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ENCOUNTER  
2020:  
HOLIDAY  
CARD  
PRINTING



**KENNEDY**  
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# VIRTUAL FAMILY ART & SCIENCE ENCOUNTERS

This year, the Kennedy Museum of Art and OHIO Museum Complex are collaborating to provide Virtual Family Art & Science Encounters, where children and adults can engage in shared creative learning activities. New projects focusing on explorations in art and science are inspired by objects in our collections and exhibitions.

Until we are able to welcome you in our physical studio space on the second floor of the museum, the Family Art & Science Encounters program will continue to post virtual encounters.

## DECEMBER ENCOUNTER

One of this month's encounters shares a few ideas on how to make your own cards. In this PDF we will show you how to use household objects to create prints. You can use these techniques to create cards of your own!

### What is a print?

Printing covers a wide variety of techniques, but almost all of them involve pressing medium (paint, ink, graphite) onto a blank surface to create an image or letters. Modern day printers press thousands of tiny dots of ink into paper, but printing can be very simple too. Stamps are a good example of this, since they can be made of almost anything.

### MATERIALS:

- Paint (any color)
  - o Plate or palette
  - o Paintbrush
  - o Cup of water
  - o Paper towels
- Paper (any color)
  - o Tip! Stiffer paper is better for cards (like cardstock)
- Markers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Dish Sponges
- Styrofoam plates/craft foam
- Cardboard/cardstock/heavy paper

### Step One:

- Fold paper in half to create a card

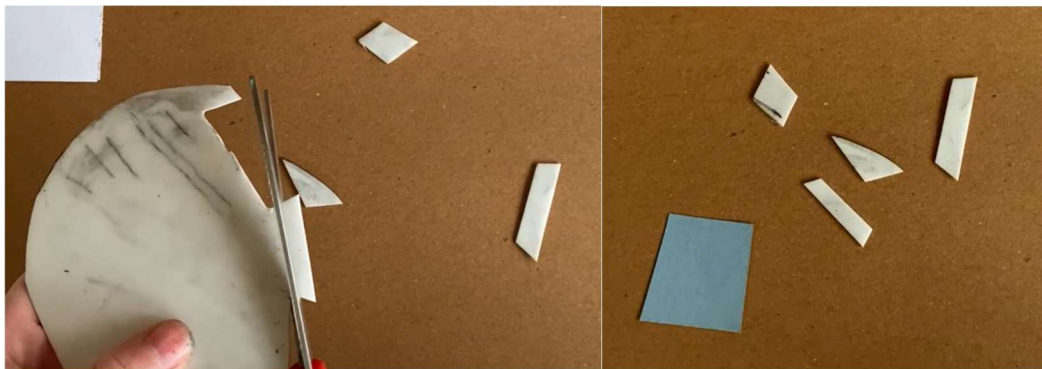
### Step Two:

- Cut sponges and cardboard into squares (about 2"x2")



