

"Etching" with Scratch-Foam

Packets of Scratch-Foam can be made from Styrofoam meat trays, plates or purchased in packets from an Art store. So if you have something that you can re-use, all the better. A pen can be used to draw the image of the house on Scratch-Foam, making sure that students press hard enough for the pen point to make an actual impression in the foam. With the brayer roll water-soluble block printing ink onto the foam plate. Turn the plate over onto a sheet of paper and apply some pressure with the palm of their hands. As you can see the lines pressed into the foam are the color of the paper that you are using. Very different looks can be achieved depending on the combination of the colors of both ink and your paper.

