

Photopolymer printing in the Backyard

F.S. Harmon Building, 2926 S. Steele St, Tacoma WA
Saturdays 12.30pm-3pm, First class Feb 27th

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Cost: \$180, space limited to 5 students.

This introductory four week course will guide the students through the media of photopolymer plates from preparing images to finished editions of prints. Students with no previous experience in printmaking are welcome to signup. We will also discuss how the media can be used at a home studio.

Materials: Students will be provided with most of the materials in class. In addition you can bring a sketch or a notebook, a pen, pencil, and an apron.

Week 1

Introductions and studio safety.

Brief look at basic printmaking techniques focusing on polymer plates. We will have examples of several print techniques to look at.

Discussion about photopolymer: different types and uses, how to prepare images, how to expose plates, and printing options.

During the class we will expose and print small test plates.

We will discuss ideas for our first project. During the class students should finish at least one complete edition.

Homework, come up with your image and prepare it to make a plate for 2nd weeks class.

Week 2

We will review the images and make any corrections before exposing our first plates. We will have a more in depth demo of printing techniques, cleanup and paper preparation while we wait for plates to dry. If time permits, we will work on the first students' test prints.

Week 3

Printing, and work on a second plate if wanted.

Week 4

Finish printing editions.

The class time is for reference. If needed, students can stay after class to print, or meet with instructor on a different day.