Photos on Fabric

All cotton fabrics sold for ink jet printing might look alike. The truth is that each company that prepares and sells these products is making their own formulas. That means that the printed qualities and the longevity of prints can vary significantly.

Our backing papers ensure that each sheet will pass evenly, cleanly, and clearly through your printer. There is a wide variety of printers and inks. All ink jet printers work well, but results may differ based on your printer choice.

Some inks bleed more or less than others. ***The following rinse procedure will set the colors***. Products containing bleach or other ingredients that might say lighteners, brighteners, ultra bright, or words you cannot pronounce will probably pull color out.

- After printing, peel the backing off to allow the ink between the backing and the printed fabrics to dry best. Let the fabric sheet air dry for 24-48 hours.

- Mix 1/4 cup Snuggle Fabric Softener and 1 cup water in a plastic or glass container.

- Holding the top 2 corners, immerse and drag the fabric piece through the wash, away from you. Have a towel right next to you, as well as a hair dryer plugged in ready for use. Once you print is wet with the mixture, hold it up a few seconds to drip back into the container.

- Lay the fabric piece on the towel, gently roll up the print in the towel, and slightly squeeze to remove excess moisture.

- Quick dry using the hair dryer. Work one print at a time.

- Make laundry label on back with laundry instructions. A very safe product containing no bleach is Woolite for Darks.

Settings & other suggestions for printing on fabric sheets

- Set the printer for envelope, card stock, or thick to allow for the thickness. These settings will move the ink heads slightly away from the rollers.
- Choose matte paper.
- Do not use high speed setting.
- Look at the fabric surface and blow off any loose threads that might be on the fabric print surface.
- If you want greater contrast and brightness, add +3 to brightness; increase the contrast and saturation +15. You can test your printer on some prints to get a feeling for your printer and what results you get when selecting each range.
- If your printer takes 4" x 6", you can cut the page into quarters. You can then test printing 4 times from a single sheet instead of wasting a whole sheet each trial. However, remember that the sheets are actually 4.25" x 5.5" and you will have best results if you select 4" x 6" paper size, and then to print each, choose to print only at about 85% so that you will have a border around the print. You can also choose to print 1/2 page or 5" x 7" sizes also.