

PRINTMAKING AT HOME



Printmaking is an artform practiced in Nunavik since the 1960s, when the first printmaking workshop opened in Puvirnituaq. While professional artists mostly use linoleum, metal or stone to carve their printing template, it is possible to practice easily at home with recycled materials.

In this activity, we suggest using recycled Styrofoam plates and paint to start your own printmaking workshop at home!

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First, take time to look at the work of Nunavik printmakers using these two websites. Pay attention to the themes they are featuring, the colours they are using, the shapes and the patterns you see in their artwork.

<http://www.avataq.qc.ca/en/Collections/Art-and-ethnography/Works-on-paper>

<http://art.avataq.qc.ca/home>

Then, find inspiration around you. It can come from what you see in your house or outside your window. You can also use stories and legends to find inspiration. Sketch a few ideas on paper and make your draft. Once you have created a draft of your artwork, you are ready to follow the next steps to create your print!

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THE MATERIAL YOU WILL NEED

- a pencil
- paint
- a marker
- paper
- a paintbrush
- a piece of Styrofoam
- paper plates
- scissors

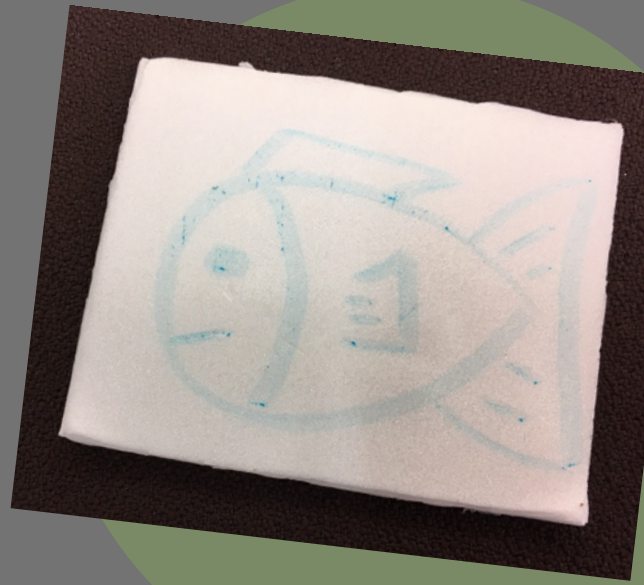


Take a piece of Styrofoam (You can reuse Styrofoam from meat packaging. Be sure to clean it well.).

Cut the piece of Styrofoam to remove the round edges and get a flat surface.

Draw the picture you practiced on to the piece of Styrofoam using a marker (do not press too hard).

Take the pencil and go over the lines made with the marker. Be sure the lines are deep enough and large enough to see the impression well.



Put paint in your paper plate. Using your paint brush, cover the styrofoam plate with a thick layer of paint (be careful not to put paint inside the lines you have "carved" with your pencil).

Turn your Styrofoam print unto your piece of paper and press hard so all the paint transfers to the paper.

Now, try your print again, using different paint colours. Maybe adding more details if you want to.



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