

SKETCHBOOK ADVENTURES

How to Carve Your Own Rubber Stamp Tutorial

What to get:

- Pencil
- Piece of [stamp carving rubber](#)
- [Linoleum block cutter](#)
- Paper

What to do:

1. Cut a piece of paper so that it's the same size as your piece of rubber.
 2. Draw an image with pencil onto your paper.
 3. Press your piece of paper with the side you drew down onto your rubber and rub over it with your finger or a hard object like a [bone folder](#). The image will look right when you draw it on your paper but when you transfer it to your stamp it will be backwards. When you print your image it will look the way it did on the paper. Keep this in mind and don't freak out when you see your word or image are backwards when you transfer it onto your rubber.
 4. Use your linoleum cutter to carve out all the space around your image. Be sure to carve it deep enough so that the space around your image won't get ink on it when you press it onto your paper. I like to do a test run to make sure I've carved deep enough.
 5. If you'd like to mount your stamp use a strong adhesive (like Super Glue or E6000) to glue it to a small piece of wood.
 6. Press your stamp into your ink pad 2-3 times.
 7. Press your stamp into your paper using a firm even pressure.
- *Be careful and always carve away from you. Linoleum cutters are sharp!
*I use shallow cuts at first and then carve more away as needed.

