

## DIY Guide: **Make A Screen Print!**



### **What is screen printing?**

Screen printing is a printing technique where a special net is used to transfer ink onto a surface (such as a canvas or cloth). The trick lies in blocking out areas where you do not want the ink to enter. This is usually done by using stencils made especially for this purpose. One color is printed at a time, so several screens can be used to produce a multicoloured image or design.



### **Who is Manjit Bawa?**

Manjit Bawa was an Indian artist who experimented with many mediums to create his artworks including oil painting, sketching and screen printing.

Here is one of his prints made using that technique. Do you see any traces of the printing process?

How about trying screen printing for yourself, inspired by him?

## For this project, you will need:

 <p><b>Embroidery Hoop</b></p> <p>Try to get a medium-sized hoop.</p>	<p><b>Mod Podge</b></p> <p>Mod Podge is a glue, sealer, and finisher designed for craft &amp; art projects. You can easily find it online or in your local craft store.</p> 
 <p><b>Acrylic Paints &amp; Brushes</b></p>	 <p><b>Blank Sheet Of Paper</b></p> <p>To create your design. Make sure this is also slightly bigger than your hoop.</p>
<p><b>Thin Piece Of Fabric</b></p> <p>Like muslin, organza or light cotton like an old dhoti. Get a piece that is slightly bigger than the hoop.</p> 	<p><b>A Marker</b></p> 
 <p><b>Scissors</b></p>	<p><b>An Old Gift Card</b></p> <p>This will help you in evenly spreading the paint.</p> 



### STEP 1

First take your paper, measure out the space using the hoop and create your design inside this space. Stick to a simple shape such as a smiley face or a flower, or both like in this example!



### STEP 2

Now it is hoop time! Stretch your fabric across the hoop and pull it from all sides to make it taut. Place it face down on top of your paper and trace the design.



### STEP 3

Now, we move to blocking some areas on the fabric. For this get your mod podge, flip the hoop so it faces up and using a brush apply mod podge on all the negative space of the design. This will be the space that we are protecting from paint. Once done, let this dry for 1 hour.

***Tip:** Make sure there are absolutely no holes or gaps in your paint!  
You can check against the light to make sure that all areas are covered.*



### STEP 4

Once completely dry, cut off the excess fabric around the hoop. Now it is ready to be used for printing!

*See the slight difference in colour between the area where mod podge is applied and the area where it isn't?*



## STEP 5

Printing Time! On a blank paper, place the hoop face down and add paint horizontally across the top.



Now use the card to scrape the paint in a “pull down” motion. You can experiment with more paint and pressure of your hand at this point to figure out the exact amount of paint required to cover your entire design.

**Tip:** Keep the pressure even at all times while you scrape it from top to bottom.



## STEP 6

Once the entire surface is covered with paint, carefully lift the hoop to check out your print!

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-EL4-UJZHs>

## What next?

Print like a pro! Once you have practiced enough with trial prints, try printing on other materials such as t-shirts. You can make group tees with the same design and gift them to your friends or family!



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