

Art- Block Printing

Key Vocabulary

Block printing	(Relief) printing is the process of making images that can be transferred onto other surfaces. It can be used to make one or more identical images or to create repeating patterns on papers and textiles.
Pattern	a repeated decorative design.
Repeating	the use of two or more of the same or similar elements such as colours, shapes, or lines.
Grades	the relative lightness or darkness of a colour.



Did you know?

In his own time William Morris was most widely known as the author of *The Earthly Paradise* and for his designs for wallpapers, textiles, and carpets. Since the mid-20th century Morris has been celebrated as a designer and craftsman.

General Knowledge

Block prints are usually made with oil-based ink.

Block printing can be used for many purposes, including:

- fine art prints
- printing lengths of fabrics (look at examples of Indian wood block prints)
- greetings cards

It is used for small to medium 'runs' of prints. Successful block prints range from bold, simple shapes and designs with limited colours, to more complicated designs using a number of different colours.

Block printing is good for making positive and negative images and repeating patterns.

