

# Printing a second color

## Preparation

1. Make sure that the screen is properly blocked out.
2. Gather the prints with the first color of ink on them.
3. Choose a piece of plexi glass that is a little larger than the image from the drawer.

## Printing

1. Place the screen, fabric side down, into the clamps on the counter and tighten the screws firmly.
2. Align the plexi under the screen so that the image fits in the corner of the plexi.
3. Lift the screen and using the 2" masking tape, tape down one edge of the plexi keeping half of the tape on the table and half on the plexi.
4. Flip the plexi and repeat for the same edge that was taped before. This should make a strong hinge.
5. Lower the screen.
6. Select the desired color of 5500 series ink from the shelf.
7. Open the ink can with a can opener.
8. Stir the ink briefly with a spatula.
9. Remove ink from the can and apply it to the screen, just above the stencil.
10. Lift the screen and make sure that the plexi is flipped so that it is beneath the stencil
11. While holding the squeegee straight up, not at an angle, drag the ink over the stencil to print on the plexi.
12. Lift the screen, and examine the plexi. If the print is good move on to the next step, if it is not, clean the ink off the plexi and print again.
13. Place the print under the plexi, and align it with the image on the plexi.
14. Flip the plexi out of the way, and lower the screen onto the paper.
15. Using the squeegee, drag the ink over the stencil to print on the paper.
16. Lift the screen and remove the print.
17. Place the print on the drying rack.
18. Repeat steps 13 through 17 for the remaining prints.

## Cleanup

1. Gather all the remaining ink and scoop it back into the can with either the squeegee or spatula.
2. Clean the lip of the ink can if any ink was allowed to gather there.
3. Using the hammer, lightly hammer the lid into the lip by hitting the edges (not the middle) of the lid.
4. Put the ink can back on the shelf that it was found on.
5. Obtain some newspaper, a plastic squirt bottle, and some paper towels.
6. If finished with the stencil, remove the block out paper from the screen before proceeding.
7. Lift the screen, place newspaper under the stencil, and lower the screen.
8. Apply some solvent from the squirt to the stencil and begin cleaning the stencil with the paper towels.
9. Clean the screen until the areas of the stencil where ink comes through are see-through. If another color of ink will be applied to the same stencil, remove all evidence of the color that is being cleaned.
10. Put the screen away.
11. Place newspaper under the squeegee and spatula, apply solvent, and remove the ink with paper towels.
12. Once all ink is removed, put the tools away.
13. Clean any remaining ink off the table with solvent and paper towels.
14. Pour some solvent onto a paper towel, and clean hands as much as possible.
15. Put solvent away and throw away any remaining paper towels; return clean newspaper.
16. Rinse hands with water and pour a small amount of powdered soap into them.
17. Rub hands together to break up the ink as much as possible.
18. Repeat if necessary.
19. Wash soap out of sink and dry hands.