

Printmaking & Block printing

Two-day Course

Join this course and you will learn how to print using a block (made of soft lino). Your block can be printed on paper and fabric it is extremely exciting and super creative! We don't use a printing press; we print by hand so once you know how you will be able to make your own beautiful prints at home. Your design can be simple or complex, so you don't have to be a master draftsman to enjoy making wonderful prints.

Sandy Infield your teacher uses block printing in her own work and combines it with dye and watercolour work. You can see some of Sandy's work at sandyinfield.com. There really are hardly any limits to what you can do with block printing.

This timetable is a guide to how you will spend your creative break. Times are flexible and we will adapt to your needs as far as possible.



Day 1.

1 to 2pm	Check in
2 to 3.30pm	Meet in the studio Introduction to Black Shed Studios and block printing You will be shown the materials you will use and examples of what you might like to make. There will be plenty of time for questions
3.30pm	Tea in the studio or in the garden; we like to have a 'bit of cake' too
4 to 5pm	We get started! You will think about your design, make sketches, and discuss ideas with Sandy
7pm	Dinner. Dinner is taken in our dining room or outside, a relaxed occasion with good food, wine if you brought it, and conversation



Day 2.

8.30 to 9.30am	Breakfast taken in our dining room
9.30 to 12.30pm	You will be introduced to and learn how to use the block making tools. You will draw your design onto your printing block. You will be shown how to ink up and print from a block. This will help you understand how you will cut your own block.
12.30 to 2pm	Lunch. A light meal taken outside or in our dining room
2 to 3.30 pm	You will be well on the way to finishing your cut block and start to print trying out different colour ideas as you go.
3.30pm	Tea in the studio ... with that 'bit of cake'!
3.45 to 5pm	Printing and refining your block
7pm	Dinner

Day 3

8.30 to 9.30am	Breakfast
9.30 to 12.30pm	More printing, you can even try printing a T-Shirt!
12.30 to 2pm	Lunch, finish any unfinished work and pack up
3pm	Check out



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