

Print London
User's instructions, Baby etching press

Assembly

In the cardboard container you will find the following items:

- Etching press
- Bed plate / three blankets, packed in paper
- Three spokes, packed in paper

The spokes have ends with screw threads. This allows you to screw the spokes into the hub, fix them well by turning them firmly.

Use of the press

This press is very well suited for printing intaglio (copper and zinc plates) as well as woodcuts, linocuts, mono types from plastic (no Glass)

The press is driven directly on the lower roller by means of a star wheel. The lower roller is provided with glide bearings and the upper roller with ball bearings. The hard synthetic plate is guided on both sides by the solid steel frames. If the spindles are loosened, the upper roller is raised by spring pressure. This results in a space appearing between the upper roller and the bed plate thus facilitating the sliding of the printing sandwich. The printing of lino and woodcuts is also possible because of the above mentioned spring pressure and the size of the opening between the upper roller and the bed plate.

The press has three felt blankets. A sizing catcher (the thin one) to be placed on top of the paper you are printing with. Followed by the cushion and finally the pusher (these two look almost identical on this press) It is helpful if the layering of the blankets is somewhat staggered to ease their passage through the press.

To set/adjust press pressure turn the two black pressure spindles to the point where they no longer engage with the roller. From this point the roller can be raised or lowered as long as both spindles are adjusted the same amount in order to assure proper alignment. What you do to one side you do to the other. The upper roller can be raised fairly high (the springs will not be able to lift the roller all the way so you will have to lift it gently by hand) allowing the printing of a woodblock of some thickness. The total thickness of the printing sandwich (the printing plate plus the blankets) however may not exceed 2.5 cm (1 inch)

Do's and Dont's

- Do not print from anything with sharp unfilled edges as they could cut or damage the blankets press bed and possibly the roller.
- Try to avoid getting water on the rollers as they are not treated and will rust.

-Keep press in a dry place when not in use to avoid rust.

-Do not put anything drastically uneven through the press as this could cause damage to the press.

-Be careful of the three spokes of the star wheel handle because they can come loose and fall out.