

Linoblock greeting card

**Materials**

Clip Art image (high-contrast images are best)

linoblock, linoblock cutter and linoblock brayer (available at art supply stores)

carbon paper

acrylic paint

**Step 1:** Replace the picture below with any high-contrast Clip Art image, if desired.

**Step 2:** Select the picture; then go to Format > Recolor > Black and White.

**Step 3:** Print the image onto white paper and trim the image with paper scissors.

**Step 4:** Tape the white paper to carbon paper and affix both to a piece of linoblock. Trace either white or black areas or the image with a pen or pencil. The pressure will apply carbon to the linoblock.

**Step 5:** Using a linoblock cutter, carefully carve the areas covered in carbon. Apply an iron to the surface of the linoblock to make carving easier. (Many stores now carry linoblock that does not require ironing.)

**Step 6:** Using a brayer, roll acrylic paint onto the surface of the linoblock.

**Step 7:** Press the painted linoblock onto any blank greeting card with a smooth surface. Apply pressure with a clean brayer for the best results.

**Step 8:** Let the printed card dry. Once dry, place the card in waxed paper and then press with a heavy book to make sure the card lies flat. 