STYROFOAM BLOCK PRINTS

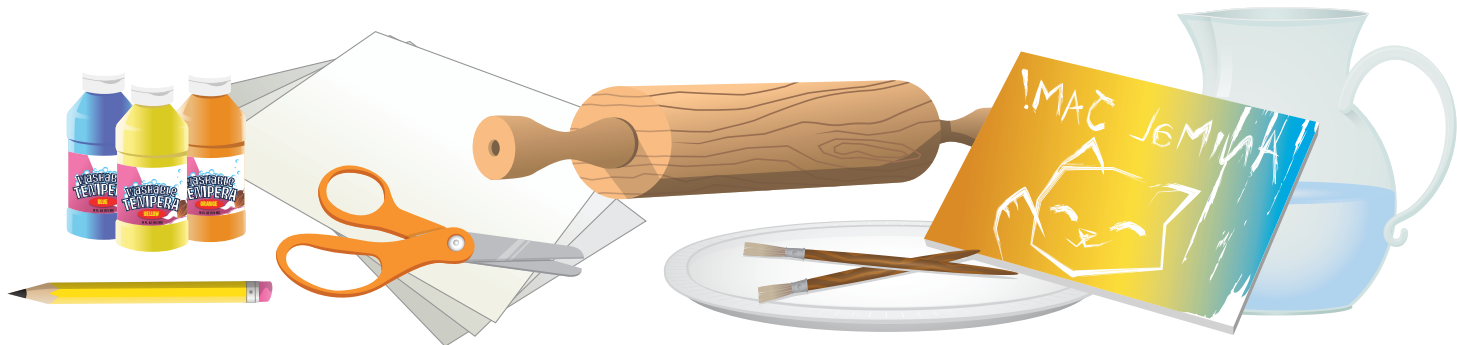Make your own amazing prints out of some simple materials!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Styrofoam plates (try to reuse a clean plate, if you can!)
- Scissors
- Pencil, craft sticks or other object that can be used to press into the Styrofoam
- Tempera paint
- Water
- Paintbrush
- Paper
- Rolling pin

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Trim a Styrofoam plate with scissors to create a square or rectangle.
2. Use the pencil (make sure it's not too sharp!) or craft stick, to draw an image you want to print onto the Styrofoam. You should press hard enough to create an indentation.
3. A quick note on printing: anything you press into the Styrofoam will not be printed onto the paper. Also, any words that you include will need to be written backwards, like a mirror image, so they show up printed in the correct direction. Think about the image you want to create first, and what you would like to show up in color before starting. You can always sketch out your ideas on paper first.
4. Once the image (or block) is finished, get the paint ready. Thin out some tempera paint with a little bit of water and cover the block with paint.
5. Place the block, paint side down, onto a sheet of paper. Press down evenly using the rolling pin and then gently remove the block by lifting up a corner.
6. Voilà! You have created your very own block print! This block can be reused multiple times. Keep experimenting by using different objects to carve into the Styrofoam to create interesting textures and patterns.