

# Talking Points: Sinclair Ashman

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## Sinclair Ashman

Sinclair Ashman's practice as a printmaker is in deliberate, stark contrast to his controlled, client-focused work as a graphic designer. His highly textured, largely abstract prints are elemental expressions of mood and immediate, unplanned responses to everyday materials. In essence, he sees the print as a three-dimensional medium, often employing deep impressions in thick, high quality papers.

His creative process starts not with thinking about the print, but with the printing plate. This is a direct response to the chosen materials, which are stuck down onto a board base. Sketches are rarely used. Instead, plates are created in response to 'what the materials want to do'. –

[Derby Print Open](#)







## Questions to Ask Students

How do you think that Sinclair's collagraph process differs from his graphic design job?

Can you spot some of the different materials Sinclair sticks to his collagraph plates to make marks?

How would you describe the kinds of marks you can see in his prints? What techniques do you think he's used?

What do you like about the work?

Do you prefer the flat prints or the sculptural prints? Why?

How does the work make you feel?

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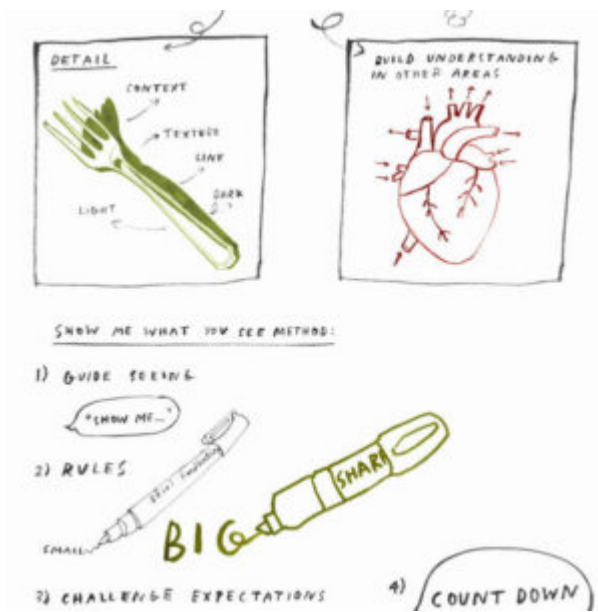
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