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Let's Explore - Making Stencils and Printing Blocks

Explore different ways of making printing blocks and stencils. Use stitch to create a printing plate. Use plasticine to create a printing block and use with a stamp pad. Have you tried using Tyvek to make stencils? Cardboard makes a great printing plate. Come along and try some or all of these methods. If you have any examples of printing blocks and stencils you have made, please bring them to share with the group.

What to bring

This is a long list of **possible equipment** and materials to bring. **Just bring what you already have in your stash.**

- basic sewing kit
- strong plastic
- different thickness of threads
- different grades of sandpaper
- thick cardboard pieces
- craft knife for cutting out stencils
- scissors for cutting paper, cardboard
- magazines for images and for stencil making
- photocopy paper for working out ideas and for stencil making
- lace bubble wrap, string
- PVA or similar glue
- plasticine
- masking tape
- small objects/plant material to press into plasticine
- Tyvek
- freezer paper
- tracing paper
- thin plastic for stencil making e.g. inside sheets from display folders
- drawings, images to make stencils and blocks
- lino block cutting tools
- carving blocks/sheets for carving
- cutting mat
- plastic sheet to protect work area
- your lunch (or cash to purchase lunch nearby), tea and/or coffee and a mug

We will be exploring ways of using the stencils and printing blocks at the following month's Let's Explore day.