



# Workshop: Introduction to Block Printing: Holiday Cards

Hannah Smith

## Notes:

I encourage students to bring any additional materials that they are interested in printing on or using as reference for carving their linoleum blocks. This workshop will be a fun and creative way to kick off the winter holiday season. If you have any questions about the supply list items, please do not hesitate to reach out.

## Materials:

- Baren for hand printing. Barens come in all shapes, sizes, and materials. I find that a wooden mixing-spoon works best.
- Linoleum carving tool and assorted nibs. Speedball is a popular beginner brand. Flexcut tools are a professional grade
- Scrap or decorative paper
- Reference images, sketchbooks, or photographs
- Relief printing ink of choice; water or oil based
- Newsprint pad, 5" x 7" or larger for proofing blocks
- Relief printing block of choice. Blick or Artist & Craftsman art suppliers carry a variety of block printing substrates in varying hardness. Max size: 5"x 7"
- Paper towel roll for clean up
- Degreasing spray of choice (simple green, water & vinegar, method all surface)
- Ruler
- Pens & Pencils