

PPLD Young Adult Services Tutorial: Screen Printing

Description:

In this video, you will learn how to screen print using an embroidery hoop and acrylic paint!

Supplies:

1. Newspaper, newsprint, or a tablecloth
2. A template for the image you want to print
3. Scissors
4. Pencil (dull)
5. Mod Podge
6. Acrylic Paint
7. Plastic card
8. Embroidery hoop
9. Thin, sheer fabric (chiffon or voile)
10. Pencil (dull)
11. Masking or painter's tape
12. Scratch paper
13. Cardstock (or something else to print on)

Link to Video Tutorial:

<https://youtu.be/GnMTka6q3Ho>

Instructions:

1. Cut your fabric into squares slightly larger than your embroidery hoop.



2. Stretch the fabric across the embroidery hoop. Pull it taut.

3. Trace your template onto the fabric using a dull pencil—place your template on your work space, then place the stretched fabric on top, and trace.



4. Tape around your image with masking or painter's tape.

5. Paint around the rest of the image with Mod Podge. Remember to protect your workspace with newspaper or a table cloth, and prop the embroidery hoop on something while you paint the Mod Podge onto the fabric.



6. Let the Mod Podge dry. When it's dry, hold the hoop up to the light to see if there are any spots left uncovered with Mod Podge. Paint over those, let dry once more.

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7. Apply paint to the tape border. Hold or prop the embroidery hoop off of the table and with the plastic card, pull the paint across the image to flood the fabric stencil with paint.



8. Test print! Place the fabric directly onto a piece of scratch paper. Pull the plastic card over the paper, pressing the paint through as best as you can. (This step may take practice). Repeat this step until you find the right combination of pressure and paint to transfer paint to the paper.



9. When you're ready, repeat step 8 on cardstock or whatever surface you have for printing, instead of scratch paper. Repeat until you have as many prints as you want!



10. Optional: wash the paint out of the fabric, re-stretch the stencil in the embroidery hoop, and print again using different colors.

