



## Prepare the silk-screen frame

### Yes .. you are really going to screen print yourself!

A good start is half the work. Working a little organized and good planning saves you a lot of time. It is important that you work neatly and cleanly. So ensure a spacious, clean and tidy workplace.

### Below is the explanation for:

- our ready-made **Ready To Print screens** with your design, and for
- the regular silkscreen frames if you are going to silkscreen with **stencils**.

## Silkscreen printing with the **silkscreen film Ready to Print**

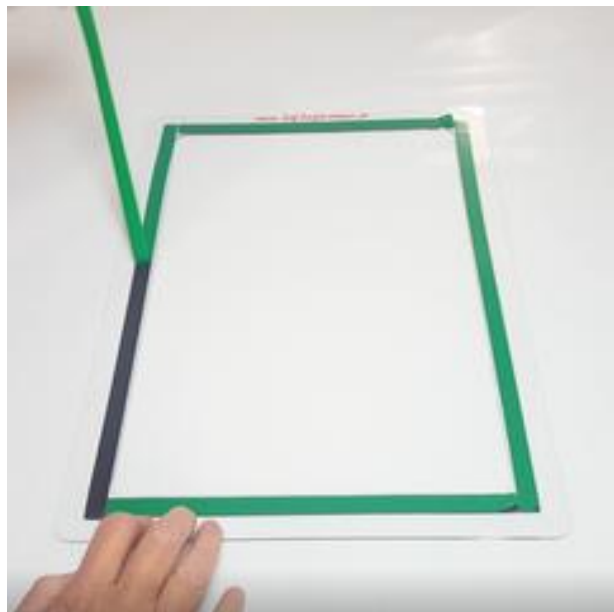
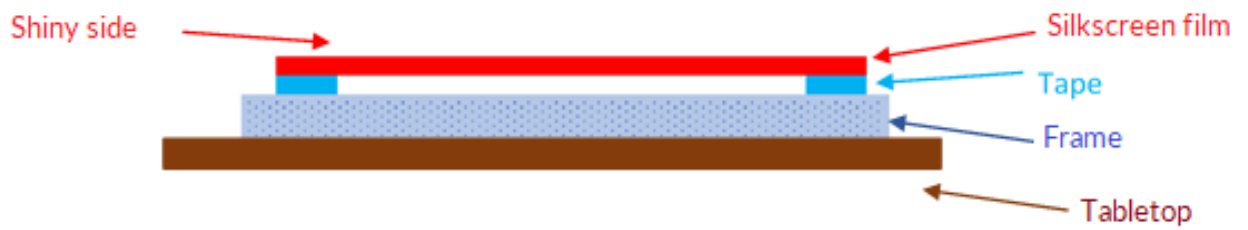
You need:

1. Foil with design
2. Our double-sided tape
3. Frame

- The film should be clean, dry and dust-free before you start.
- The film has 2 sides; a smooth shiny shiny side and the other side is slightly more rough.
- You place the screen printing frame / screen printing frame on a flat surface. First remove the protective film from the frame (the frame itself is as clear as glass).
- Then stick the tape neatly on the frame, around the inner edge.
- Remove the protective film from the tape.
- Place the film with the shiny side (!) On the adhesive tape. This is extremely important !!
- Run your fingers over the edges of the film so that it is properly attached to the tape. Start with 1 long side, then the other side and then the sides. You can peel off the film and stick it back onto the tape, just as long as the screen printing film sits neatly on the frame.
- Because it is a special movie, it does not stick completely. That's right, that will not be a problem with screen printing later on.
- Make sure the film is neat and clean on the window. There should be no wrinkles or bumps. Also remove any fluff and dust.

- And as you can see in the image, the screen printing film will not touch the material before or after printing, there is a small space in between (you call this the 'dismount', the distance between the film / mesh and the paper or textiles that you print).
- The screen printing frame is now ready for use!

Below the side view / cross-sections exaggeratedly enlarged of the whole:



## Silk-screen printing with **templates**

You need:

1. Template
2. Painter's tape
3. Aluminum screen printing frame

- Make sure the screen printing frame is clean, dry and free of dust.
- Stick the template with painter's tape / paper tape all around the back of the window.
- The template therefore touches the material you are going to screen print on.
- Make sure there are no gaps along the edges, so neatly tape the entire A4 template.
- Turn the screen print frame over.
- Now cover the inside with masking tape, ie the edges between the mesh and the frame. Then no ink gets between the mesh and the frame and cleaning is quick and easy later.



You are now ready to screen print.



► **Tip!** We have also made videos on our [YouTube](#) channel where we show this.

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