



# Creative Finds for Creative Minds

## Printing with Thermofax Screens

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Have you ever wanted to incorporate printed images in your quilts or mixed media projects? One method of printing is with thermofax screens (sometimes called silk screens). Learn thermofax screen printing techniques by practicing on muslin and other hand-dyed/textured fabrics you bring using the exquisitely detailed screens provided by the instructors and a variety of paints.

You'll learn how to:

- use images as focal point or create all over designs
- layer images and techniques
- print with discharge products and thickened dye
- use resist techniques and other products with screen printing
- prepare a screen for printing by binding it with duct tape

Class time will also include discussion of using your own unique images (photos and drawings) to create screens, what types of images make good screens, and resources to have screens made as well as sources for purchasing.

You'll leave class with your own taped screen to use as often as you wish, and as much printed fabric as you can complete in class!

**Cost:** \$65 (includes \$15 for supplies) to include use of instructors' screens & paints, a printing surface, squeegees, plastic spoons, brushes, disposable paint palette, and a small screen and squeegee to take home.

### Supply List:

- 1/2 yard muslin for printing practice; can be one piece, but smaller pieces like fat quarters or even 9" x 12" will be easier to work with.
- Minimum 1 yard other fabric to print on such as visually textured fabric like hand dyes, batik, or mottled fabrics. The amount you bring is up to you — you might want to focus on printing small compositions, or just make yardage. (More is better; can be pieces of any size.)
- *Optional choices:* organza/sheers, silks, linen, homespun, felt, in addition to cottons. If you are a mixed media artist, you might also want to **print on canvas, paper or in a journal**.
- Fabric **and** paper/utility scissors.

### Optional supplies:

- Squeegee or old credit card or hotel room key (teachers will have these to share)
- Digital camera
- Roll of paper towels

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