

how to *screen* print

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We created this handy guide to give you a rapid step by step process to silkscreen printing the “Something Ugly” poster. Invented in ancient China, silkscreen printing is one of the oldest printing techniques still in use today for all sorts of mediums from textile to poster and product design.

Follow the steps in the guide to print the “Something Ugly” poster and if you get stuck, email us: info@light-design-studio.com. Enjoy the process and have fun. We can’t wait to see what you create.

PREPARE: 1. Measure your printing surface and adjust your design size accordingly. 2. Get a mesh screen that fits your design. Allow at least 2 inches around the design. 3. Treat the screen with light sensitive emulsion and let rest in the dark for 8 hours. 4. Print your design in reverse on transparent film. Download the “Something Ugly” poster here.



BURN YOUR SCREEN: 1. Using a light box, expose your design to your screen for 2 - 10 minutes to break down the emulsion from the places covered by your design. 2. Wash your screen with a high pressure pump to clean out the broken down emulsion. 3. Set the screen aside to dry.



PRINT YOUR DESIGN: 1. On a flat clear surface, fix your printing surface (paper) firmly in place. 2. Place your screen on top of the printing surface. 3. In the 2 inch space above the design, place the appropriate printing ink. 4. Using a squidgy, pull down firmly to apply the ink evenly on the screen.



FINISHING: 1. Take off the screen and dry the print with a hand dryer.
2. Leave out the print to dry and set properly.

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Got questions or want to show us your results?

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