

## Printing Textiles: Just Silkscreens Pat Pauly Workshop

**Materials List:** Questions? Contact [patpaulyart@gmail.com](mailto:patpaulyart@gmail.com)

### **Equipment: (put your name on everything if you can)**

Old clothes to wear, apron, rubber gloves

2 Table sized pieces of plastic (to wrap up wet prints at the end of class)

Something to pad table for printing 3' x 6' (Old cotton batting, felt underlayment, fleece, soft smooth foam, etc.)

Small 2-3 gallon bucket

4 washcloths for cleaning table (like old)

Small high density foam paint roller 4-6"

3 Wide scrapers 4" – 6" or better -- Bondo brand scrapers from the paint department of home supply store, do not bring 'putty knives' scrapers

About 8 long handled spoons (ice teaspoons fine) – to stir dye

Partial Roll of blue masking tape

Roll Duct tape for taping silkscreens

Two sharpie markers

6-10 yogurt or plastic food containers with lids (pint or quart size is best),

Scissors for cloth and paper

Notebook, pencil/pen, 5 sheets of copy paper

Camera, phone camera, or something to remember processes!

## Just Silkscreens Pat Pauly Materials list continued:

**Things for printing:** 1-2 yards of string, thin plastic stencils, cutouts from plastic. Don't buy anything, just look for objects that are slightly raised surface (like under 1/16"). Please just bring a handful – not a boxful!

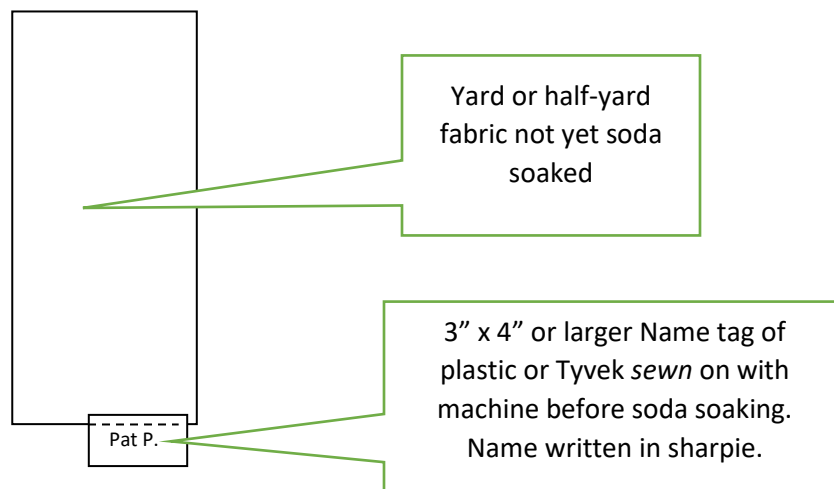
**Silk screens** 4 (or more) 15" X 20" or similar size. (order from Dick Blick <http://www.dickblick.com/products/blick-cord-stretched-frame-with-110-monofilament-polyester-mesh/>) or purchase \$35 from Pat Pauly at the class. Try your luck, or send Pat an email to reserve [patpaulyart@gmail.com](mailto:patpaulyart@gmail.com)

**Fabric:** 13 yards minimum, of pfd 100% cotton cut six *pieces* into ½ yards, and cut 10 *pieces* that are about square, like yard by yard size (not one big piece that it 10 yards long!) Feel free to bring more. I order from Test Fabrics #419 or #400M. Call for prices and availability. May also use other fabric like linen. No thin fabrics like gauze.

**Before Class:** To soda soak fabric for printing for this class look at videos on my blog on how I soda soak (look on computer, not on your phone, for word salad at bottom of blog for "video" to see all the printing videos and suggestions)

<https://piecesandresistance.blogspot.com/2020/06/how-i-soda-soak-fabric.html>

1. **This is really important!** BEFORE SODA SOAKING YOUR FABRIC (step 2) **Sew tags with a sewing machine (not pinned or stapled) to your fabric** with tyvek (old US mail envelopes, add in sharpie marker your *first name and last initial*. These tags should hang off one corner, can be larger than 3" x 4", but not smaller.



2. **Soda Soak** Make ahead of class; soda soak your fabric. In a large bucket add two gallons warm water to two cups sodium carbonate (soda ash), add fabric loosely (a few pieces at a time) to this solution and soak 15 minutes or more. Ring out by hand, hang on a line to dry, **do not dry in dryer**. Here's a tip: after soaking, ring by hand slightly, then place in the bottom of a laundry tub or bathtub or shower, or similar (I've even used an empty bucket) to let "drain" for a while or overnight, and then when hanging up fabric there is a minimal drip of soda ash solution. Don't worry about wrinkles! We'll talk about how to deal with that, so ironing isn't necessary.