

# A Guide to Rust Printing

## YOU WILL NEED:

- A table covering (i.e. a PVC table cloth to protect your surface)
- Some objects that will rust
- 50/50 clear vinegar/water mix in an empty spray bottle
- Cotton fabric - light, not patterned
- Two folded old towels or foam sheets
- A plastic bag cut into 2 sheets
- Some flat pieces of wood/blocks/even books (something heavy and flat to weigh it all down)
- Table salt

## WHAT TO DO:

- 1) Cover a table with the PVC tablecloth as your workspace.
- 2) Create 3 layers: place your folded towel/foam sheet down first, next stretch out the sheet of plastic and place the fabric on top.
- 3) Spray fabric with the vinegar/water to dampen.
- 4) Add objects that will rust to create a design.
- 5) Sandwich with 3 more layers: a second sheet of plastic, a second sheet of foam/folded towel, and lastly your flat, heavy object to weigh it all down and enable the rusty objects to make good contact with the fabric.
- 6) Leave for a week or so (the plastic sheet should maintain slight dampness) then reveal!
- 7) Fix by washing with some salt.
- 8) Next time get even more creative by using ferns and flowers as masks between flatter rusty objects and the fabric.



