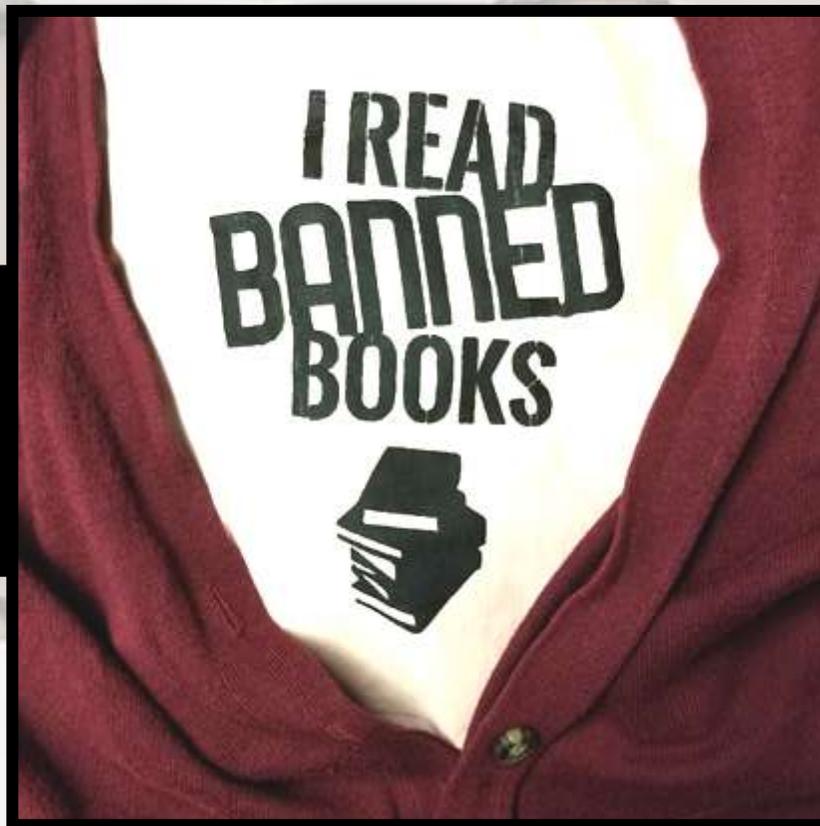


# Screen Printing



**Celebrate your freedom to read during Banned Books Week by customizing your own 'I Read Banned Books' t-shirt!**

*Kit includes supplies for one screen-printed t-shirt.*

## Screen Printed T-Shirts

### Supplies:

#### Included:

- Putty knife
- One ounce (1oz.) fabric paint or screen printing ink
- Embroidery hoop
- Sheer fabric
- Permanent vinyl stencil
- Transfer tape
- Popsicle stick

#### Not Included:

- Scissors
- Newspaper or cardboard
- T-shirt or other medium
- Towel or other pressing cloth
- Iron

### Instructions:

1. Tighten the sheer fabric into the embroidery hoop. It is imperative that the fabric is as tight as possible. Trim any excess fabric that will get in the way of printing (**Fig. 1**).
2. Turn the embroidery hoop so the "drum" of the fabric is face up (**Fig. 2**).
3. Remove the backing paper from the transfer tape (**Fig. 3**).
4. Center the transfer tape over the permanent vinyl stencil. Brunish the stencil onto the transfer tape using the putty knife (**Fig. 4**).
5. Lift the tape and stencil off the backing paper (**Fig. 5**). Center the tape and stencil over the drum of the embroidery hoop (**Fig. 6**). Gently press down along the edges.
6. Flip the embroidery hoop so the drum, stencil, and transfer tape are face down on the table. Burnish the stencil onto the sheer fabric using the putty knife (**Fig. 7**).
7. Flip the embroidery hoop over once more. Carefully remove the transfer tape, leaving the stencil on the sheer fabric (**Fig. 8**).
8. Lay out your t-shirt or other medium on a protected work surface. If using a t-shirt, lay newspaper or a flat piece of cardboard between the panels of the shirt. Take care to ensure the newspaper or cardboard have no wrinkles or creases. Screen printing requires a completely flat work surface.



