USING YOUR STENCILS:

**TIP:** Protect your clothing with an apron and work area with an Alex® Drop Cloth. Newspaper works well, too.

1. Lift the handles, located on the backside of the Factory, and place the silk in the printing frame. Make sure the silk lays flat and press the handles down.

2. Slide the stencil into the slots to hold in place.

**TIP:** Iron the fabric before you begin so it’s nice and flat.

3. Place the Factory stencil side down on the area where you want to print.

**TIP:** Slide a piece of cardboard or a few sheets of paper on the inside of the shirt, so ink does not bleed through.

4. Squeeze a thick line of ink inside the very top of the frame.

5. Pull the squeegee from top to bottom to cover the stencil evenly with the ink. Double check that all areas of the stencil are covered with ink.

6. Remove the screen and view your beautiful new design!

7. Set aside and wait for the ink to air dry for approximately 2 - 3 hours. After the ink is dry, have an adult heat set with an iron. Set the iron to the correct temperature for the fabric.

8. After printing, always hand wash the screen and stencil with water right away, so you can use it again in the future.

**PRACTICE:**
Practice with paper before silk screening onto fabric. It will take a few tries to master the skill.
**MAKE YOUR OWN DESIGNS:**

1. Sketch out and plan your design on a piece of paper.

2. Draw out the shapes of your design to the right size on a piece of paper or cardboard and cut the shapes out.

**TIP:** Shapes can be cut out 2 different ways!

3. Position the shapes on your shirt.

**TIP:** Use tape to tack down your cut-out shapes onto your shirt so they do not slide around.

4. Now place your Silk Screen Factory frame on top of the cut-out shapes. Apply ink. Once the ink is dry, peel off the cut-out paper shapes.

**ANOTHER DESIGN IDEA:**

Use masking tape to spell out words or personalize your shirt with your name!