### Step Three:

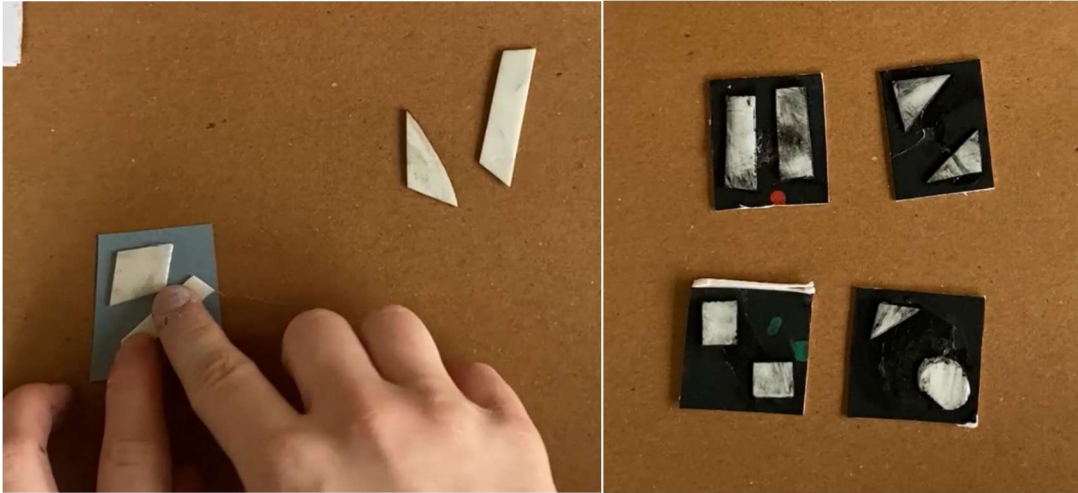
- Cut small shapes out of your foam





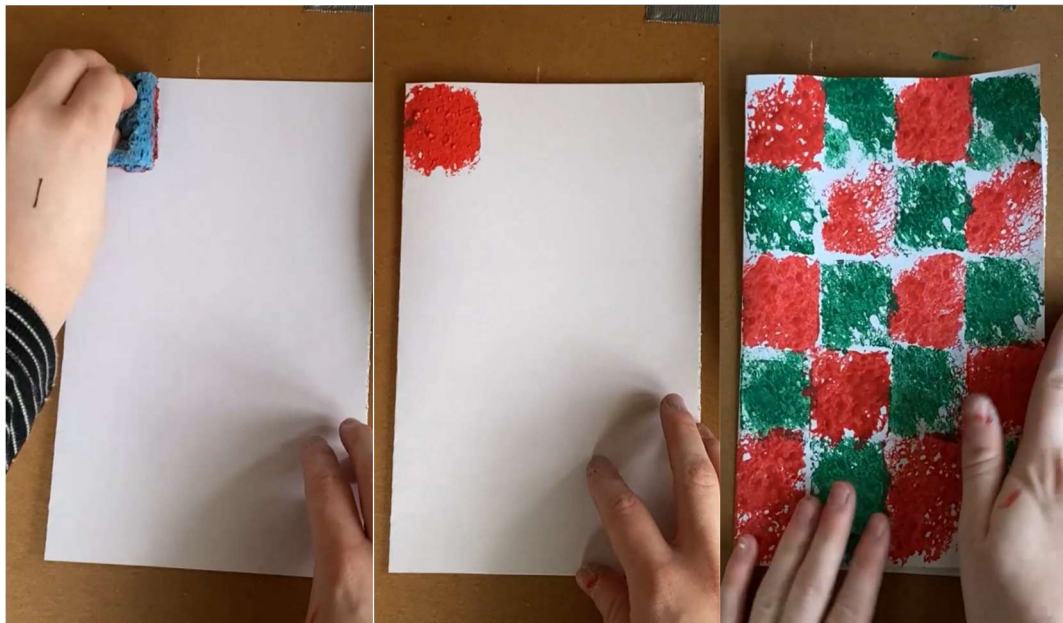
## Step Four:

- Glue foam shapes onto cardboard squares



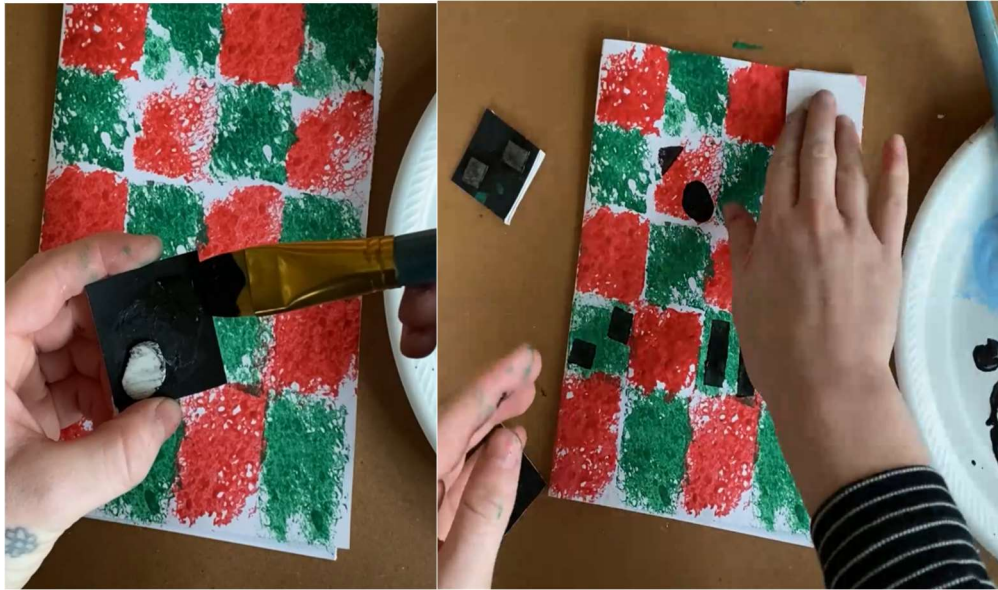
## Step Five:

- Create base pattern with the sponge squares. Dampen the sponges and squeeze all the water out so they are moist by not wet. Stamp them to make a grid of different colors all the way down the card.



## Step Six:

- Once stamps and card are dry, use the paintbrush to paint your stamps, and print on top of the grid.



## Step Seven:

- Once dry, use the markers to write whatever message you like!



Happy Holidays!