9. Center the embroidery hoop, stencil and drum side face down, over your t-shirt (**Fig. 9**).
10. Using the popsicle stick, dollop fabric paint or screen printing ink into the embroidery hoop, at the top of the design (**Fig. 10**).
11. Drag the putty knife down the design (**Fig. 11**). Only move the putty knife up and down. Any side-to-side strokes will cause paint to leak under the stencil. Repeat until the entire design has been covered in paint.
12. Slowly lift the embroidery hoop away from the t-shirt (**Fig. 12**). Your result should look like **Fig. 13**.
13. Let dry for at least twenty-four hours (24 hr.).
14. Lay a towel or other pressing cloth over the dry design. Iron for three to five minutes (3-5 min.) with medium-high heat on both the front and the back of the design to heat set the paint. You can now wash your screen printed t-shirt with your regular laundry.

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Figure 1



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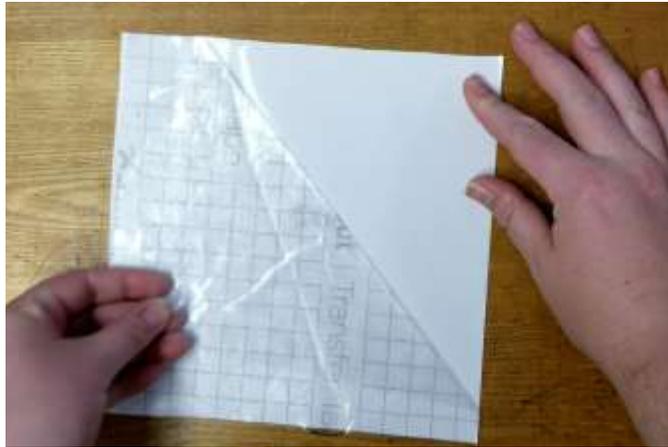


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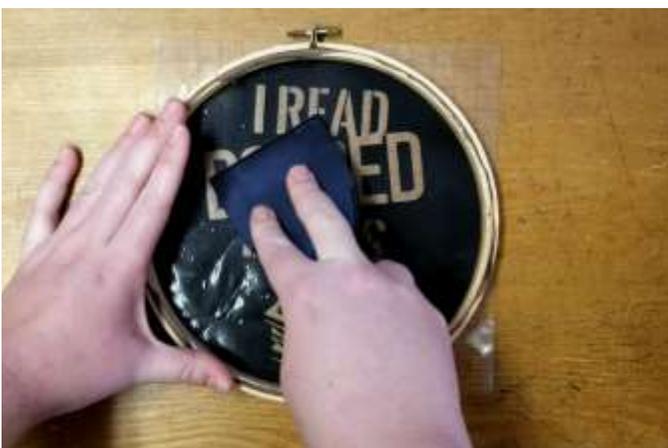


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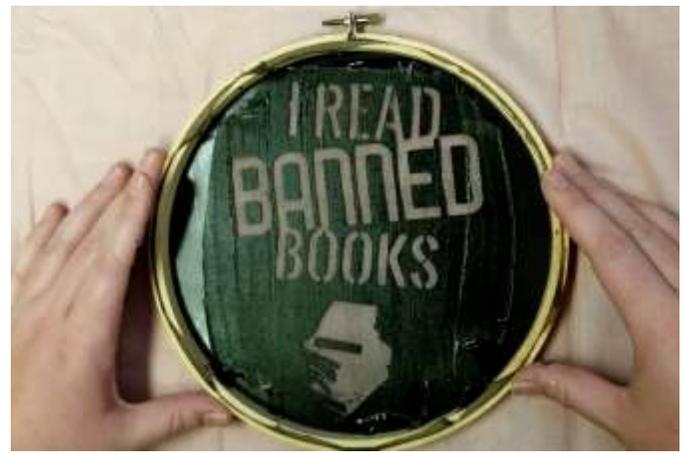


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Figure 13