

DECORATE WITH HANDMADE RUBBER STAMPS

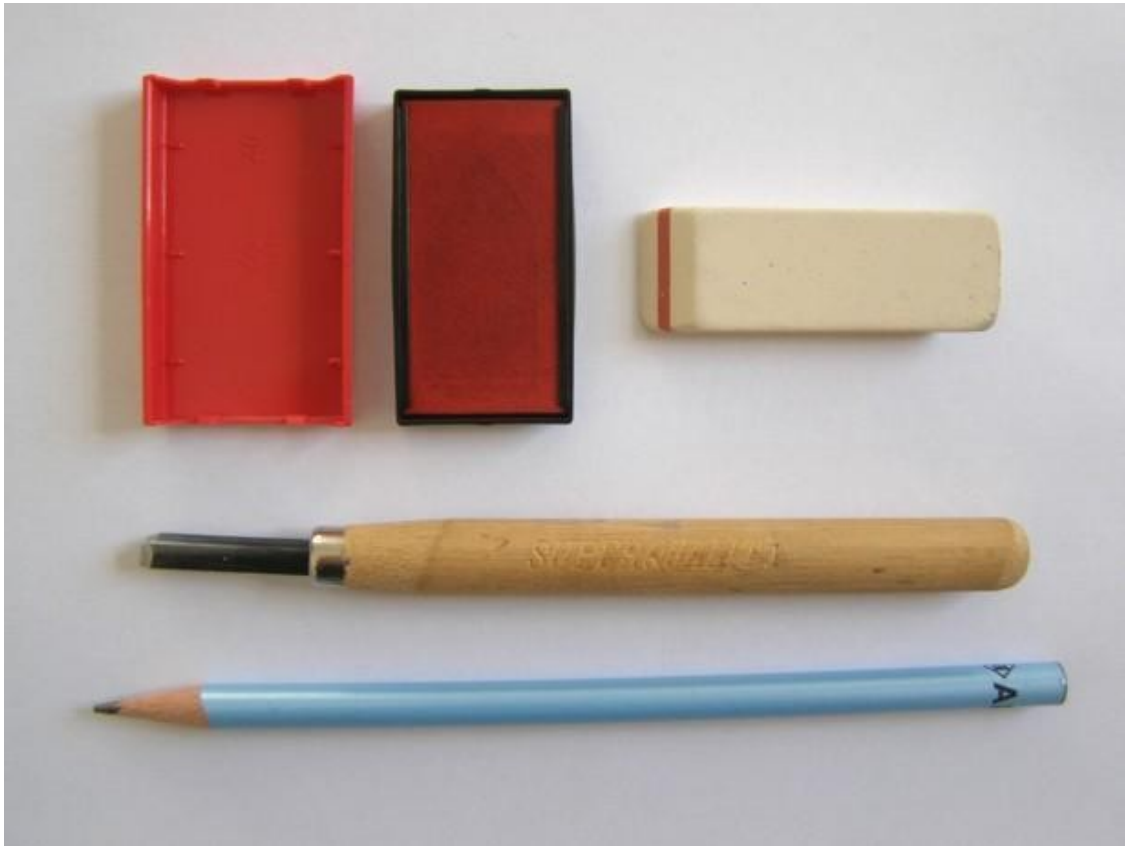
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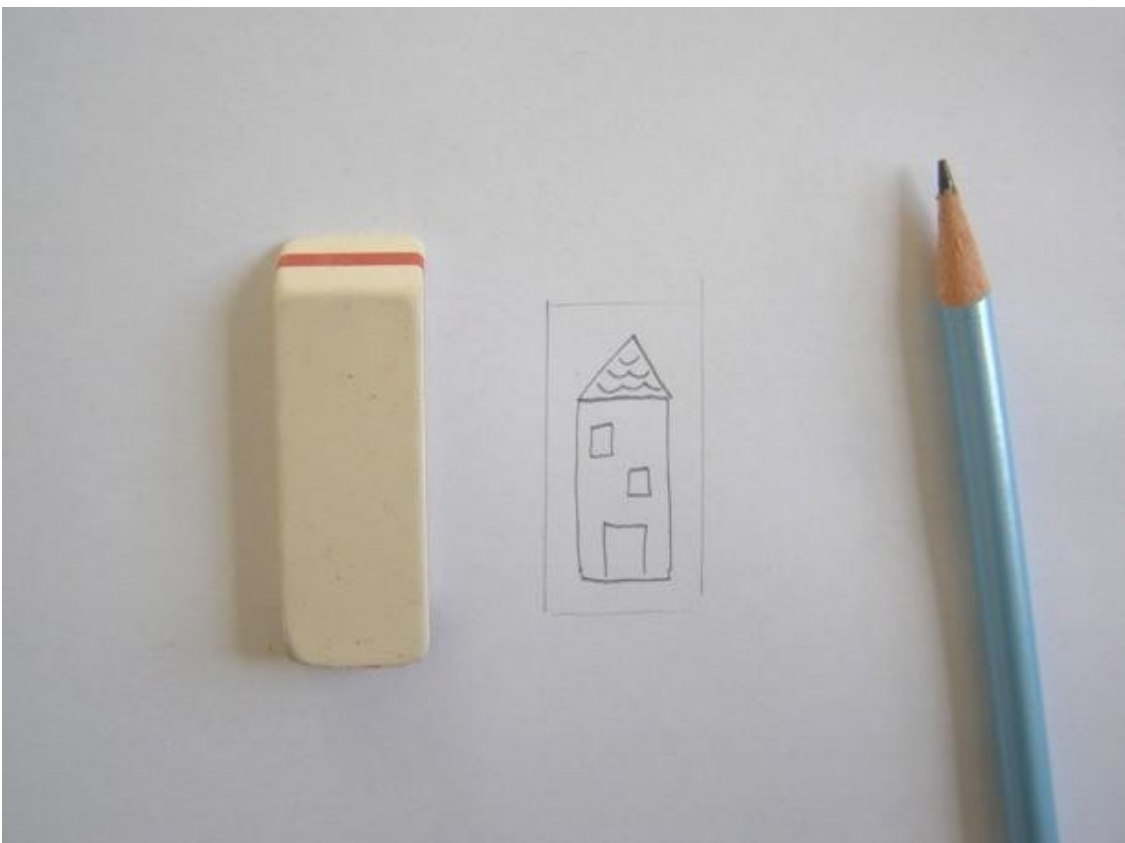
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Decorate Christmas presents using handmade rubber stamps.
How to make them? Well, it's easy, don't worry...

