

# MYM: Monoprinting & More!

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## MYM: Monoprinting & More Lesson 2: Lino Printing

### **Lino Printing Definition:**

Lino printing is a form of fine art printmaking where the printing plate was originally cut from linoleum. The lino is inked and printed onto a piece of paper.

### **Slide Show:** Artists who have used Lino Printing

We are going to explore making Lino Prints using a technique that mimics carving into linoleum.

### **Materials:**

- Scratch Foam Board
- 2 or 3 Photo References 5x7 and 8x10
- Ball Point Pen
- Tape
- Paper (drawing paper or inexpensive watercolor paper)
- OPEN Acrylic Paints by GOLDEN
- Printer's ink Speedball block printing ink
- Brayer
- Wooden spoon
- Mark Making Materials: stick, pencil, stamps, combs, any textured items

### **Technique:**

We are going to make 3 different lino print templates.

**First Template:** Choose a photo and lay it over your scratch foam board.

- Use a ballpoint pen to trace lines and shapes on your photo. Go ahead and add interesting details such as patterns and marks.
- Choose a paint color and apply paint to your brayer.
- Roll the paint onto your scratch foam board.
- Place a piece of paper (watercolor or other) over the paint and rub using your hands. You can also use the back of a wooden spoon. The official printing device is called a **baren** which is made from wood and is used in woodblock printing to evenly distribute the ink.
- See if you can make a ghost print.
- Apply another paint color.
- Make 3 to 5 prints.

### **Second Template:**

Take another scratch foam board and either use a photo reference and trace or be inspired by the photo and draw your own image. Fill the entire board as much as possible. Neatness does not count because the next step is to cut your board into 3 or 4 pieces as though you are creating a puzzle. You can also choose to draw abstract or just scribble and make random marks.

Print each piece with a different color. Mix up the order of the pieces.

### **Third Template:**

- Cut another scratch foam board into two halves.
- Take one half and draw a random pattern. Fill the entire board.

- And on the other half, draw a simple shape. And fill in the shape with line or design.

Apply paint using a brayer and print 3 to 5 of each template.

(You can use the cheap white paper or watercolor paper or painted acrylic paper)

### **Homework:**

Create a sampling of painted papers.

Print your new templates using complementary colors

Create a collection of printed papers where you play with patterns and design.

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**-Scratch Foam Board**