

Foam Board Printing

You will need:

- Foam boards — one per child (postcard size)
- Pencils — one per child
- Ink rollers — ideally four per table of six (two for ink rolling and two clean rollers for pressing down the print)
- Inking trays — one or two per table (depending on the number of colour choices you are giving)
- Different colours of printing ink — one colour per table
- Card/paper — one sheet per child

Method

1. Use a pencil to draw a pattern into the foam. Press hard enough to leave a groove. On the back of your foam, draw a cross at the top of your design (to help you remember where the top is). You could also add your initials.

It's important to remember that when you print, the image is the opposite way around so you may need to draw your design backwards. You could practise this first on a whiteboard.

2. Choose an ink colour. Put a large blob of the ink into the inking tray. Using the roller, spread it to create a smooth, even layer of colour in the tray.
3. Using the inky roller, spread an even layer across the design side of your foam.
4. Turn the foam over and press it down firmly and evenly onto the paper or card (you could use a clean roller to do this).
5. Lift the foam up slowly to reveal your design!

