SAMARIIUM

Element Symbol: Sm
Atomic Number: 62
ARTISTS DESCRIPTION

I looked at the current uses of samarium, and one of the major ones seemed to be in the manufacture of magnets. I read that it quickly oxidises in air, and the word oxidise made me think of the colour of rust. As I was researching this element I came across a picture of a pile of small curved samarium-cobalt magnets. I took the idea of these curved magnets and designed a wood cut which I printed in rust.

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