

Zara's Guide to Creative Printmaking

Get creative with Zara! Roll, press, and elevator to make your own colorful prints.

- A relief print is made by carving away parts of a block so that only the raised areas pick up the ink.
- You can use a roller, called a brayer, to spread a thin, even layer of ink across your printing block.
- When you press your block onto paper, you must push down firmly and evenly to make sure the whole design transfers.
- If you print the same shape many times in a row, you create a repeating pattern.
- Always remember to peel your paper back slowly and carefully to reveal your finished print!

Did you know? Did you know? The oldest form of printmaking used carved wooden blocks to press ink onto fabric or paper. Long ago, people used these to make beautiful patterns on clothes!

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