

SCHOOL OF VISUAL PHILOSOPHY

REDUCTION SCREEN PRINTING



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PROPER TECHNIQUES FOR WATER BASED INK

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1. You will be doing a lot of cleaning in between colors, since the screen needs to be clean and dry before adding more screen filler.
2. You want to start off the clean up process by scooping any excess ink off your screen and squeegee. This will ensure that you don't waste any, and put unnecessary amounts down the sink.
3. Use water and the weak spray attachment on the pressure washer to clean the screen. I suggest scrubbing with a household sponge to avoid using excess water and getting off ink globs.
4. Clean your squeegee and ink spreader in between colors as well with water and sponge.
5. When you have completed your last color it will be necessary to remove the screen filler from the screen. For this, I suggest using the manufacturer's brand of remover to ensure a proper and timely removal. I have tried using emulsion remover or bleach for this task and it works...but it takes a really long time and effort to remove. So, just get the same kind of remover the manufacturer like Speedball makes for their Screen Filler. Follow the instructions on the package and you will be able to reclaim and reuse your screen again!

