



Screen printing explained step by step

There are two options:

- **Freehand** screen printing, for example a tablecloth
- Or with the **screen printing table**, such as when printing a shirt, flyers, posters, envelopes, etc.

There we go!

- Make sure textiles are washed beforehand! Otherwise, the ink will not pick up properly and the ink will not fix enough.
- The material should lie smoothly and flat, so no wrinkles, etc.
- A handy tool is spray adhesive.
- You can iron textiles in advance, but the ink will be absorbed less well because you flatten the fibers.
- Also watch the video on [YouTube](#).

The actual screen printing process

The method is actually the same for all materials:

- Take your screen printing frame and place it on the material where you want to make the first print.
- Apply the ink in a line at the top of the window (on the foil, not on the frame) with a spatula or spoon.
- Now slide the squeegee gently back and forth from left to right along the ink, so that the squeegee is covered with ink everywhere and it can completely cover your design in the width of the image.
- Hold the squeegee at an angle of about 45/60 degrees and gently pull it towards you while also slightly pushing down. Now you push the ink through the film (the sieve).
- With our special screen printing films you only have to go over the design once with the squeegee, that is already sufficient. If you are still in doubt, repeat the process and go over the image again with the squeegee and ink (!). But no need to go back and forth very often, done is done.
- When you arrive downstairs, you 'scoop' the ink from the film directly onto the squeegee, as it were. (This is a technique that may not work at first, but practice makes perfect. You can immediately put the ink back into the inkwells. If that does not work, you can use a credit card or a cardboard or business card from the film to remove the remaining ink. remove.)
- Place the squeegee on the wooden slat (or something else) so that ink does not get all over the place.
- Now gently and carefully lift the window and that's it! Your first screen print is a fact!

For small children, working with a squeegee can sometimes be difficult, you can also have them screen printed with a soft sponge. A little paint on the sponge and then gently rub the gauze, neither too hard nor too soft. You can immediately see whether it was successful. And just like with baking pancakes, the first pancake usually fails, that is also the case here, so test it first.



Are you ready?

- Then clean the screen printing frame first.
- Clean the squeegee.
- And of course all the other materials you used but the window and squeegee first!

► **Tip!** Watch the videos on our [YouTube](#) channel because there we also show the basic techniques, but also the cleaning and raising of a screen printing frame (which is really recommended!)

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