

General Instructions for Using Iron-On Transfer Paper

Iron-On Transfer Paper lets you to transfer images onto t-shirts. Iron-On Transfer Paper can be used with inkjet or laser printers. Different types of Iron-On Transfer Paper are readily available at Amazon.com. **Be sure to purchase paper that's the right kind for your printer and that the paper uses mirror mode.**

What You Need to Use Iron On Transfers

- Inkjet or Laser Printer: To print your designs onto the transfer paper.
- Transfer Paper: Sized for your printer (8.5" x 11"). Be sure to use the right paper that is made for the printer you are using, either an inkjet or laser printer.
- Fabric: Such as t-shirts, aprons, tote bags, pillowcases.
- Hot Iron: Must have a heat setting for at least 375°F - 400°F.
- Hard, Heat-Resistant Surface: Ironing board (without cover) or wood table.
- Parchment Paper (optional): Protect transfers and prevents heat damage on fabrics.

Guide to Applying Transfers

- Print the graphic onto the Iron-On Transfer Paper in mirror image mode, based on the Iron-On Transfer Paper instructions. Print in the highest quality settings.
- Prepare the fabric by first washing and thoroughly drying the item to preshrink it. If needed, iron it to remove any wrinkles.
- Place the fabric on a smooth, hard, heat-resistant surface, making sure there are no wrinkles. If using an ironing board, don't use a cover.
- Trim around the edges of the graphic on the transfer paper to remove any unprinted areas. This will prevent staining the fabric.
- Set the heat on the iron to the setting recommended on the Iron-On Transfer Paper instructions, usually cotton or linen. Fully preheat the iron before using.
- With the printed side down, position the transfer on the fabric in the desired spot. Be sure the graphic is in the right place and not reversed.
- Firmly iron on the back (unprinted side) of the transfer paper for 30-60 seconds. **Don't slide the iron around.** Apply firm, even pressure. Check the instructions for the recommended ironing time for the paper you are using.
- Seal and iron again, if desired. Applying a product like Fabric Mod Podge will keep stray fibers and the transfer sealed. For a smooth, even transfer, place parchment paper over it and iron again for 15-30 seconds.

How to Care for Items with Ironed On Transfers

- Turn the garment or fabric item inside out before washing. Use cold water on a gentle cycle.
- Don't use bleach or harsh detergents that can break down the ink.
- Lay flat or hang to dry. Avoid using the dryer. The heat can damage the image over time.
- For items that will be washed a lot, seal the graphic with a fabric sealant like Mod Podge before washing for the first time. This will protect the image.