

Youth Ed Group Class: Relief Printing Using Foam Printmaking Plates



Are you looking for an accessible, low-cost way to introduce your students to the world of traditional printmaking, without a press? Then try our Relief Printmaking Using Foam Printmaking Class! Perfect for grades K-6.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In this workshop, students will learn how to create their own handmade prints using foam printmaking plates. Students will have the opportunity to create their own original design and learn how to transfer their designs to the foam plates. Instructors from Pyramid Atlantic will work with schoolteachers beforehand to come up with a theme to guide student work. Once students have created their foam plates, students will use printmaking ink and tools to print a selection of prints.

EXTRA CONSIDERATION

Students will have the opportunity to print between 2-5 prints in a standard workshop setting. Possibilities exist to expand the workshop to include a collaborative printmaking project, or to create handmade greeting cards.

TIME ALLOTMENT

Typically, our relief printmaking workshops take a minimum of one-two hours, even with small class sizes

of 10 students. The first hour will be spent designing and creating the printmaking plates, the second hour will focus on printing the blocks. If a collaborative print project or larger edition of prints is desired, class length will need to increase to allow for enough printing time.

WORKING AT PYRAMID OR AT YOUR SCHOOL

With this workshop, we offer the opportunity to teach the workshop at your school or program, or welcome to you at our community art center located in downtown Hyattsville, MD. We offer free tours of the art center and gallery as part of the experience when you visit us, with necessary break time for lunches, etc. If traveling to the art center is something that can't be scheduled, no problem! We are happy to travel to your school and work with your teachers and students in the classroom.

LEARNING PRINCIPLES COVERED

This project will focus on helping students learn to think creatively about themselves and others (Maryland Fine Arts "Visual Arts" Standard Indicator:P-2:1:) and on helping students experiment with design elements such as color and shape (I:P-2:2:). By consequence, students will gain skills and knowledge in how to question and investigate materials and personal ideas (Maryland Fine Arts "Visual Arts" Standard Expectation:P-2:1:) and in how to experiment with materials and tools to explore personal interests (E:P-2:1:).

COSTS

Costs vary and are based on group size, and whether the class takes place at your school location or at Pyramid Atlantic. Schools located within Prince George's County or any Title I School receive special rates. Costs can range between \$125-169 for a 10-person class lasting an hour. Fees increase if more time is allotted.

ABOUT

PYRAMID

Pyramid Atlantic is a nonprofit contemporary art center fostering the creative disciplines of papermaking, printmaking, and book arts within a collaborative community. We equip, educate, and exhibit in the historic Arcade building in the Hyattsville Gateway Arts District.

Pyramid was founded in 1981 by noted artist and teacher Helen C. Frederick to provide a setting for artistic collaboration and dialogue. The facility features a papermaking studio, print shop, letterpress studio, bindery, and two darkrooms. We also have private studios for artists to rent and a gallery where we exhibit 7 rotating public art exhibitions each year.