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# MULTICOLOUR BLOCK PRINTING

## Derwent Inktense Blocks

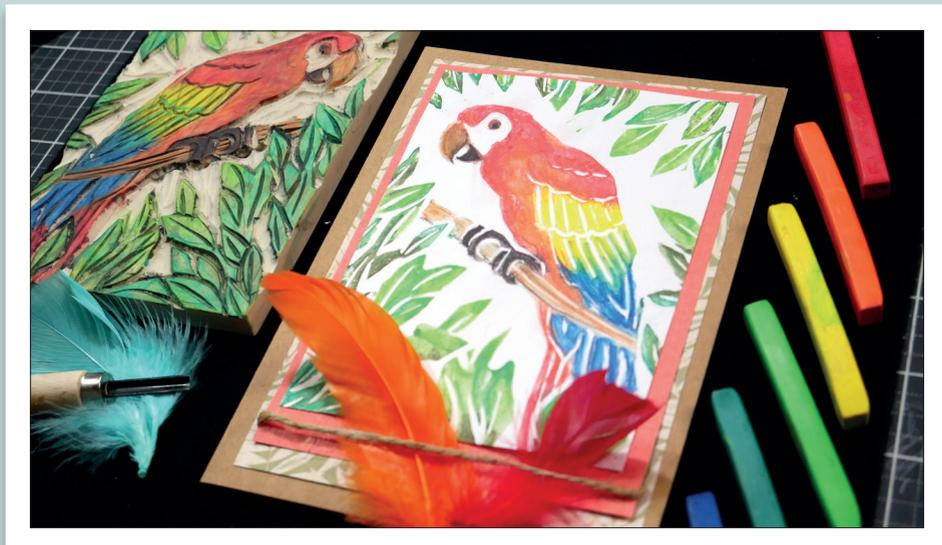
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### MATERIALS:

- Derwent Inktense Blocks, Set of 12
- Derwent Line Maker .8 Nib
- Derwent Graphite Pencil 6B
- Cardstock or Sturdy Drawing Paper
- Linoleum Cutting Tools
- EZcarve Stamp Carving Blocks or Large Erasers
- Spray Bottle of Water

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Discover the art of block printing with this introduction to creating custom carved stamps. The vibrant colours of Derwent Inktense blocks make beautiful print cards, posters, or invitations.



## PROCEDURE:

- 1 Draw a design on your stamp carving material with a soft graphite pencil. Outline it with a Black Line Maker. You might need to scribble the Line Maker on scratch paper from time to time to keep the ink flowing. Keep in mind your design will be reversed when you print it, so any letters or numbers you used in your design need to be drawn backwards.



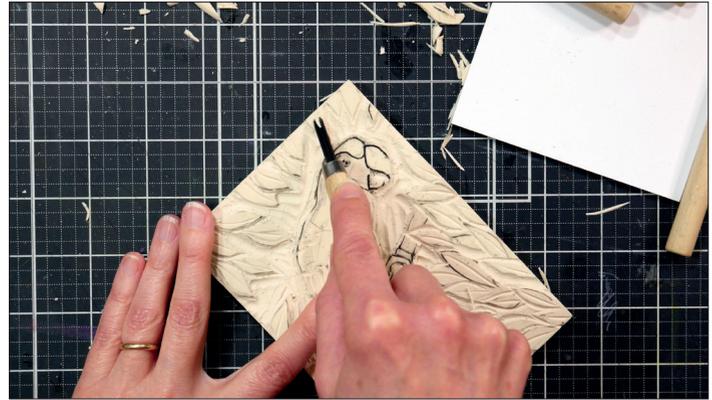
- 2 Use a large V-gouge blade to cut a channel around all your shapes.



- 3 Use a large U-gouge blade to remove the area you do not want to print.



- 4 Carve in detail with a smaller V-gouge blade.



- 5 Once you have carved your design, wash your block with soap and water to remove any debris. Next, try a test cut. Spray your stamp with water and rub a Black Inktense block over it. Then, press cardstock on your block and see how the print looks.



- 6 Refine your design by carving away any portion of the design you don't like. You can do another test print to perfect your printing block.



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- 7 Wash the printing block. Then, mist it with water and this time use a variety of Inktense blocks to colour your image. (Pro Tip: Inking up your block with multiple colours will take longer, so make sure to mist your printing block with water again before printing.)



- 8 Experiment with misting the printing block with water between prints. See how many prints you can make from one application of Inktense blocks. See the first, second, and third impression prints in the photo.



- 9 These prints make wonderful cards, posters, or art show invitations.



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