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1. Draw with drawing fluid (blue) using a paint brush, little squeeze bottle, refillable pen, or make impressions with an object.
2. Let dry.
3. Coat with screen filler (red)
4. Let dry.
5. Rinse out drawing fluid (blue) - screen filler remains and where the drawing fluid was is what will print.

Choose this option if:

- You want to be able to change ink colors
- You want your image to have fine detail
- You want your image to have a drawn/painted look

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2. Tape the cut paper to the back of your screen using painter's tape.
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