







# Adapted printmaking techniques

Students differ in dexterity, but every student can turn a sheet of paper into delightful and individual art. This guide highlights tools that help students of varying abilities create rubbed impressions, make relief prints of their own original designs, cut paper more safely, and create with oversize stamp pads.

## Tools to help everyone express themselves through printmaking

### **Rubbing with Wikki Stix**

Create a flat design using multiple pieces of Wikki Stix®, then place it on the work surface or paper. Place another piece of paper for rubbing on top. Using crayons (on their side or with fingergrip crayons), rub over the paper to reveal the design below. Layer other rubbed designs by picking up Wikki Stix and creating a new design, then rubbing over it with different colors.





### **Printing with Wikki Stix**

Create a flat design with Wikki Stix on a wet-safe/color-safe plastic cutting board, slantboard, tabletop, or sturdy plastic piece. Using a foam brayer and tempera paint, roll the paint over the Wikki Stix. Press the material to be printed on—fabric, paper, tissue paper—over the painted Wikki Stix and then lift it off. Repeat and make multiple copies, or re-ink and reprint over after turning the material multiple times and/or with multiple colors of paint. After making new Wikki Stix designs, repeat the printing process.



### Speedball Linozip Assortment 37

This pull-type linoleum blade is an alternative to the traditional push-type blade, which can be difficult for some students to use safely even with teacher support and attention. The pull-type blade changes how the student uses the tool—instead of the student potentially pushing the blade INTO their opposite hand and inviting a cut, the pull action minimizes the potential of cuts because it keeps the student's non-cutting hand (often the one at risk) in a different position, behind the cutting action instead of potentially in its path. For even greater safety, pair it with an easy-to-cut Speedball Speedy Carve block.

Some students have a range of arm motion that is more sideways than forward. They can benefit from the ability of the pull-type blade to be easily positioned sideways. This can encourage and support more opportunities for these students to create art in ways pretty close to their peers, instead of a completely alternative project approximating the art task. As with traditional sets, blades of varying shapes are offered. Bench clips may need to be modified for pull-blade cutting in this new direction—and given its safety advantages, you might wish to consider it as the default cutting style for all students.



Designed for students who need more structured drawing support to create their art projects, these stamp pads are sized for large shapes such as large and small cookie cutters to be printed on paper as an outline. Teachers can offer students choices for their outline they wish to print, then print it with the large stamp pads and finish the piece with the assigned media.





### Crayola Anti-Roll Triangular Crayons

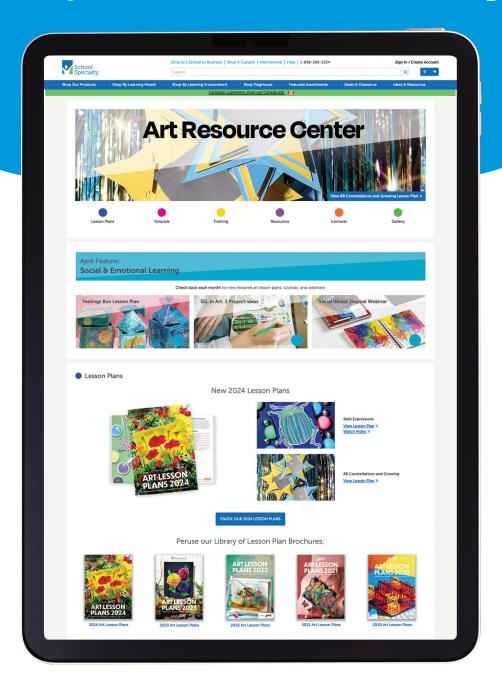
Anti-roll crayons are a fine choice for crayon rubbing projects. With the paper peeled off, their tripod shape is easy to hold onto for rubbing. Or they can be used vertically, as the base of the crayon is larger than a normal-sized regular crayon. Crayola Washable Palm Grasp Crayons also work well for crayon rubbing.

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1539725	Speedball <sup>®</sup> Speedy-Carve™ Blocks, 4x6 inches
380966	Speedball® Linozip Adjustable Pull Type Cutter Set, Number 37, Set of 6
1575491	Speedball <sup>®</sup> Gel Printing Plate, 5 x 5 inches
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411112	Inovart™ Foam Printing Plate Classroom Pack, Assorted Sizes, White, Set of 304
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