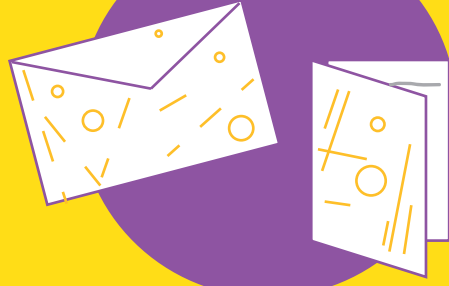


MAKE STAMPS



PRINT CARDS

WHAT IS PRINTMAKING?

Printmaking is a way of making **marks** by applying ink or paint to an object, and pressing it to paper or fabric.

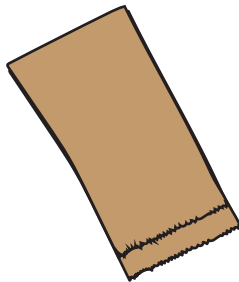
Printmaking is fun because you can **REPEAT** the same shape over and over to make patterns, or many versions of the same image.

DID YOU KNOW?



Stamping is a form of printmaking!

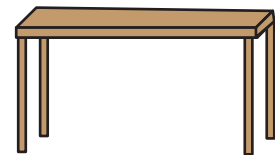
WHAT IS IN MY BAG?



- cards and envelopes
- adhesive sticky foam
- rubber bands
- ink pad
- plastic roller
- wood block
- blue painters' tape
- bubble wrap

MAKE A WORKSPACE

You'll need an empty, sturdy table or desk.



Tip: Lay out some opened up paper bags or old newspaper to protect your surface and tape them down at the corners.



STAMP & PRINT



KIT DESIGN AND INSTRUCTIONS

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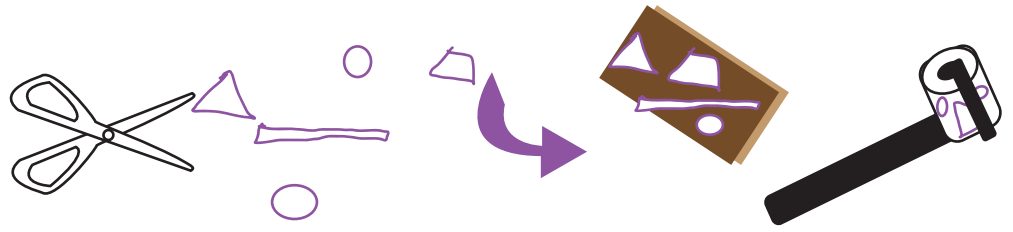
MAKING STAMPS BY ADDING TEXTURE

PLAY with all the materials in your kit, adding pieces of material to your wood block and roller.

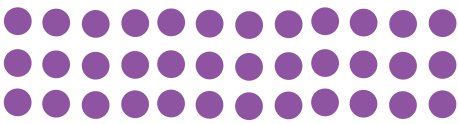
1- USING THE STICKY FOAM

A) Draw some simple shapes on the foam, between the size of a dime and a quarter. You can also cut thin strips, or wavy lines.

B) Peel off the backing, and stick the foam shape onto the block of wood, or the barrel of the roller.



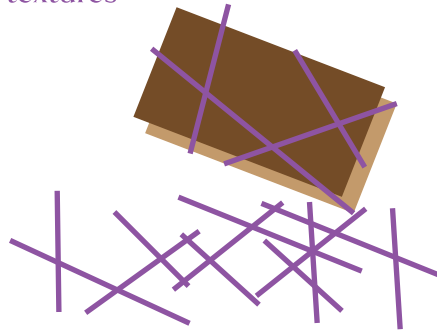
2- USING THE BUBBLE WRAP



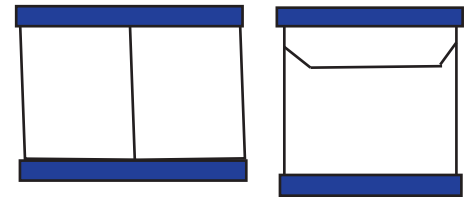
To print dots, wrap the bubble wrap around the block, securing the edges with the blue tape.

3- USING THE RUBBER BANDS

Wrap the rubber bands around your block to make cool striped textures



4- SETTING UP TO PRINT YOUR ENVELOPE AND CARD



Using the blue painter's tape, tape your card to the table, **open face down**. That will be left blank for writing your letter! Tape down your envelope, flap side up.

5-STOP

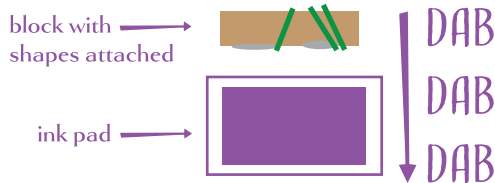
DO SOME TEST PRINTS

Before you print on your card and envelope, use a scrap piece of paper (a grocery bag works great!) and practice stamping your shapes. It might take a few tries to get the pattern you like, or get the prints dark enough.

HOW TO PRINT

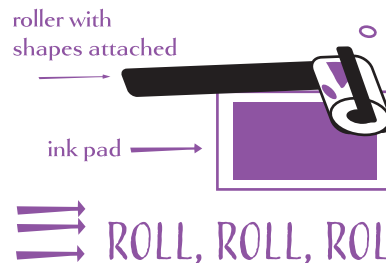
DO THE "INKY DAB" ...

Take the wood stamp you just made, and dab it several times on the ink pad. You don't need to press hard!



...OR THE "INKY ROLL"

Take the roller, and roll it several times across the ink pad. Roll until your shapes turn purple!



AND SQUISH!!!

