

# Screen Process Printing



*Tools and Resources*

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# Why Study the Tools and Resources of Screen Printing?

- ✓ Familiarize yourself with the language used in industry
- ✓ Carefully handle materials in a safe manner
- ✓ Save time which saves MONEY \$\$\$

# Screen Frames

- ✓ Come in a variety of sizes
- ✓ Made with Wood, Plastic, Aluminum



# Kerf



- ✓ A groove in the screen frame where the Cord and Screen Fabric are held in place
- ✓ Typically cut at  $9/64$ " wide



# Cord Setter

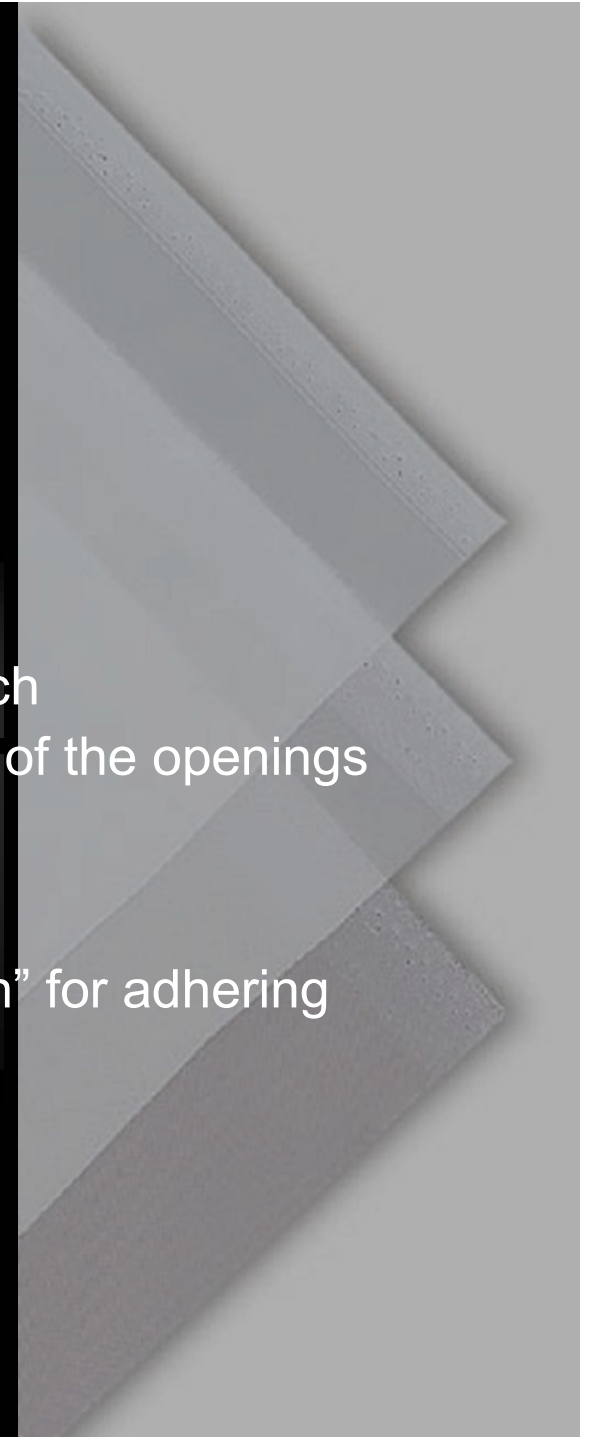
- ✓ Pushes cord into the groove (Kerf)



# Screen Fabric



- ✓ **Monofilament**
  - ✓ Single woven thread, uniform weave
  - ✓ Smoother ink flow for a sharper print
  - ✓ Measured by the number of threads per inch
  - ✓ Fewer threads per inch, the larger the size of the openings
- ✓ **Multifilament**
  - ✓ Woven twisted strand thread
  - ✓ Less uniform in weave, but has more “tooth” for adhering stencils and heavier ink deposit
  - ✓ Ex. 8XX, 6XX, 16XX



# Screen Degreaser & Fabric Cleaning Brush

- ✓ Removes dirt and oil from the screen
- ✓ Spray and scrub screen and let it air dry
- ✓ **DO NOT TOUCH** screen after it's cleaned.