1. For making a rubber stamp you will need: a rubber, pencil, knife for linocut, piece of paper and a stamp pillow.



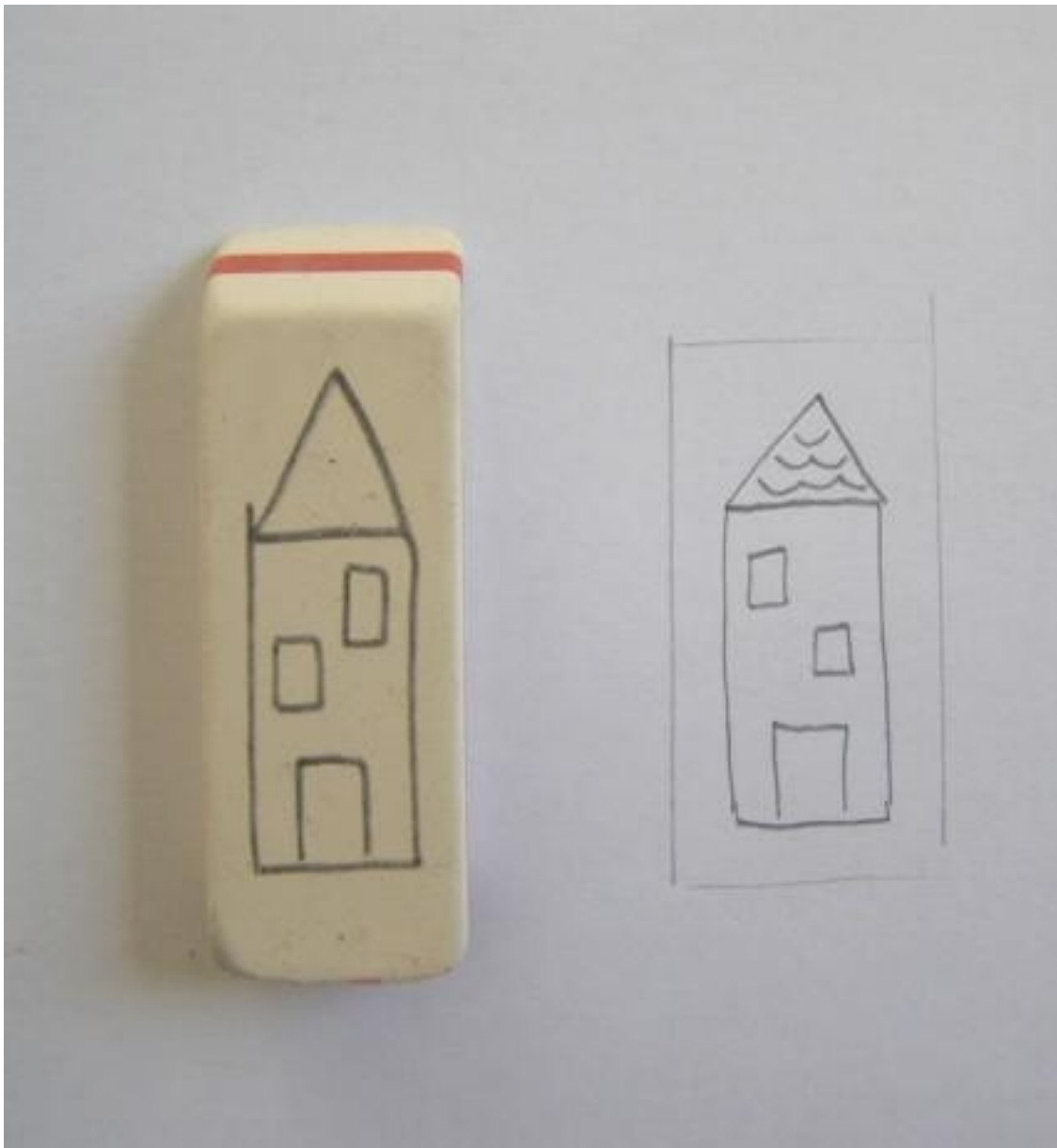
2. Draw first your picture on a paper. I've chosen a little house because Christmas time is associated with home/house.



