

# Printing on Fabric: Techniques with Screens, Stencils, Inks, and Dyes

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**Jen Swearington : Printing on Fabric: Techniques with Screens, Stencils, Inks, and Dyes** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Printing on Fabric: Techniques with Screens, Stencils, Inks, and Dyes:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Using stencils, screen printingBy goldendogI was really excited when I received "Printing on FabriC" by Jen Swearington. I do dyeing and surface design for a part-time job and I am always looking for new ideas for my projects. Printing on Fabric does a really good job at describing the products that they use on their projects, and I found a few of them that I'd like to try in my business. Swearington uses mostly dyes and inks, but I really liked her instructions on lining up stencils to make larger, continuous patterns on fabrics, and how to design repeat patterns.This book is not for the very beginner, but after learning about some of the supplies, it is

very appropriate. I consider myself almost an intermediate surface designer, and I still found some very good inspirations. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Paint is sewing By Quetal1 My wife said "this is what I wanted, thank you" .... "provides me the insight to become confident at painting my precious fabric" 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Very specific topic By Karen Langley Returned because I didn't understand that all the techniques involve screens.... I thought some were stencils without screens. Too complicated for what I wanted.

From award-winning quilter, garment designer, and teacher Jen Swearington comes an essential and accessible guide to printing by hand on fabric. She starts by explaining how to translate design ideas into prints, from single motifs to repeating patterns. Jen then goes on to cover various methods of transfer: stencils, photo emulsion, dye baths, bleach resists, and more. With plenty of tried-and-true recipes, and a dozen teaching projects that range from garments to home decor, this beautiful book is the perfect resource for sewers, quilters, and other fabric crafters!

From Booklist \*Starred \* The author proves that trial and error, coupled with years of work, make all the difference in mastering the craft of printing on fabric, or any craft, for that matter. Beginning with the implicit assumption that every reader is a novice (or needs a refresher), Swearington presents the basics of images, colors, textiles, and tools. She quickly wins our hearts by supplying not only occasional tips (for instance, keep your work space neat for happy printing) and frequent sidebars (such as identifying and handling mystery inks and fabrics) but also by providing dozens of immediately gratifying how-tos, including mixing custom textile inks, building a simple print board, and editing and manipulating images all of which are illustrated and well explained. Processes consume most of the book's pages. Of course, few craft books (and authors) could stand without the help of patterns. Swearington's 14 projects, from a butterfly-chair seat to the waves-of-grain scarf, are lively, spirited, and very reminiscent of the spirit of Scandinavian design. --Barbara Jacobs From Library Journal: "Swearington's enthusiasm for her topic shines through, and she makes every step of the process look like a lot of fun." From Booklist: "Swearington quickly wins our hearts and minds by supplying not only occasional tips and frequent sidebars but by also providing dozens of immediately gratifying how-to's, including mixing custom textile inks, building a simple print board, and editing and manipulating images--all of which are illustrated and well explained. "A super useful and engaging volume on screen printing Jen gets into detail on many approaches to screen printing in this book both low-tech ones with simple materials and more-advanced concepts. It's the kind of book you can really grow your skills with, and the kind of book that inspires you in a lot of different directions. CraftyPod