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Pad printing is a printing process that transfers a 2D image onto a 3D object using a silicone pad. This process is commonly used for printing on products with irregular surfaces, as the silicone pad can adapt to the shape of the object being printed. The pad is similar to a large stamp and it can print up to 20-22% around a glass jar in one pass. The pad printing machine has 5 printing pads/arms that each have a part of the design on the pad. Once one part of the jar is printed with one or more pads, the jar rotates and the next pad swings around and prints the next section of the jar. If there are 2 colors printed on a specific section of the jar, then 2 pads will be used in that section. If 3 colors, then 3 pads will be used and so on. The goal is to print the entire artwork in one setup with the 5 pads.

