

# Silkscreen Prints

**Objective:** Create a silkscreen in order to print on paper, t-shirts, or other materials.

Grade Level		Medium	Making Connections	Elements & Principles	National Standards
K-2	3-5		History of Printmaking	Line	VA:Cr2.1 VA:Cr1.2
MS	HS			Shape Space	



## Materials

- Drawing Paper and Drawing Materials
- Green Printmaking Film
- X-ACTO Knives
- Silkscreen Roll
- Stretcher Strips or 1" x 2" Boards and Staple Gun
- Adhering Liquid
- Duct Tape
- Screen Printing Ink and Squeegee

## Introductory Activities

- Explain how silkscreening can be used for various purposes. See if anyone in class is wearing clothing with silkscreening on it.
- Show students examples of silkscreening, introduce the materials, and demo the process.

### 1 Draw and Cut Images

The images can be as simple or as complicated as you like, as long as they can be cut out with an X-ACTO knife. They should be single color images, no matter the subject. Tape the printmaking film over the drawing, then use the knife to cut out all sections where the color will show.

### 2 Create Screen

If you're unsure how to build a frame or stretch a canvas, there are lots of great tutorials online. After stretching the screen, it's time for the film. Using adhering liquid and a rag, you can attach the green film to the silkscreen. After it is attached, block off the border with duct tape and you are ready to print!

### 3 Print!

Line up your registration on your paper, t-shirt, or wherever your print will go. Pour ink along the inside edge of the frame, squeegee in both directions until your image is covered, and your print should be complete!



### Insider Tips

- It's important for students to have a good working knowledge of positive and negative space, so you may want to begin with some skill building exercises before jumping into printing.