

Simple Screen Printed Place Mats

Create your own custom place mats. All you need is a simple design and a few basic screen printing supplies.



HOW TO MAKE IT



STEP 1

Draw a simple design (no larger than 9" x 12") on a piece of paper.



STEP 2

Create stencils by placing a sheet of palette paper, slick-side up, over the design and using the X-Acto knife to cut out the image. Note: You'll make a separate sheet/stencil for each part of the design that's a different color.



STEP 3

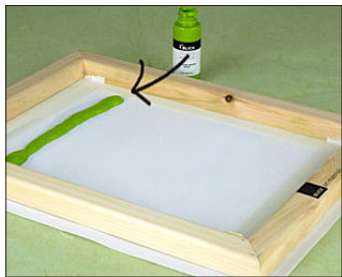
Apply masking tape to the inside of the screen frame so that the open area measures 9" x 12" or smaller.



STEP 4

Center the stencil on the canvas place mat and mark the corners with a pencil.

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STEP 5

Center the screen on the stencil and canvas mat. Pour a line of paint (or ink) across the short side of the screen.



STEP 6

Using the squeegee, pull the paint across the screen in both directions to ensure full coverage. Lift the screen. The stencil will remain.



STEP 7

Print all place mats with the first color. Allow the place mats to dry, discard the stencil, and wash the screen and squeegee. Repeat steps 4 through 7 for the second and third colors.



STEP 8

Enjoy your screen printed place mats!