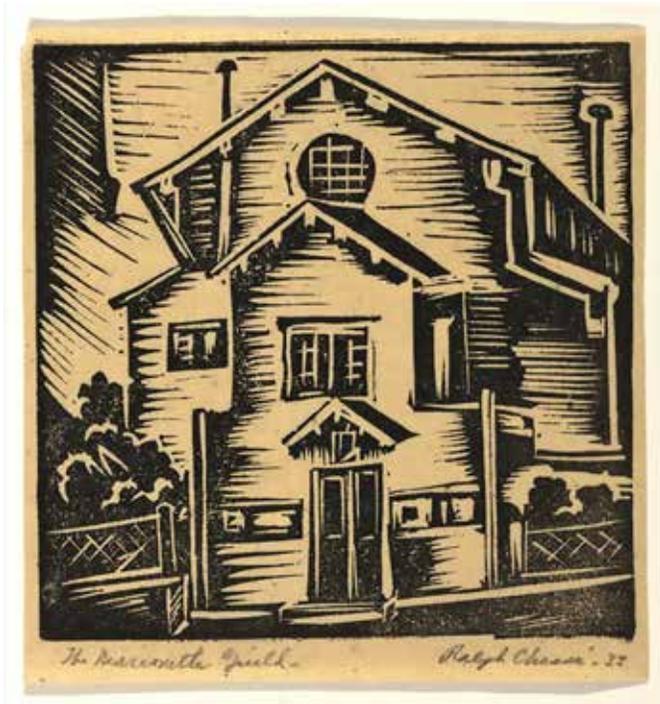




ARTMAKING PROJECT | Print Making!



The Marionette Guild, Ralph Chessé, 1933; linoleum cut printed in black ink on off-white laid japan paper

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



Rubber Brayer (roller) or paintbrush



Plexi glass or other smooth surface for ink (a cookiesheet can work)



Printmaking ink or acrylic paint



Styrofoam



Pencil



Paper to print on



ARTMAKING PROJECT | Directions



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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