



HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN RUBBER STAMPS

YOU WILL NEED..



RUBBER STAMPS - I RECOMMEND HELIX RUBBERS AS THEY HAVE A NICE FLAT/DURABLE SURFACE TO CARVE



DAMPENED KITCHEN ROLL



GOOD QUALITY PAPER FOR PRINTING



PENCIL AND RUBBER



SKETCHPAD



INK PADS (COLOURS OF CHOICE)

SCALPEL



LINO CARVING TOOLS (VARIOUS SIZES)



TRACING PAPER

*NOTE SHARP TOOLS!

ACTIVITY REQUIRES AN ADULTS ASSISTANCE.

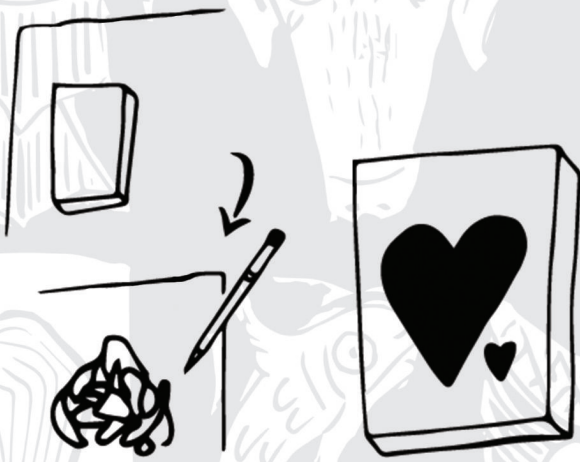
INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1:

DRAW AROUND THE SHAPE OF YOUR RUBBER ONTO PAPER, THEN DRAW YOUR DESIGN WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE BOX.

*NOTE: TO BEGGIN WITH CREATE A SIMPLE DESIGN TO CARVE, THEN WORK YOUR WAY UP TO A MORE COMPLEX DESIGN WHEN YOU ARE MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE CARVING. I HAVE CREATED A PAGE OF SIMPLE EXAMPLE DESIGNS ATTACHED.





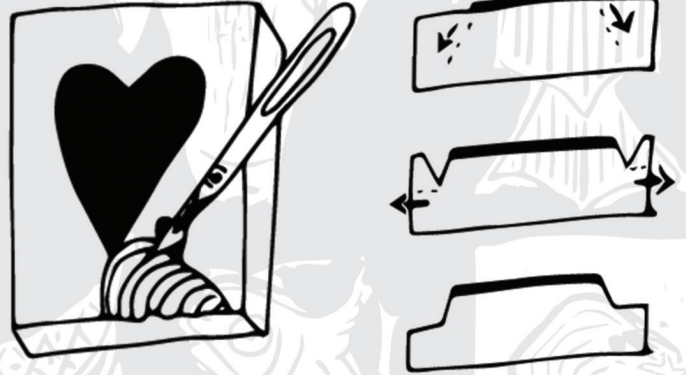
STEP 2:

PLACE THE TRACING PAPER ON TOP OF YOUR DRAWING AND TRACE THE DESIGN. FLIP THE TRACING PAPER OVER AND PLACE THIS ON TOP OF THE RUBBER (PLAIN SIDE), THEN TRACE THE DESIGN ONTO THE RUBBER.

STEP 3:

NOW CARVE OUT THE DESIGN. ALWAYS CARVE AWAY FROM YOURSELF FOR SAFETY AND TRY TO CARVE ON A 45 DEGREE ANGLE, AS ITS EASIER TO CONTROL. REMEMBER YOU CAN ALWAYS ADD BUT NEVER TAKE AWAY, SO BE CAREFUL NOT TO CARVE TOO MUCH!

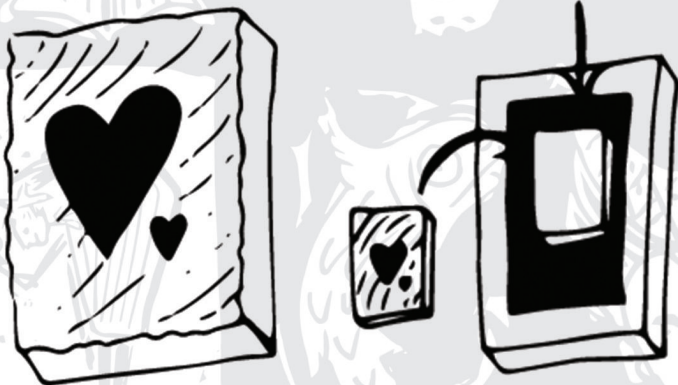
AFTER YOU HAVE FINISHED CARVING IT WILL LEAVE YOUR DESIGN IN RELIEF READY TO PRINT.



