



The Incraftables Rubber Stamp
Carving Kit is designed for artists and crafters who want to explore the art of linocut printing. This value pack includes everything you need to get started on creating your own unique designs.





WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Rubber Stamp Carving Blocks:
 - Quantity: 4 pieces
 - Size: 6 in x 4 in x 1/4 in
 - · Color: Light Pink
- Cutting Blades:
 - Total Count: 6 pieces
 - V-Shape Blades: 2 pieces
 - U-Shape Blades: 2 pieces
 - Pointy Tool Rollers: 2 pieces

TOOLS NEEDED:

- Cutting Mat: To protect your work surface.
- Pencil: For sketching designs on the linoleum blocks.
- · Brayer: For inking your blocks evenly.
- · Printing Paper: For transferring your designs.
- Ink or Paint: Suitable for linocut printing.



STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS:



1. Getting Started

- Plan Your Design: Draw or print a design on paper and place it over the carving block. Lightly transfer it by tracing with pencil or pressing the design onto the block.
- Outline the Design: Use a pencil to finalize the outline directly on the block. This helps create clear lines to follow with the tools.



STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS:

2. Carving

- · Select the Right Blade:
 - V-Shape Blades: Ideal for detailed lines and fine textures.
 - U-Shape Blades: Best for removing larger areas, creating broader lines or soft curves.
 - Pointy Tool Rollers: These are great for adding fine, stippled textures or tiny details.

· Begin Carving:

- Start by carving around the outer edges of the design with a V-shape blade for precision.
- Use the U-shape blade to clear out larger, nonimage areas.
- For tiny dots or detailed textures, use the pointy tool roller to add finishing touches.
- Check Depth: Carve to a shallow depth. Deeper cuts can make prints uneven. Aim for around 1/16 of an inch deep unless a design element needs more contrast.



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3. Finishing Up

- Smooth the Background:
 Clear and smooth any raised areas surrounding your design for a clean print.
- Test Print: Ink the stamp and press it onto scrap paper to identify any areas needing refinement.
- Adjust as Needed: Carve out or smooth any details that need adjustment based on the test print.



TIPS FOR BEST RESULTS:

- Control Your Cuts: Use gentle pressure and work slowly to avoid over-carving or mistakes.
- Lighting Matters: Work in good lighting to see small details clearly.
- Clean the Block: After each use, clean with a damp cloth to keep it ink-free and ready for future use.
- Store Blades Safely: Keep blades sharp and covered for longevity and safety.