

Thermofax Printing

How to care for your screen

- **REMEMBER** - Never allow the printing medium to dry on the screen. This is particularly true of fabric paints or any acrylic-based medium. They dry very quickly, especially in warm weather, or when using opaque white or pearlescent paints. If allowed to dry, they will seal the mesh, impeding further printing.
- To clean your thermofax screen, wash it in cool running water using your hands or a soft sponge to get rid of the printing medium. Do not use anything to scrub the mesh or any detergent, as these may damage your screen.
- Squeeze the edges of the tape to make sure all the media has been washed away, and then wipe the edges thoroughly.
- Pat the screen gently using a towel, and then leave it to dry completely by standing it against a wall. Do not store it until it is thoroughly dry or else the film will peel off.
- It is preferable to store your screen upright, away from direct sunlight. Extreme heat will warp the acrylic screen and make it difficult to use. Do not leave your screen in a enclosed area (i.e. a car) in a hot day.
- With care, you will get hundreds of prints out of your thermofax screen, but it won't last forever. Remember, that you can reuse the frame by taking out the mesh and ordering a replacement. We will supply you with a new mesh with your image, and you will then have to stick it to your old frame. If the mesh is still in good condition, you could roll it around a cardboard roll and store it away from the light, until you want to use it again.