STEP 4:

FIRMLY PRESS YOUR RUBBER STAMP ONTO AN INK PAD AND LIFT. IF PRINTING WITH A NEW COLOUR CLEAN THE STAMP WITH DAMPENED KITCHEN PAPER IN BETWEEN PRINTS.

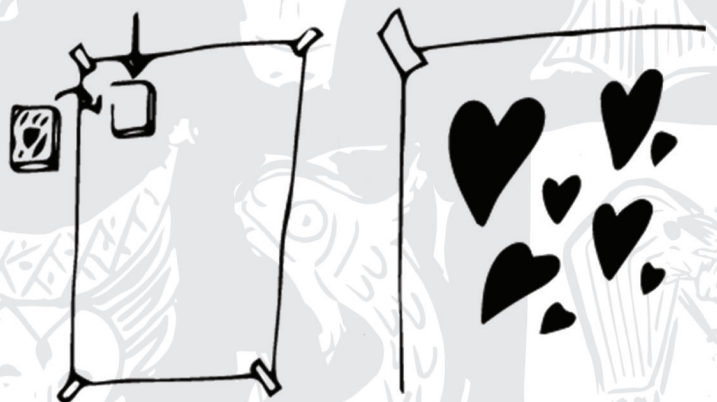
*NOTE: IF PRINTING WITH LIGHTER COLOURS START WITH THOSE FIRST THEN PRINT DARKER COLOURS.



STEP 5:

FIRMLY PRINT YOUR STAMP ONTO PAPER AND YOU HAVE FINISHED!

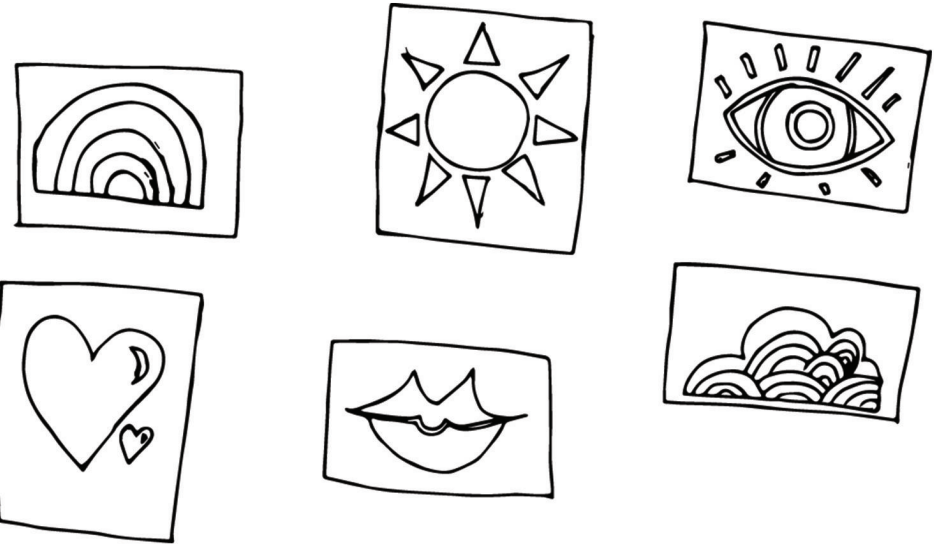
*NOTE: YOU CAN TAPE YOUR PAPER DOWN FOR EXTRA SUPPORT SO THAT IT DOESNT MOVE ABOUT.



I HOPE YOU HAVE HAD FUN CARVING YOUR VERY OWN RUBBER STAMP! OF COURSE YOUR NEW STAMP CAN NOW BE KEPT AND USED AS MANY TIMES AS YOU WOULD LIKE!

I'D LOVE TO SEE YOUR FINISHED CREATIONS! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SEND ME AN EMAIL AT rwhitbyillustration@gmail.com OR TO TAG ME IN YOUR POST ON INSTAGRAM @rwhitby_illustration IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF MY ARTWORK VISIT rwhitbyillustration.com REBECCA X

EXAMPLE ARTWORK USING STAMPS:



IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A CREATIVE PROJECT HERES ONE YOU CAN DO!

I HAVE CREATED SIX SIMPLE DESIGN TEMPLATES THAT YOU CAN TRACE AND CARVE. NOTE THAT THE TEMPLATES MAY NOT BE TO SCALE OF YOUR RUBBER SO YOU MAY NEED TO RE-DRAW.

WHEN FINISHED YOU CAN TAPE YOUR NEW CREATION ON YOUR WINDOW TO THANK ALL THE NHS WORKERS DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.
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Example Hand Carved Rubber Stamps

