

Eraser Prints of Animal Tracks

Use this to fulfill Bear elective 12b.

Materials:

- Art gum erasers – get the largest you can find
- Small utility knife
- Ballpoint pen
- Paper
- Ink pad
- Animal print templates (see page 2 below – you might have to adjust the size to fit your erasers)

Directions

1. Put an eraser on a piece of paper and trace the size of the eraser on the paper..
2. Draw the outline of the print in the area you traced. If the images below are small enough, place them under the first piece of paper and trace them.
3. Use the ballpoint pen to trace over the outlines several times so there is plenty of ink on the paper.
4. Place the paper back on the eraser so the outline of the eraser lines up with the eraser.
5. Being careful not to move the eraser, rub the paper so the ink transfers from the paper to the eraser.
6. Remove the paper and fill in the outline of the print on the eraser as necessary.
7. Use the utility knife to cut away the “non-track” parts from the eraser. You don’t need to cut away very deep – about 1/8 to 1/4 of an inch will do.
8. You should now have something which resembles a rubber stamp. Place the stamp on the ink pad and then press onto a clean sheet of paper.

Safety

Don’t let young Scouts use the knife. That part should be done by an adult.



Wolf print



Deer print



Raccoon print



Bear print (rear)



Skunk print



Bobcat



horse



Bear print (front)