# Transparency Film

- ✓ Used to make your stencil design
- ✓ Transparency Film is printed by a B&W Laser Printer
- ✓ Used to expose your design on Stencil Film





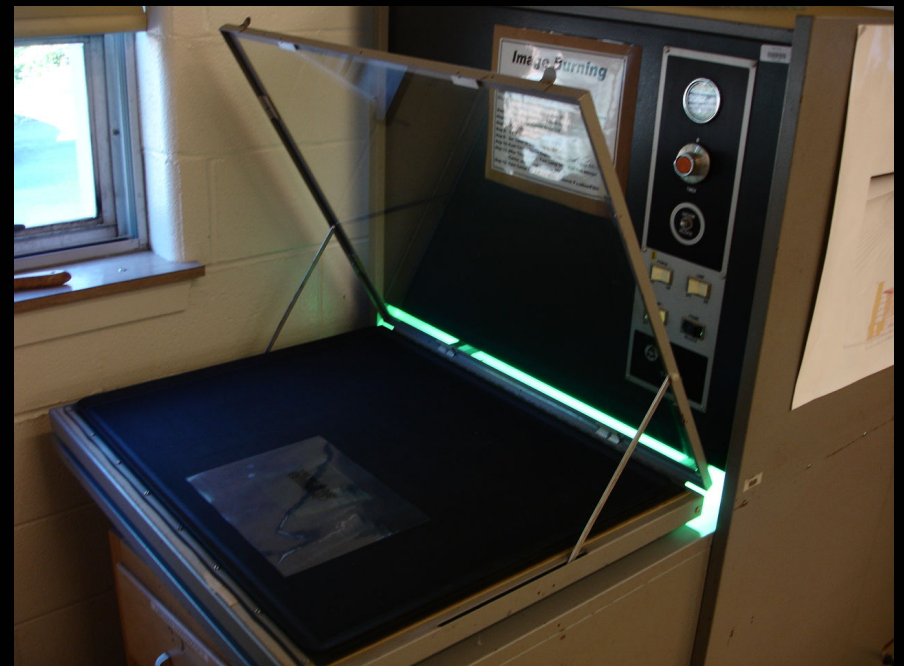
# Stencil/Film

- ✓ Ulano Developing Film
- ✓ Cut film to fit your design
- ✓ Expose film with transparency of your image



# Exposure Cabinet

- ✓ Uses High Intensity Bulbs
- ✓ Burns image into stencil
- ✓ Unexposed stencil is washed away



# Rollers

- ✓ Rollers are used to adhere the stencil onto the screen
- ✓ Rollers push the emulsion side of the stencil into the pores of the screen
- ✓ Multifilament screen fabric has a “tooth” which helps adhere stencil to fabric



# Blockout

- ✓ Blockout is applied to the open non-print areas of the screen
- ✓ Blockout solution clogs the pores of the screen to prevent ink from passing through



# Printing Base

- ✓ Holds textile (t-shirt) firmly in place for clean, easy, and straight printing



# Ultrasoft Ink

- ✓ Standard in industry
- ✓ Heat cured at high temperature





# Squeegee

- ✓ Flexible rubber material
- ✓ Different shapes for different materials



# Textile

- ✓ Fabric/material that is printed on
- ✓ 50/50 cotton & polyester





# Heat Gun

- ✓ Used to cure ink
- ✓ HOT - Caution



# Screen Cleanup

- ✓ Ink Remover
- ✓ Dissolves Plastisol Ink for easy cleaning



# Stencil Remover

- ✓ Removes stencil film from screen
- ✓ Screen is scrubbed clean for proper storage



# Any Questions



- ✓ Refer to your Screen Printing Documents
- ✓ Check Web Resources from your Screen Printing Scavenger Hunt
- ✓ See Mr. Butler