Serigraphy
Foil Transfer Screenprinting

Overview

Screen Print Foil Transfer is a technique that is most commonly used in the textile and garment industry, however, it is possible to use this technique on paper substrates to achieve an effect similar to traditional foil blocking.

The process involves screenprinting a specialist flocking glue onto the substrate, then once it is dried applying the foil with either a heat press or using an iron and baking parchment.

Method

The process will require experimenting and testing to achieve the best results, outcomes may vary considerably depending on the paper stock used.

01. Screen print the glue onto the paper substrate with 2 pulls of the squeegee to ensure an adequate amount of glue is laid down.

Note: Make sure you clean the glue from the screen immediately after printing using Mr Muscle and the pressure washer to remove all glue residue from the screen.

02. Allow the glue to dry thoroughly

03. Lay the paper out glue side up. Lay the foil transfer, shiny side up, on top of the glued surface.

04. Lay the baking parchment on top and with an iron set to full temp, iron over the surface for 20 - 30 seconds. If using the Heat Press, cover and heat press for 20 seconds.

05. When cool, carefully peel the foil transfer off.

Hints & Tips

• Using one of the dedicated foiling screens will lay down a heavier deposit of glue and lead to better results.

• Your paper stock will have an impact on how successful the transfer will work. Always test your stock first.

• When incorporating foil transfer with other screenprinted colours. Print and apply the foiled elements first, before printing the other elements. This will avoid any stray foil artefacts picking up on the other printed colours.