

LOOK

HERE'S YOUR

Unusual Letterpress Blocks



a collage mini-zine
(Zine Bakery Homemade:
Hand Pie #1)



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Just a lil zine of **odd letterpress blocks** (= illustrations/text mounted on a block of wood, to be inked & pressed into paper using a printing press) I encountered while searching Ebay for letterpress things.



All images are screenshots of Ebay.com for-sale items w/o stated creators; digitally horizontally-flipped for legibility.

Windowshop with me!

Search ebay.com for "letterpress block" + keyword. You can use page CSS to flip all images on a page for legible viewing. E.g. on Firefox, Right-click > Inspect > Style Editor > scroll to last CSS file > paste in the following at the end of the file:

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img {transform: scaleX(-1);}
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Letterpress blocks+type are designed reflected, so when they are inked & pressed into paper, the correct image shows.



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A rectangular metal plate with a dark, textured surface. On the left side, there is a detailed embossed caricature of a man with a large head, wearing a suit and tie, and holding a small object. To the right of the caricature, the text "Here's" is embossed in a large, stylized font. Below "Here's" is a large, decorative letter "A". At the bottom of the plate, the word "Proposition" is embossed in a similar stylized font.

Let's Discuss It

Presents



One rumor you can spread

HYGENIC (OFF RIDGE) HYGENIC (ON RIDGE) PARTIAL RIDGE NO RIDGE



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For all your
“American
Cheese slice”- &
“crying skunk in
pants”-related
letterpress
printing
needs.



PAUL REVERE, HERO OF THE
REVOLUTION, AND IN ADDITION TO
HIS MANY ABILITIES WAS ALSO A
DENTIST!



YA GOTTA
MAKE CALLS



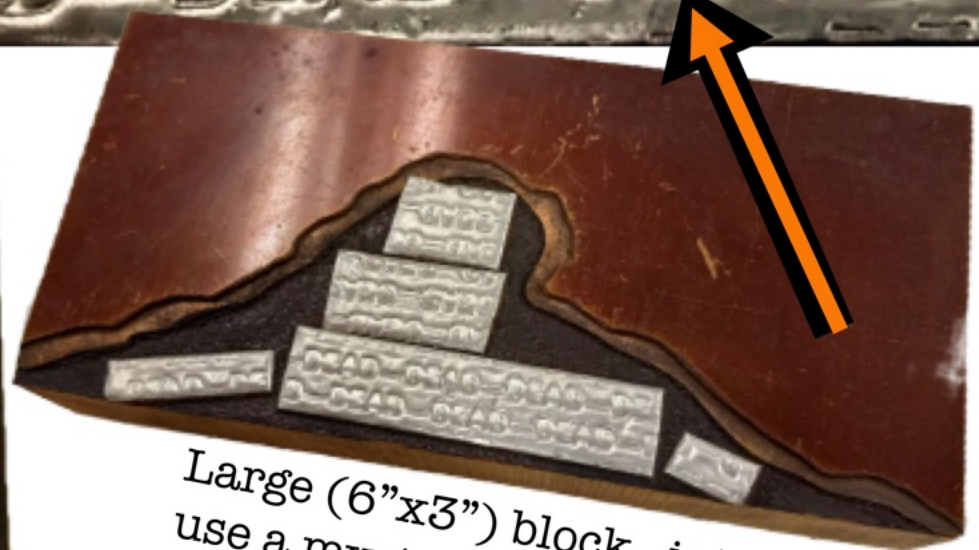
IF YA WANNA
GET RESULTS!

OUCH! OUCH!
DO NOT DROP ME DO NOT DROP ME

Is an excellent judge!!

DEAD DEAD DEAD
DEAD DEAD DEAD

ELECTRIFYING HISTORY



Large (6"x3") block, intended use a mystery. Close up (above) shows that "DEAD_DEAD_DEAD" is printed repeatedly on the silver bits (???)

Can't decide if this girl silhouette is creepier when unlit vs. tilted so skull-hole dots are still visible over eyes and mouth. I'm sure it started out as a lovely image?



Leaving this one flipped because lol (ah!). Thought the smarmy skull paired well.



No idea what's going on below (sawed a leg off horse, quit?). Many confusing print blocks can be improved by adding the *Universal New Yorker* cartoon caption ("Christ, what an asshole!")



Look!! Here's your unusual letterpress
blocks invitation to joy: a collage mini-zine

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Hand Pie (quarter-size zine) #1

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Covers background:
“list of parts for
American Standrad
Dodge Picker” copper
printing plate