

Goals for Beginning Linocut Block Printing Course

- to develop an understanding of what block printing is
- to understand the tools and materials
- to practice the safety measures when using the cutting tools
- to create simple designs for printing
- to be able to transfer a design to a block
- to be competent in cutting the block
- to be competent in inking the block and printing on a register
- to understand how to clean the materials
- to be able to cut and print a two or three color linocut reduction print.

Week 1

- introduce tools and terms
- show basic steps
- discuss safety
- practice cutting on old blocks
- transfer drawing to new block
- cut block
- test print

Week 2

- transfer new drawing to block
- cut block and test print
- use different colored papers
- discuss reduction prints

Week 3

- transfer drawing to block
- color in drawing to use as a guide
- do first cut and print on good paper

Week 4

- do two more cuts and print
- number, title and sign prints

Students should come to the first class prepared with a simple line drawing in pencil on a 4x6 inch piece of white paper. Students may want to bring an apron or smock . The inks easily wash off hands but not clothing.