

Zara's Guide to Marvellous Printmaking

Get Inky, Get Creative: Make Your Mark with Zara!

- A relief print is made by pressing an object that has raised surfaces, like a carved potato or a textured leaf, into ink.
- A brayer is the special hand-roller used to spread a thin, even layer of ink across your printing block.
- When you transfer a print to paper, the design will appear as a mirror image of the original block.
- Repeating your prints across a page creates a pattern, which is a key technique used by artists to make beautiful backgrounds.
- You can use found objects like bottle tops, bubble wrap, or corrugated cardboard to create interesting textures in your prints.

Did you know? Did you know? The oldest form of printmaking is the woodcut. Artists would carve an image into a block of wood, roll ink over the top, and press it onto paper. Because the ink only touches the raised parts, the image comes out in reverse—just like looking in a mirror!

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