Castlewood Makerspace
Makers Moment
DIY Rubber Stamps

Learn to carve your own stamps

I recommend reading through the entire tutorial before starting

Materials Needed

- ☐ Rubber blocks
- ☐ Speedball Linoleum Cutter
- ☐ Blades
- ☐ Sharpie Marker
- ☐ Paper
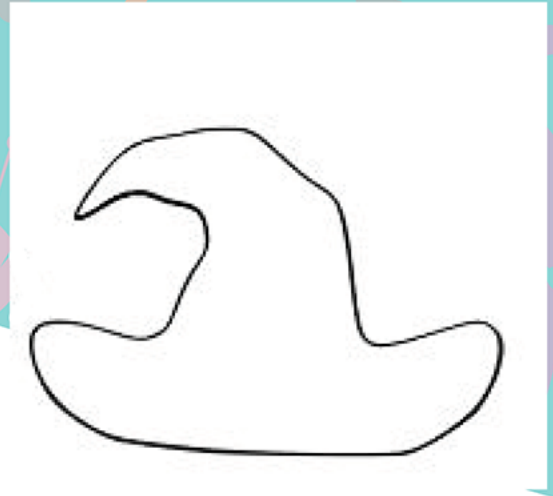- ☐ Assorted Ink Pads
- ☐ X-acto Knife
- ☐ Mat

Safety First:
Never place your hands in front of the blade

Step 1

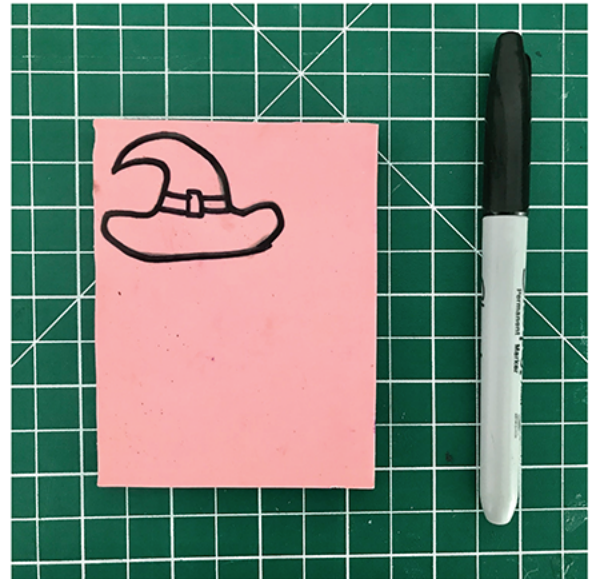Decide on the art you want for your stamp

Tips:
- Do not choose words for your first stamp

- Choose a design with thick lines Easily translated
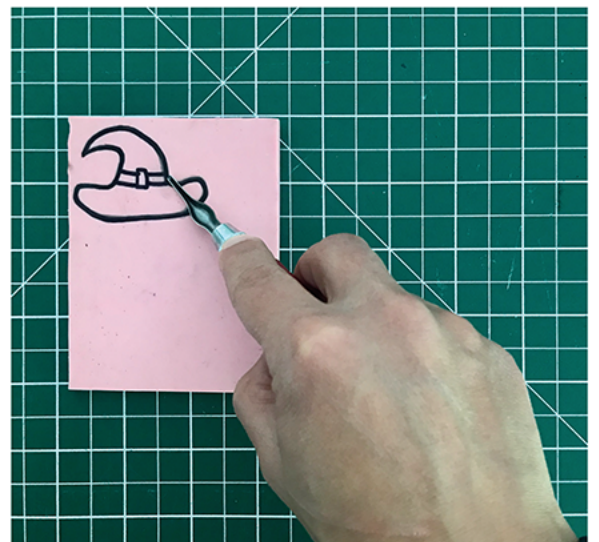
Step 2

Draw your design with a sharpie onto the rubber stamp. The thick lines ensure that when you are cutting away from the material, your stamping walls are not too thin and will last for repeated use

Step 3

Using the small V- shaped blade (#1 blade if using a speedball carving set), trace the ends of your drawing.
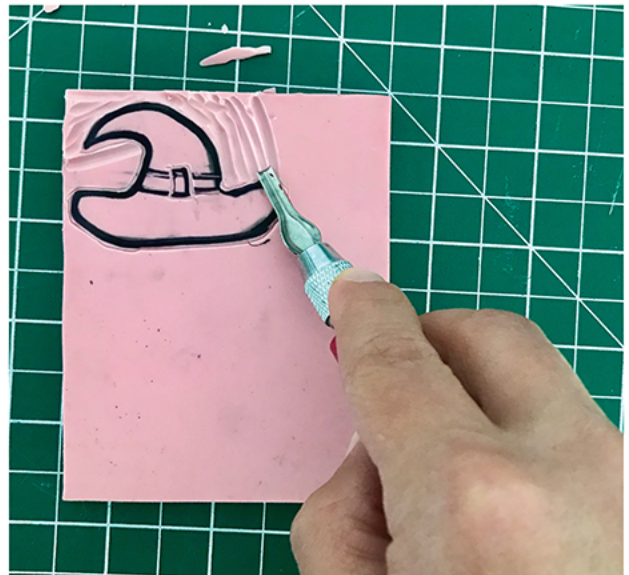
Step 4

Next, you will want to remove the material around the sharpie marks by using the U-shaped (#2) blade.

If you make a mistake, don't worry- the hard edges on you stamp gives it a homemade touch and still looks great!
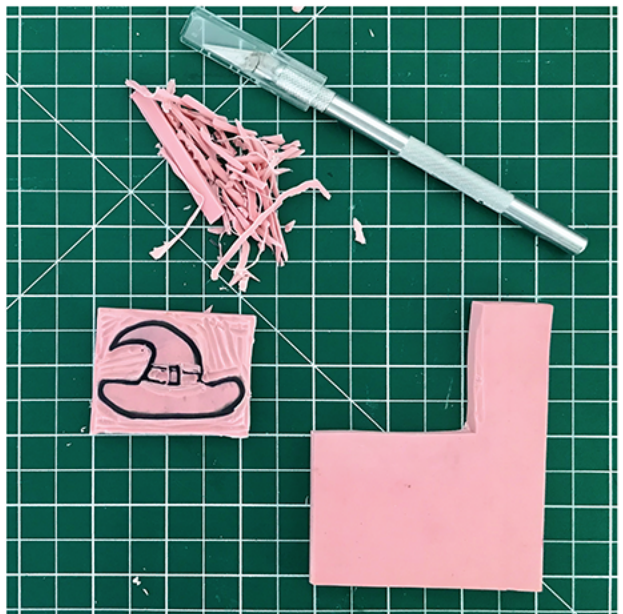

Step 5

Remove the rest of the material leaving significant area around the stamp

Step 6

Cut your stamp out from the rest of the block using sharp scissors or an X-acto knife.

Step 7

Using your preferred colored ink pad fill your stamp with enough ink by applying pressure.

Maker sure it is completely filled with the ink.

Step 8

Transfer your inky stamp onto the paper and apply even pressure.

Tip:
• You can adhere a cardboard scrap piece to the back of your stamp for easier ink application and stamping

Congrats!

You've made your first stamp.

Arapahoe Libraries offers an online creative learning on Creative Bug. Creative Bug offers intro videos to crafting, if you wish to know and create more on Stamp Making- I recommend the following videos.

Print Your Own Stationary:
https://www.creativebug.com/classseries/single/print-your-own

Embossing Your Stamps:
https://www.creativebug.com/classseries/single/how-to-emboss