

UNIT 6

RELIEF PRINTMAKING FOUNDATIONS



FEBRUARY • 20 ACTIVITIES • OPEN WORKSPACE

This unit is a continuous studio sequence. Students learn a technique, apply it to purposeful image-making, document choices, use feedback, revise, and prepare finished work for a growing portfolio.

UNIT PATHWAY

1-5

What is Notan? • Expansion of the square - demo technique. • Create 3 thumbnail Notan designs using cut paper.

6-10

Select strongest thumbnail. • Critique Version 1 - peer feedback. • Create Version 2 - incorporate feedback, refine balance and detail.

11-15

Transfer final Notan design to block. • Begin carving - focus on clean lines and sharp edges. • Continue carving - check balance of positive/negative space as you carve.

16-20

Ink and pull first proof. • Adjust block if needed. • Pull edition of 3 clean prints.

UNIT GOALS

- Use photography and printmaking vocabulary correctly.
- Work safely with digital tools and studio materials.
- Plan, create, critique, revise, and reflect.
- Save process evidence and portfolio-ready artwork.

STUDENT NAME

CLASS / PERIOD

1 - What is Notan?

TODAY'S GOAL

What is Notan? Japanese concept of light-dark harmony. Examples of Notan in art and design. How positive/negative space creates balance.

DAILY VOCAB

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PORTFOLIO BENCHMARK: "Notan Thumbnails" - 6 Notan thumbnail designs exploring expansion of the square

WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 What is Notan?
- 2 Japanese concept of light-dark harmony.
- 3 Examples of Notan in art and design.
- 4 How positive/negative space creates balance.
- 5 Save your progress, clean your workspace, and prepare for the next activity.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

2 - Expansion of the square - demo technique.

TODAY'S GOAL

Expansion of the square - demo technique. Cut shapes from a black square, flip and place outside to create balanced composition.

DAILY VOCAB

expansion • of • square • demo • technique • cut • shapes • black

PORTFOLIO BENCHMARK: "Notan Thumbnails" - 6 Notan thumbnail designs exploring expansion of the square

WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Expansion of the square - demo technique.
- 3 Cut shapes from a black square, flip and place outside to create balanced composition.
- 4 Record your choices, results, and the next change you need to make.
- 5 Save your progress, clean your workspace, and prepare for the next activity.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

3 - Create 3 thumbnail Notan designs using cut paper.

TODAY'S GOAL

Create 3 thumbnail Notan designs using cut paper. Focus on balance and symmetry.

DAILY VOCAB

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WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Create 3 thumbnail Notan designs using cut paper.
- 3 Focus on balance and symmetry.
- 4 Record your choices, results, and the next change you need to make.
- 5 Save your progress, clean your workspace, and prepare for the next activity.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

4 - Create 3 more thumbnails - explore asymmetrical Notan designs.

TODAY'S GOAL

Create 3 more thumbnails - explore asymmetrical Notan designs.

DAILY VOCAB

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PORTFOLIO BENCHMARK: "Notan Thumbnails" - 6 Notan thumbnail designs exploring expansion of the square

WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Create 3 more thumbnails - explore asymmetrical Notan designs.
- 3 Record your choices, results, and the next change you need to make.
- 4 Save your progress, clean your workspace, and prepare for the next activity.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

5 - Present thumbnails - discuss which designs have the strongest positive/negative balance and why.

TODAY'S GOAL

Present thumbnails - discuss which designs have the strongest positive/negative balance and why.

DAILY VOCAB

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WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Present thumbnails - discuss which designs have the strongest positive/negative balance and why.
- 3 Record your choices, results, and the next change you need to make.
- 4 Save your progress, clean your workspace, and prepare for the next activity.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

6 - Select strongest thumbnail.

TODAY'S GOAL

Select strongest thumbnail. Create Version 1 - larger scale, refine shapes.

DAILY VOCAB

select • strongest • thumbnail • version • larger • scale • refine • shapes

PORTFOLIO BENCHMARK: "Notan Version 1, 2 & 3" - three progressive versions of a Notan design, each refined

WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Select strongest thumbnail.
- 3 Create Version 1 - larger scale, refine shapes.
- 4 Record your choices, results, and the next change you need to make.
- 5 Save your progress, clean your workspace, and prepare for the next activity.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

7 - Critique Version 1 - peer feedback.

TODAY'S GOAL

Critique Version 1 - peer feedback. Identify areas for improvement.

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critique • version • peer • feedback • identify • areas • improvement

PORTFOLIO BENCHMARK: "Notan Version 1, 2 & 3" - three progressive versions of a Notan design, each refined

WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Critique Version 1 - peer feedback.
- 3 Identify areas for improvement.
- 4 Record your choices, results, and the next change you need to make.
- 5 Save your progress, clean your workspace, and prepare for the next activity.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

8 - Create Version 2 - incorporate feedback, refine balance and detail.

TODAY'S GOAL

Create Version 2 - incorporate feedback, refine balance and detail.

