

# INSTRUCTIONS

## Step 1 – Print on the Fabric

1. To properly feed through your inkjet printer, the fabric sheet needs to be fairly flat. If the sheet is curled, iron it on the paper side with the iron set to *Wool with No Steam*. Or you can flatten the fabric sheet by rolling it against the curl.
2. Cut off any loose fabric threads (but don't pull on them). Blow or brush off any dust or loose threads.
3. Set the printer to a Matte Paper or Plain Paper setting. Do not use a glossy paper setting, because not enough ink will be applied and the image will look washed out. Each printer is a little different, so vary your settings as needed to achieve the best results.
4. Place a fabric sheet in the printer.
5. Click Print.
6. Let the ink dry for about 5 minutes. With some printers in humid environments, let the ink dry longer.

## Step 2 – Remove the Paper Backing

1. Use your fingernail or a pin to lift a corner of the fabric off the paper. To make it easier to get started, make a small tear in the edge of the fabric sheet. (Only the paper will tear, not the fabric.)
2. Peel the fabric off the paper.

## Step 3 – Rinse the Fabric (Optional)

Rinsing removes any excess ink, pre-shrinks the fabric and restores the fabric's soft, natural hand.

*If you are making items that will never be washed, you do not need to rinse the fabric. Also, with most kinds of printer inks, you can skip the rinse step and use your printed fabric right away.*

1. Select a container that is large enough to lay the fabric out flat in. The container can be made of plastic, metal or glass.
2. Prepare a rinse solution by mixing liquid fabric softener into cool tap water. Use 4 tablespoons of fabric softener for each cup of water. Snuggle<sup>®</sup> works well. Do not use Downy<sup>®</sup> or softeners with special additives. The solution can be reused until its color changes.
3. Drop the fabric face-down in the rinse solution. Place it in all at once. If it floats, push it down with your fingers.
4. Gently swish the fabric in place for about 15 seconds. Hold the fabric by two corners and swish it to push away any ink that is floating in the water, and then lift the fabric out of the rinse solution. Make sure that the fabric does not fold back on itself.
5. Place the fabric face down on a towel.
6. Fold part of the towel over on the fabric and blot it to remove excess moisture. Open the towel right away. If you see a ghost of the image, don't worry—it is merely excess ink.
7. Lay the fabric face-up on a flat, clean surface to dry. You can use a hair dryer to speed up the drying.

For added protection for items subjected to heavy wear, apply a fabric protector such as Scotchgard<sup>™</sup>.

## HOW TO WASH THE FABRIC

For best results, hand-wash the fabric using a color-safe, mild laundry detergent such as Woolite<sup>®</sup> Darks. Do not use bleach. The wash fastness depends on the kind of printer ink. Fabrics printed on many kinds of inkjet printers can be machine-washed. A gentle cycle with cold water works best. Dry flat or hang to dry. Do not dry clean. Iron without steam on the reverse side of the fabric or using a press cloth.

For photos and in-depth instructions, see [www.PrintableFabrics.com](http://www.PrintableFabrics.com).