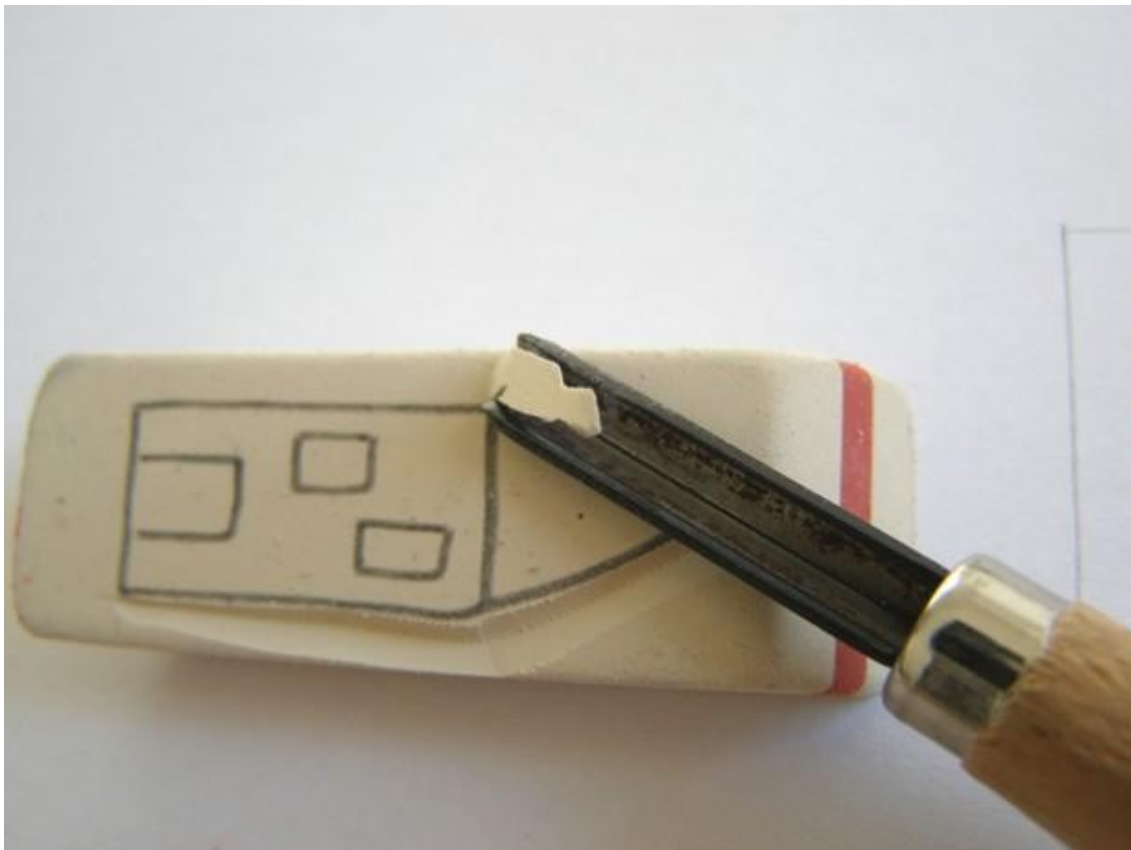
3. Draw the picture on a rubber. Don't forget that, in the end, you will get the mirror picture of what you have on the rubber!

So pay close attention to this when you're planning your design, and even more if they are words or phrases.

For more complex designs you can get some help using a translucent sheet of paper. Make your design and then trace it. Once done, flip horizontally the translucent paper to get the exact image to draw on your rubber.



4. Take the knife (be careful!) and remove layers of rubber – leave the black lines and clean everything else. Don't dig into the rubber but rather remove layers.



5. When you've removed all the unwanted rubber, the result should be something like this. Then press the stamp on a stamp pillow...



6. ... and press/print wherever you want. I've made few houses and printed them on almost everything that surrounds me! :)



By using rubber stamps you can decorate simple white or kraft paper and pack your gifts with it. Press the stamps on your envelopes too, on paper bags, simple greeting cards, stickers... It's simple, but it makes gifts special, don't you think?

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