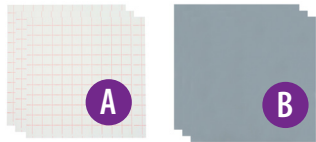# SCREEN PRINTING WITH VINYL INSTRUCTIONS

CUT VINYL STENCIL

necessary tools

A 12x12 Transfer Paper
B 12x12 Vinyl Sheet
C Vinyl Cutting Machine (not included)

prepare your design

- Using your vinyl cutting machine, cut your desired design on one sheet of the grey vinyl.
- Ensure the size of your design will fit inside the screen frame. Choose to mirror the cut.

apply vinyl to your screen

1. Remove the parts of your vinyl design where you want ink to go through.
2. Apply one transfer tape sheet on top of your weeded vinyl design.
3. Smooth the transfer tape using the squeegee.
4. Remove the white backing paper from the grey vinyl and apply it to the back (mesh) of your screen frame.
5. Carefully remove the transfer tape leaving the grey vinyl attached to the screen frame.
- Use the squeegee to ensure the grey vinyl is smoothly adhered to the screen mesh.
- If there are any areas of your screen where the grey vinyl does not cover, reuse the transfer tape or use painter's tape (not included) to cover these areas of mesh to avoid ink going through.

prepare your garment

- If printing on shirts or bags, use parchment paper (included) inside the item to keep ink from bleeding onto the other side when printing.
- Place the screen frame in the spot on your garment where you would like the print to appear. As a general rule of thumb when printing on shirts, place the artwork three fingers width down from the collar.

CREATE YOUR PRINT

1. Scoop out and add a few tablespoons of ink along the top of the screen (farthest from you).Do not lay any ink on your design or open mesh.
2. Place your squeegee behind the ink, tilted approximately 60 degrees in order to create a sharp print edge. Pull the squeegee toward you and across your image, evenly applying a good amount of pressure.
3. Repeat the process, squeegeeing ink over 1-2 more times, starting from the top of the screen each time.
4. Lift your screen and experience the miracle of screen printing!

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INK

Using a spatula, squeegee, or hand-held scraper, collect any excess ink and return it to the original jar or any other airtight container. You can easily store any excess ink at room temperature for a few weeks, or even months.

REMOVE VINYL STENCIL

Remove all of the vinyl from your screen frame. Dispose of vinyl in the garbage and immediately wash the screen.

WASH TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

All Speedball inks are water-based, and safe to wash down the drain. Soap and water will easily wash the ink from your squeegee and screen. Ink which has dried into the screen may need to be scrubbed or removed. It is natural that some inks may permanently stain a screen, but this will not affect print quality at all.

Allow screen and tools to dry completely before reusing.

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CURING THE FABRIC INK

Allow the ink on your garment to air dry for 2-3 days. You can place by a fan in a well ventilated room to speed up the drying process.

HEAT SET THE GARMENT

Using a heat press, set to 320 degrees, press the garment for at least 40 seconds. Repeat the process until your entire design has been heated.

You can also use a household iron. Adjust the setting to match your garment type and heat the area of your design for 2-3 minutes, moving the iron continuously over the design.

Once your garment has been heat set, you can wash and dry according to the care instructions on the garment.

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