specifically made for printmaking from an art supply store or use a clean foam picnic plate or meat tray. Carve your image with a pencil, roll out some ink, and you're ready to start making some prints!

### MATERIALS

- **Styrofoam**
- **Pencil**
- **Paper to print on**
- **Rubber Brayer (roller) or paintbrush**
- **Plexi glass or other smooth surface for ink** (a cookiesheet can work)
- **Printmaking ink or acrylic paint**
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**Step 1**
Sketch out your design on paper, and then carve it into your foam plate with a pencil.

**Step 2**
Roll out ink on your surface until you have nice even coverage, not too thick. You should start to hear a “sticky” sound when the ink is even and ready to go.

**Step 3**
Roll an even coat of ink or acrylic paint on top of your foam plate. (Cover your work surface with newspaper to help save time with clean up)

**Step 4**
Place your foam (ink-side down) onto your paper, and then press firmly and evenly over the whole surface.

**Step 5**
Pull the paper back to reveal the print! Now you can re-apply the ink and print as many copies as you would like! Make prints to hang, frame, or turn into greeting cards!

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