

# Printmaking

Create a printing plate that can be used to make multiple pieces of art.

In addition to the supplies in this kit, you will need: Water, Paper towel or sponge

## Instructions:

- Tip: Cut your foam plates to make smaller works of art.
- Practice your drawing on paper first. You can't erase your imprint on the foam plate.
- Draw on your foam plate using a pen or other blunt object. Press firmly, but not hard enough to poke through the foam.
- Gently color your design. Don't press hard enough to make indentations in the foam. You can cover the whole plate with one color, or use multiple colors.
- Use a damp paper towel or sponge to add a thin layer of water to the surface of your paper. This will activate your water-based marker ink.
- Carefully place the paper on top of the foam plate. Holding it in place so it does not shift, rub firmly on the back of the paper with the side of your fist.
- Lift the paper to reveal your print!
- Use water to clean the surface of your printing plate. You can use the plate over and over again using new colors. You may even be able to use the back for a new design.



## Think about it *llll*

- What happens if you don't use enough water? Or use too much water?
- The beauty of print making is that you can make many prints of the same design. Practice makes perfect! If your first print doesn't turn out the way you want, try again.
- Artists often make a series, or edition, of prints using the same plate. For a limited edition print, each impression is labeled with a unique number. For example, 1/10 would indicate the print is the first impression in an edition of 10 identical prints.

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