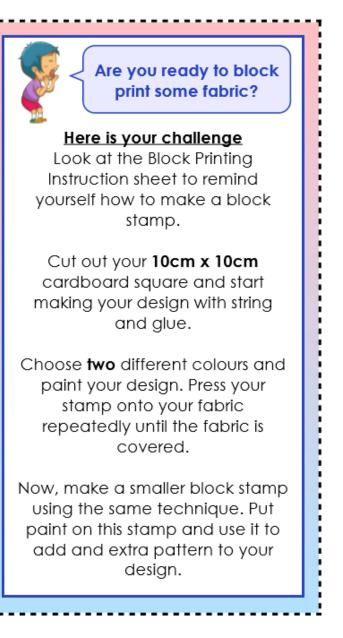
## **Choose your challenge**

Are you ready to block print some fabric? Here is your challenge Look at the Block Printing Instruction sheet and the Indian Block Designs. Draw a simple design on a piece of paper you would like to make as a block stamp. Cut out your 10cm x 10cm cardboard square and start making your design with string and glue. Choose **two** different colours and paint your design. Press your stamp onto your fabric repeatedly until the fabric is covered.

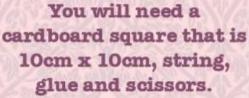






Follow these steps to make your own block stamp to use for printing.



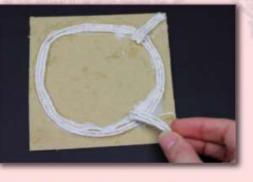




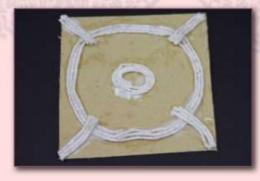
Paste some glue to the cardboard and use the string to make a circle.



Continue to wrap the string around the circle three times to make a fatter circle.



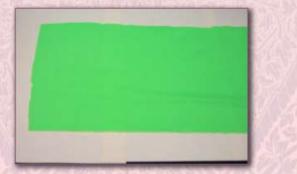
Cut three strips of string and glue them from the circle to the outside edges.



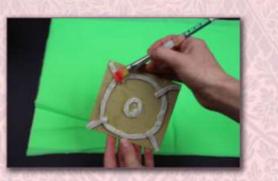
Glue a smaller circle in the middle.



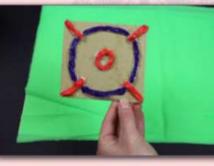
Follow these steps to use your block to make prints on fabric.



Find some fabric and cut it to double the height of your square block (20cm). You can make it as long as you like.

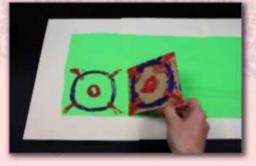


Carefully paint the string of your block stamp using one or two colours.



Try to put a thin layer of paint on the stamp to stop it smudging when you press it down.

Carefully place your painted stamp on the bottom left-hand corner of the fabric.

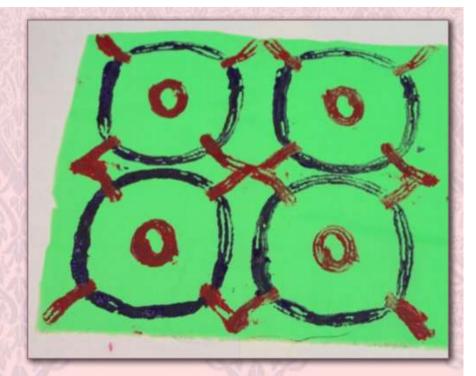


Peel the stamp off and place it down again next to the first print. You may need to add some more paint.



## Continue

stamping to the end of the fabric and then place the stamp on the top left-hand side of the fabric (above the first original stamp). Continue stamping to the end again to make a second row of stamps.



Once your fabric is dry you can add some sequins and beads to the design for an extra-special effect.

For an <u>extra challenge</u>, make another block stamp to add smaller patterns to your original design.