

## INSTRUCTIONS: BLOCK PRINTING WITH LATEX

### FIRST WEEK:

1. Research ornamental design by looking into other cultures. Some suggested cultures could be African, Aboriginal Australian, American Folk Art, European Baroque, or Art Deco and Art Nouveau.
2. Look at modern artists: Escher, Keith Herring and Shepard Fairey.
3. Get photocopies of visual ideas that interest you and post them in your book.
4. Do some sketches of ideas based on your research or just on your own inclination.
5. Remember, your research journals must have all pages numbered and dated.

### 1. SECOND WEEK

2. Trace around the shape of a latex block several times in your art journal and design ideas within the rectangles. You can use your own ideas or an idea you have discovered in your research.
3. Choose one of your designs to use in a block print. Cut out the design with lino-cutting tools and experiment with printing it. (hot tip: you can rub the pencil sketch against the latex and the drawing will transfer.)
4. Continue to design blocks and cut them out. Try printing them in different color combinations. Experiment with overprinting and in changing the directions of the prints
5. Try a reduction print.
6. Pull up the YouTube tutorials I've listed at the bottom of this page

### THIRD WEEK

1. Develop a reduction print in three stages of cuts. Do this with at least three designs.
2. Come up with strategies for your final work.
3. Produce a series of printed papers and/or images for cards.

Keep all process and research in your process journal. Annotate using the vocabulary words given for the unit and use the words in the correct context.

Printing using the blocks takes experimentation and practice. Keep all of the work you do, even what does not turn out like you want it to. This is an excellent opportunity to annotate and describe what you are learning.

Check out these online resources: (copy and paste addresses in your browser)

<https://www.behance.net/gallery/19392339/Repeating-Pattern-Block-Print>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vpW3DASgAZE>

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=make+a+book+cover+with+glue+and+decorative+paper&&view=detail&mid=4E1DE8EF22CF8075429E4E1DE8EF22CF8075429E&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Dmake%2Ba%2Bbook%2Bcover%2Bwith%2Bglue%2Band%2Bdecorative%2Bpaper%26qvt%3Dmake%2Ba%2Bbook%2Bcover%2Bwith%2Bglue%2Band%2Bdecorative%2Bpaper%26FORM%3DVDRE>