

Stamp Printing



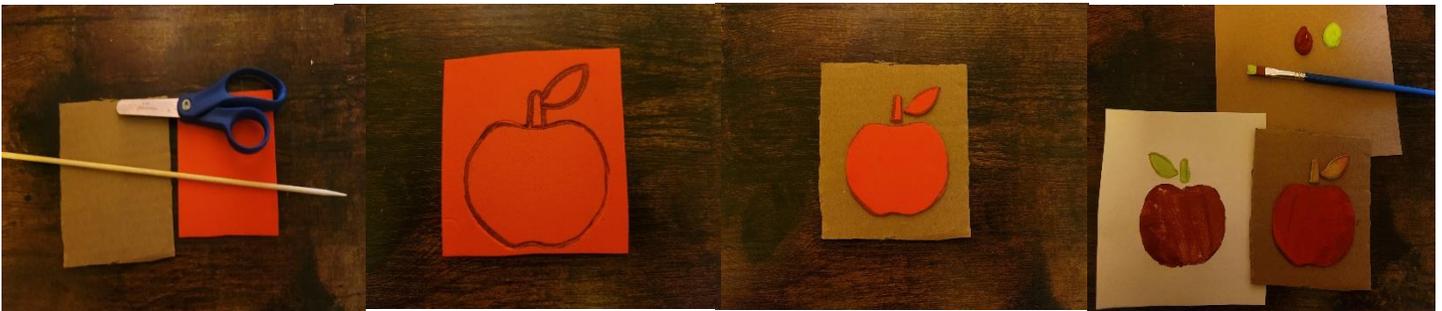
David Clyde Driskell (American, 1931-2020)
Thelma, Festival, 2006, Woodcut on paper. Gift
of the Experimental Printmaking Institute, 2017.
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Prints are a form of art that are usually produced in multiples. Prints take many forms, from simple monoprints to complex lithographs. Prints are everywhere in the world, from pages in a book to the art on your T-shirts. Stamping is one of the easiest and most accessible forms of printmaking. This woodcut *Thelma, Festival* by David Clyde Driskell features lots of fine lines and details. Use simple materials to create a stamp to make repeat prints at home. Think about making a symbol that is important to you or tells a story about the past or present.

Materials needed:

- Craft foam, styrofoam plate or cardboard
- Acrylic, tempera, or watercolor paint
- Paintbrush or roller
- Cardboard
- Pencil
- Paper

Follow these instructions to make your stamp.



Step 1: Draw a design or brainstorm your idea for your print. If using letters or numbers, flip them backwards. Printing reverses the image.

Step 2: Cut out pieces of foam, styrofoam, or thin cardboard (cereal boxes work great!). Glue them onto a piece of cardboard to make your stamp. Leave your stamp to dry.

Step 3: Once your stamp is dry, use a paintbrush or roller to cover the design of your stamp with paint. Once your design is covered, stamp onto the paper.