Make your own... Printing Press

You will need:

- Polystyrene/foam board
- Tracing paper or parchment paper
- Pencil and/or felt pen
- Tape

- Scissors
- Paper
- Paint
- Paint brush

Instructions

1. Cut your foam board to your desired shape and size.

2. Write, or draw, your design on to your piece of tracing paper. First do it in pencil, then trace over it again with a felt pen.

3. Tape the tracing paper onto your foam board—make sure it's the wrong side up!

4. Use a pen or pencil to trace over the design, pressing down in order to push the design into the foam board.

5. Remove the tracing paper, and if needed, trace over the design again on the foam board to etch it in deeper.

6. Paint over the design on the foam board.

7. Before the paint dries, stamp it down onto a piece of paper to transfer the design.

8. Wipe the paint off the foam board before it dries to use it again.

Did you know?

- The printing press was invented in Europe around 1440, and came to England in 1476.

- Prior to the British Civil Wars, King Charles I and his government had very strict control over what could be printed.

- When Charles I lost power and the civil war began in the 1640s, government control over the printing industry ended. As a result, the industry exploded as people began printing as much as possible to make money—often prioritising a good story over the truth.

- In 1642 alone, more printed material was published in England than there had been in the past 165 years in total!