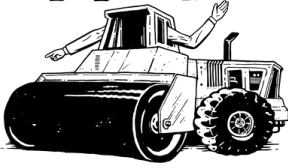


# BLOCK PARTY



## Small Block Handy Guide

### Materials Needed

- 3/4" MDF - cut to a 1ftx11ft block
- Carving Tools
- Pencil and Permanent Marker
- Stain or Watered Down Ink (optional)
- Carbon Paper or Tracing Paper (optional)

### Dates to Remember

- Deadline to register is May 1st, or once all 64 spots have been filled.
- Block Pick-Up is May 1st-11th.
- Open studio days to carve your block at the Foundry will be May 11th and May 25th, 11am-12:30pm.
- Deliver your block to the Foundry no later than June 1st.
- June 15th - Block Party!

### Preparing the Block

Choose your design. Be sure to keep in mind that everything will be mirrored when transferred from the block to the canvas, including WORDS, so be sure to create your work backwards so that it will print correctly.

You may choose to color your block to make it easier to see what you have carved. You can do this by applying a thin layer of a colored stain, such as watered down ink.

Once you have your design finalized and the block is ready to go, outline your design on your block with a permanent marker. You can freehand the design, or use carbon or tracing paper to help you out.

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## **Time to Carve!**

Once you have your design mapped out on your block, use woodblock carving tools (or a rotary tool) to carve your design. If using carving tools, our friends at Grafik House USA recommend the Powergrip set. Remember that these tools are SHARP! Always carve away from your body and keep your free hand clear of the blade when carving.

As you carve, keep in mind that anything that is carved away will be “white” in the final print, and anything that is not carved will be black from the ink.