

Photo Editing:

There are many computer programs for viewing and editing photos/designs - prior to printing if your photo is too dark/light or too pale or too bright.

For Example:

Preview for Apple

(very basic but very easy to use)

Photoshop for Apple or PC

(costly & not quick/easy but available basic up to professional)

A Google search for “photo editing programs for computer”

turned up a great list of free Photoshop alternatives:

<https://www.techradar.com/best/free-photo-editor>

The two editing changes I find the most useful are

Exposure and Saturation (color intensity)

Prior to printing I use the editing TOOLS in Preview (Adjust Color Feature).

see example

if my photo is too dark/light I alter the EXPOSURE

if my photo is too pale or too bright I alter the SATURATION

see example

Does anyone have image editing programs they have used, & can recommend?

Printing on Fabric:

photos, quilt labels or sentiments

The most vivid prints will be on white fabric.

Fusible Backed Fabric (*example*):

Iron fusible webbing to back of your fabric – cut to size

Make sure the fusible web is securely attached, especially at corners!

June Tailor “Quick Fuse” fabric sheets

These worked well in the printer & the image was more good

(*I like to iron fusible backed fabric onto a canvas for a quick way to hang a photo on a wall. In my example the canvas was too wide for the 8.5" x 11" print - so the iron got the canvas corners dirty - you could use a smaller canvas or cover the corners as you iron.)

'Plain' Fabrics (example):

I tried **Terial Magic** fabric stabilizer, soak material, let it dry, cut to size
I found it difficult to use & my image was not great

Iron freezer paper to the back of fabric – cut to size

Make sure the freezer paper is securely attached, especially corners!

EQ Printables are Pre-treated white fabric sheets

backed with a removable plastic; good brand & image was nice.

***YouTube Video: Treasurie shows how to use freezer paper, vinegar to set an imprint & fusible web – to make clothing labels:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvFllb1ZAZg>

Transfer Paper (for anything you can't run through a printer, t-shirts) (**example**):

June Tailor "Print 'n Press"

Heat n Bond Transfer paper (I had more luck with this one)

Follow directions carefully! Both were fairly easy to apply.

I had better luck with the Heat 'n Bond Transfer Paper -

However in the YouTube video I'm going to show you,

the June Tailor transfer works better than mine.

***YouTube Video: June Tailor Co. shows how to use heat transfer paper:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFbkDwtBeJM>

Does anyone have a transfer paper they've used, & can definitely recommend?

***Rinsing, Waterproofing and UV Protection:**

- Most home printers use pigment inks – so you can just air dry the print.
 - You can find out by going on line to your printer's web site
- Pressing the imprint on your fabric with a hot iron can help set the ink.
 - **NEVER directly iron** on your heat-transfer image.
- UV spray is great protection for items which will hang (ScotchGuard)

- The Graphics Fairy says:
 - If you do not have waterproof ink in your printer, soak the printed fabric in vinegar for 10 minutes, let dry – that will make it waterproof.

The Graphics Fairy is an interesting resource:

<https://thegraphicsfairy.com>

Quilt labels and Sentiments

Words can be printed on inkjet printers with the same methods and in the same manner as photos:

*YouTube Video: National Quilter's Circle shows a great way to print & attach a quilt label:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ByCUitoBDT8>

Additional Links for Printing on Fabric:

C.T. Publications search on 'printing' on fabric, useful books:

https://www.ctpub.com/search.php?search_query=printing§ion=product

National Quilter's Circle search on printing on fabric:

<https://www.nationalquilterscircle.com/?s=printing+on+fabric>