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DIY Screenprinting: How To Turn Your Home Into A T-Shirt Factory



Synopsis

A fascinating graphic novel that details the art and science of screen printing. John Isaacson's clear line drawings demonstrate the whole process of creating and selling a silk screened t-shirt. His unique approach walks you through inception to printed t-shirts to working in a print shop to understanding line screens, to hawking your printed wares on the street! How to build a screen, burn an image, test how things are going, pull ink, wash out screens, know what screen mesh to use, and creative ideas. It's a true joy to see the exaggerated illustrations while learning such a useful and practical craft. How to turn your home into a t-shirt factory! Essential for people who don't know how to screen print or those a bit rusty.

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Customer Reviews

This book is a departure from the standard narrative of a craft or hobby book, and as such, I think it's one of those things; you'll either like it or lump it. Me? I didn't lump it, but I enjoy comics & 'toons anyway. The book was a quick read, but then again I'm a quick reader. I've only just gotten interested in screen printing, and have not yet created any of my own prints. But for the price, this book is a great value for an introduction and overview of simple to advanced processes. The book is in the form of 3 "zines", comic books that are interspersed with profiles of artists and people in the screen printing trade. Chapter 1 describes the process of obtaining a screen and making simple prints at home. Described are the processes of attaching screens, using emulsion, burning the

screen, and inking. After the 1st chapter is a profile of a screen printer, and then an "insert", explaining that the comic is not intended as a "single source" for screen printing, and should be used as a "visual complement" to the booklet included in the "Diazo Photo Emulsion Kit". Then transparencies, photo emulsion, mesh count, supplies list, and curing & cleaning are explained. Another profile follows. The next chapter, or "zine" shows our protagonist's first experience selling shirts as a vendor in Berkeley. It's amusing and informative, and contains the F-word. Another profile follows, and the 3rd and last "zine" is about the author's adventures in a silk screen shop.

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