DAILY VOCAB

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PORTFOLIO BENCHMARK: "Notan Version 1, 2 & 3" - three progressive versions of a Notan design, each refined

WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Create Version 2 - incorporate feedback, refine balance and detail.
- 3 Record your choices, results, and the next change you need to make.
- 4 Save your progress, clean your workspace, and prepare for the next activity.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

9 - Critique Version 2.

TODAY'S GOAL

Critique Version 2. Create Version 3 - final refinement.

DAILY VOCAB

critique • version • refinement

PORTFOLIO BENCHMARK: "Notan Version 1, 2 & 3" - three progressive versions of a Notan design, each refined

WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Critique Version 2.
- 3 Create Version 3 - final refinement.
- 4 Record your choices, results, and the next change you need to make.
- 5 Save your progress, clean your workspace, and prepare for the next activity.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

10 - Final Notan selection - choose best version for print.

TODAY'S GOAL

Final Notan selection - choose best version for print. Print feasibility check - can this be carved and printed?

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WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Final Notan selection - choose best version for print.
- 3 Print feasibility check - can this be carved and printed?
- 4 Record your choices, results, and the next change you need to make.
- 5 Save your progress, clean your workspace, and prepare for the next activity.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

11 - Transfer final Notan design to block.

TODAY'S GOAL

Transfer final Notan design to block. Plan carving strategy - which areas are positive (ink) and negative (carve).

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PORTFOLIO BENCHMARK: "Notan Block" - carved linocut block of the Notan design, ready for printing

WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Transfer final Notan design to block.
- 3 Plan carving strategy - which areas are positive (ink) and negative (carve).
- 4 Record your choices, results, and the next change you need to make.
- 5 Save your progress, clean your workspace, and prepare for the next activity.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

12 - Begin carving - focus on clean lines and sharp edges.

TODAY'S GOAL

Begin carving - focus on clean lines and sharp edges. Notan requires precision.

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PORTFOLIO BENCHMARK: "Notan Block" - carved linocut block of the Notan design, ready for printing

WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Begin carving - focus on clean lines and sharp edges.
- 3 Notan requires precision.
- 4 Record your choices, results, and the next change you need to make.
- 5 Save your progress, clean your workspace, and prepare for the next activity.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

13 - Continue carving - check balance of positive/negative space as you carve.

TODAY'S GOAL

Continue carving - check balance of positive/negative space as you carve.

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WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Continue carving - check balance of positive/negative space as you carve.
- 3 Record your choices, results, and the next change you need to make.
- 4 Save your progress, clean your workspace, and prepare for the next activity.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

14 - Finish carving - clean up edges, do a pencil rub test.

TODAY'S GOAL

Finish carving - clean up edges, do a pencil rub test.

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WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Finish carving - clean up edges, do a pencil rub test.
- 3 Record your choices, results, and the next change you need to make.
- 4 Save your progress, clean your workspace, and prepare for the next activity.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

15 - Block review - peer check, assess readiness for printing.

TODAY'S GOAL

Block review - peer check, assess readiness for printing.

DAILY VOCAB

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WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Block review - peer check, assess readiness for printing.
- 3 Record your choices, results, and the next change you need to make.
- 4 Save your progress, clean your workspace, and prepare for the next activity.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

16 - Ink and pull first proof.

TODAY'S GOAL

Ink and pull first proof. Assess ink coverage - Notan requires clean, solid black areas.

DAILY VOCAB

ink • pull • first • proof • assess • coverage • notan • requires

PORTFOLIO BENCHMARK: "Notan Edition" - 3 signed Notan prints with reflection

WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Ink and pull first proof.
- 3 Assess ink coverage - Notan requires clean, solid black areas.
- 4 Record your choices, results, and the next change you need to make.
- 5 Save your progress, clean your workspace, and prepare for the next activity.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

17 - Adjust block if needed.

TODAY'S GOAL

Adjust block if needed. Pull second proof. Focus on crisp edges.

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WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Adjust block if needed.
- 3 Pull second proof.
- 4 Focus on crisp edges.
- 5 Record your choices, results, and the next change you need to make.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

18 - Pull edition of 3 clean prints.

TODAY'S GOAL

Pull edition of 3 clean prints.

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WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Pull edition of 3 clean prints.
- 3 Record your choices, results, and the next change you need to make.
- 4 Save your progress, clean your workspace, and prepare for the next activity.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

19 - Sign and number edition.

TODAY'S GOAL

Sign and number edition. Write reflection - how does the printed Notan compare to the paper version?

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WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Sign and number edition.
- 3 Write reflection - how does the printed Notan compare to the paper version?
- 4 Record your choices, results, and the next change you need to make.
- 5 Save your progress, clean your workspace, and prepare for the next activity.

STUDENT WORKSPACE

EXIT REFLECTION

What did you accomplish today, and what is the first thing you need to do next class?

20 - Display Notan prints.

TODAY'S GOAL

Display Notan prints. Group critique - discuss positive/negative balance, craftsmanship, and the journey from concept to print.

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WHAT YOU WILL DO

- 1 Review the demonstration and identify today's required skill.
- 2 Display Notan prints.
- 3 Group critique - discuss positive/negative balance, craftsmanship, and the journey from concept to print.
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EXIT REFLECTION

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