



## Dark T-Shirt Transfers Use & Care Instructions

Printworks® Dark T-Shirt Transfers have a fade-resisting transfer formula and cool-peel technology that makes printing, handling and washing them easy. Create personalized shirts, bags, hats and sports apparel for your friends, family or next special event.

Printworks Dark T-Shirt Transfers are to be used on colored cotton or cotton/poly blend fabrics.

*For best results, read all instructions before proceeding!*



**DO NOT USE THIS TRANSFER PAPER WITH A LASER PRINTER!** Using transfer paper with a laser printer will result in permanent damage to the printer.

### What you need

- Inkjet printer
- New, colored cotton or cotton/poly blend fabric.
- Pillowcase (this will be placed between your fabric and ironing surface)
- Household iron (for best results, check bottom of iron for smooth, flat surface to ensure 100% coverage when ironing)
- Ironing surface (must be smooth, hard and non-porous. **Do not use an ironing board.**)

### Preparing your fabric for transfer

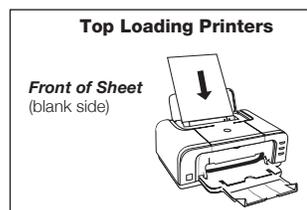
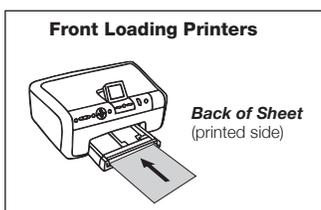
Refer to the label to be sure your fabric is cotton or a cotton/poly blend. Iron your fabric, if necessary, to remove any wrinkles. Allow fabric to cool before applying transfer.

### Designing your transfer

You may use any computer software program that manipulates then prints images. The most commonly used are Microsoft® Word and PowerPoint or Adobe® Photoshop®. When designing the graphics and/or image, keep in mind that this transfer is white and omit or void areas within the design will remain white after printing.

### Printing your transfer

1. Test Print: We recommend **FIRST** printing your image on a plain piece of paper to ensure desired size and image location. (*Note: You may do this in fast or draft mode to conserve ink.*) **Unlike the White T-Shirt Transfers, do NOT print the image as a reverse or mirror image.**
2. Print on the blank side of the transfer. Load one sheet of the transfer paper into your printer according to your printer type. Do not stack feed.
3. Select **Print** from the **File** menu.
4. Click **Preferences, Properties** or **Options** (depending on your printer) from the **Print** window.
5. Change the printer settings using the closest paper type for Iron-On T-Shirt Transfers.
6. Allow print to dry for at least 30 minutes before proceeding to transfer.



## Transferring your image with an iron (adult supervision is always recommended for children)

**Important!** Proper heat, pressure and time are all required for a successful transfer. The more pressure applied when ironing, the better your results. Also ensure iron remains on during entire transfer process as some irons have an auto-off feature.

- 1. Heat iron to maximum cotton setting** for 100% cotton fabrics or maximum 'blend' setting for cotton/poly blend fabrics. Do not use steam setting. If iron has a steam nozzle, use area on iron without a nozzle for even heat.
- 2. Cut out design:** Trim your image as close to the edge of your printed design as possible (See Figure A). Any border will be white on your fabric.
- 3. Place wrinkle-free pillowcase on a hard, smooth, non-porous ironing surface. Do not use a glass surface or an ironing board.** Lay fabric on top of the pillowcase and smooth it with your hands to ensure the transfer area is wrinkle free.
- 4. Peel away grid backing paper.** If you have trouble getting the backing removal started, lightly score the backing with a blade being careful not to cut the transfer layer. Bend the transfer along the score to expose the transfer (See Figure B).
- 5. Carefully place printed transfer on fabric with design/image facing upwards in desired position.**
- 6. Completely cover transfer with enclosed overlay paper** (Note: Do not discard overlay paper. It may be used more than once).
- 7. Refer to the table** (See Figure C) to determine the correct ironing time. Iron transfer with **firm pressure** (we recommend using both hands) in a straight, non-stop motion top-to-bottom and side-to-side. Keep iron moving at all times to prevent scorching. Stop ironing if the transfer begins to yellow. Make one final pass with the iron around the transfer's edges to ensure adhesion (See Figure D).
- 8. Allow fabric to cool completely. Smoothly and evenly peel away overlay paper** (See Figure E). If any of the image appears that it did not adhere completely, it may be corrected by covering it with the overlay paper and ironing over the area in question again.

Figure A.

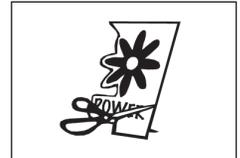


Figure B.



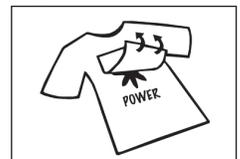
Figure C.

Sheet Size	Time
1/4 Page	1 Min.
1/2 Page	2 Min.
Full Page	3 Min.

Figure D.



Figure E.



### Care and handling

Wait at least 24 hours before washing or wearing your garment. This is to allow the best possible ink drying. To prolong the vibrancy of the transfer, wash garment inside out in cold water. Do not use bleach. Remove garment as soon as the wash cycle is complete. With garment inside out, tumble dry using dryer settings based on the fabric material or lay transfer face up and flat to dry (preventing transfer surface from touching and then bleeding onto fabric). If ironing fabric is desired, do not iron directly on the transfer.

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