

When you see these beautiful project ideas,  
you'll want to screen print from this day forward!



PREPARE TO SWOON OVER THE ULTIMATE IN

*Personalized Wedding Décor*

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There's nothing old school about these romantic screen printed projects—they're a far cry from baseball tees and tote bags. We went all out to explore the elegant side of this popular art form with a perfectly coordinated collection of wedding accessories. Believe it or not, we hand printed everything from the table linens to the favors.

There's more to screen printing than basic tees. The technique works for paper, canvas, wood and more—and that opens the door to loads of fresh-off-the-press décor ideas. If it's a flat, smooth surface, there's a good chance that you can print on it.

## Photo Finish

Each of these swirly, multi-layered projects was printed with the photo emulsion method. It's the most elaborate method of screen printing, but it's the only way to do delicate lines and detailed patterns—and professional artists swear by it. Our photo emulsion screen printing kit contains detailed instructions for the process. In the meantime, here's a brief rundown:

1. Transfer the images you wish to print to transparency film. They must be positive images—in other words, solid black on a clear background.
2. Mix the photo emulsion according to the manufacturer's instructions, and then coat the screen with the mixture.
3. Let the coated screen dry in a dark, cool place. The screen must stay in the dark until it's time to expose your image.
4. Place the screen on a black background—a piece of black paper works—and then place the positive image on the screen. Tape it down or cover it with a piece of clear glass.
5. Expose the screen to a light source. You can use sunlight or a clear incandescent bulb—wait 10 minutes to an hour and a half, depending on the size of your screen.
6. Spray warm (not hot) water on the front and back of the screen to wash away the portions of the emulsion that the image has been transferred to. You'll be left with a stencil.
7. Begin making prints!

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## FROM THE *Heart*

For overlapping images—this personalized tablecloth has four—it's important to allow plenty of drying time between printings. If you're in a hurry, it's okay to break out the blow dryer. *Tip: If you're using only one screen, it's important not to let the ink dry on the screen between printings.*



## ALL IN *Favor*



For textile projects (like tees, totes or these pretty favor bags), slide cardboard between the layers of fabric before you print. It's an easy way to prevent ruinous bleed-throughs.

## *Table* TREASURE

Love this swirly table scarf? It's a square of hemmed cotton—scrap fabric, turned gorgeous handmade décor!



## Cone ZONE



SCREEN  
PRINT  
BASE:

*Paper*



These cones are super simple (tape, scissors, done) but they look expensive, thanks to the gorgeous custom pattern.

## IN THE *Cards*

For screen printing, skip thin or highly textured papers. Choose something smooth and sturdy instead. These cardstock place cards (available in the Scrapbooking Department) were ideal.





## For Keep's SAKE

Try a print on canvas for wedding décor that can go from your reception table to a prominent wall in your love nest. Paint the piece with a solid coat of acrylic paint to start. When it's dry, you can get started on your print. **Tip:** Place a book (or some other hard, flat surface) under the canvas to keep it stable for the printing process.



SCREEN  
PRINT  
BASE:  
*Canvas*



## Framed IN

Shiny surfaces (like this off-the-shelf frame) are less likely to accept the ink. Try prepping them with a coat of primer or matte spray paint.

SCREEN  
PRINT  
BASE:  
*Wood*

# Camera READY

Let's take this picture perfect sculpture as a sign. You can screen print your way to a beautifully personalized wedding. To bring our elegant swirly theme into this quirky display, we tucked a square of screen-printed cardstock behind the simple, handwritten notice.



## WORTH A Shot

Here's a bliss-inducing idea: Screen print a stack of cardstock to use for your wedding projects—it's a great way to work your personal stamp into every aspect of the décor. Here, we cut the pre-printed sheets into strips to wrap around some nondescript disposable cameras.

No storybook wedding is complete without pictures, and your friends & relatives will have lots of them with these custom-printed cameras that double as favors!