Materials for DIY Screen Printing

Print your own garden swag or a GreenThumb GrowTogether 2021 t-shirt! The Speedball Introductory Kit has all the materials needed to learn.

Kits include: 10" × 14" printing screen, 9" Red Baron dual-edge squeegee, Screen printing inks — 4 oz each of Fabric Red, Fabric Black, and Acrylic Black, Drawing Fluid (4 oz), Screen Filler (4 oz), Speed Clean screen cleaner (4 oz), Bienfang Graphics 360 Marker Paper Pad, X-Acto knife, Paintbrush, Mixing sticks, and Instructions.

Here’s what else you’ll need:

1. Flat table to print one, covered protected with plastic or newspaper
2. One roll of Packing Tape
3. Plastic cups or containers to mix inks
4. Newsprint / Paper to test print
5. T-shirts! When choosing a t-shirt, keep in mind that if you’re opting for a dark fabric such as a black t-shirt, white will show up best. Colors may take several layers or a white layer underneath to be visible and vibrant.
6. Flat Board to fit in between t-shirt

Make sure to have a design ready! We will send out the official 37th Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether t-shirt design to all registrants soon, but feel free to use your own design as well.

- One-Color Design
- Graphic images with high contrast
- No larger than 8 x 12 in.
- Use a black and white printout of the design on regular printer paper or your own drawing

Clean up supplies:

- Paper Towels / Rag
- Access to hose / tub / large sink / bucket
- Sponge
- Dish soap

Image from GreenThumb’s pre-COVID DIY Screen Printing Garden Swag workshop at the EFA Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop in Manhattan