

# Post A Card



## Materials

- Foam sheet
- White drawing paper
- Toilet paper roll
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Thick A4 colored cardboard sheets

## Instructions

### 1. Have a look at this frying pan.

What do you see on it? It is decorated with some engraved motifs. There is a star. Inside the star and around it there are many small and large lines. To engrave means to carve lines that go in and make a mark on the surface I am using. It is a different technique from painting because we don't use a lot of colors or pencils, markers and brushes. We use a pointed tool with a tip that digs into the surface where we make our drawing. The artist who made this vessel carved the motifs we see on the clay.

### 2. Many artists nowadays use not only clay but also other surfaces to engrave them and create what we call an imprint.

For this activity, we will draw inspiration from the engravings on this clay pot, as well as from the imprints made by contemporary artist Harry Bertoia (<https://www.guggenheim.org/artwork/8279>) to create our own Christmas cards. Look at the colors on this imprint. There are no more than three. Notice how the triangles reappear in different parts of the piece. How about making some shapes yourself, such as circles?

### 3. Place a toilet paper roll on the foam sheet.

Place a toilet paper roll on the foam sheet. With the help of an adult, use a pencil to outline a circle. Then, give the roll a little nudge and trace another circle, then do it again, and again and again.

### 4. Once you have traced 5-6 circles, grab a pair of scissors and cut them all the way around.

### 5. Now, inside each circle, create several repeating lines or shapes.

e.g. small and large lines, circles, stars. With the help of an adult you can go over the lines to make them deeper, without puncturing the foam sheet.

### 6. After you have done all this, put some paint into a paper plate.

Dip a roller into the paint and roll it to coat it with enough paint. If you do not have a roller, you can use a paintbrush.

### 7. Then, run the paint-covered roller or brush over the circles.

Make sure that all the circles are covered with paint and that you apply the paint evenly, without leaving any excess.

### 8. Take a piece of cardboard and fold it in half to form a card.

### 9. Place the circles on the table as you prefer, with the painted side facing up and positioned close to each other.

### 10. Put the card over the circles and press it down with the help of an adult.

Use one hand to hold it steady while using your other hand to stroke and press down on all the circles underneath. Continue doing this for a while.

### 11. Pull the card up and remove the circles. Ta-da! Your imprint is ready!

### 12. Now you can coat the roller and the circles with another color.

You can also rearrange the circles and re-imprint either on the same card or on another card.

### 13. Continue this activity and make as many prints as you like, using either one or multiple colors.

Your Christmas cards are ready to be sent!

• To follow the steps, see the example provided in the video <https://vimeo.com/797741716>