

Sun Printing using Setasilk

Please read directions carefully before starting

Setasilk works as a traditional silk paint and is great for sun printing. Setasilk is ready to use on all fabrics, even on synthetic blends, goes on smoothly and does not change the hand of the fabric. For permanence, heat set with a dry iron. It is important to sample before working on large projects. For additional information visit our web site at www.prochemicalanddye.com

- ✘ Wear thin latex gloves, apron or old clothes.
- ✘ Utensils used for painting should not be used for food preparation.

Supplies

Setasilk

Stir paints well before using.

Equipment

Objects to use to make your images: pressed leaves, buttons, lace, lentils, rice, stencils, etc.

Embroidery hoop, artist stretcher bars, or a cardboard or plastic box or container

Masking tape

Plastic cups

1" foam brushes

Starburst Salt or table salt

Sunshine, infra-red or heat lamp

Procedure

This very simple process allows you to create images on the cloth. Use anything that is fairly flat and not too 3-dimensional to create your images. Favorite objects are pressed leaves, buttons, lace, rice and lentils.

1. Stretch your fabric in an embroidery hoop, over artist stretcher bars, or a cardboard box. Use masking tape to secure the fabric tightly.
2. Moisten the stretched fabric with water using a foam brush.
3. Apply Setasilk directly from the bottle with foam brushes. Dabbing the color on your fabric creates cloud-like shapes. Long brush strokes produce smooth color. Dilute with Setasilk thinner or water for pale shades.
4. While the surface of your fabric is still wet, gently place your objects on the fabric.
5. For starburst effects, sprinkle salt on the painted wet fabric.
6. Place your stretched fabric outdoors in the sun or under an infra-red heat lamp, until dry.
7. Once the fabric is dry, remove your objects and brush off the salt. Your fabric is now printed and ready to heat set.

Heat setting your fabric

Allow your fabric to dry completely. Then iron the reverse side of the fabric for at least 3 to 4 minutes. Set your iron to the temperature that is best suited for your fabric type. Use a press cloth between the fabric and your iron.

Washing

After heat setting, it is recommended that you wait at least 48 hours before washing or dry cleaning your fabric.

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