

# Inkjet Transfer Paper

## Frequently Asked Questions

*Find the answers you need to inkjet transfer paper-related questions*

### Will the paper work in any type of inkjet printer?

Yes, we recommend any inkjet printer that uses OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) inks, pigmented inks, eco solvent inks, solvent inks, sublimation inks and UV inks.

### What kind of inks do I need to use?

Pigmented inks are the most stable for transfers, but you can also use OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) inks, eco solvent inks, solvent inks, sublimation inks and UV inks.

### What DPI should my artwork have?

No need to use more than 600 x 600 dpi. If you use more, you may over saturate the paper with ink and cause bleeding.

### Do I need to mirror my image?

- InkTra requires a mirrored image.
- InkTra Opaque do NOT mirror the image.
- InkTra Opaque Stretch do NOT mirror the image.

### What texture is the finished product? (matte/shiny/plastic like, etc)

InkTra paper has a matte finish. It can be made glossy with a second application using Digital Gloss paper (cold peel). The gloss finish will not hold up in washings. If you require a longer gloss finish, use with the Opaque Material and then a second application of Digital Gloss. This will extend the life of the gloss finish.

### What type of textiles do Inkjet transfers apply to?

You can transfer onto 100% cotton or cotton blends, polyester, Lycra®, spandex and some nylon. Thinner textiles/fabrics or more stretchable materials, the more the coating is noticed from the InkTra and InkTra Opaque. If using blended fabrics, use one with least amount of Polyester as the coating will appear more with greater amounts of Polyester, especially ash colored garments.

### What color textile can I apply a transfer onto?

- InkTra: for best results use white or light-colored

fabrics. Pastel colored garments can be used, but the colors will be altered by the darker fabric color.

- InkTra Opaque: safely transfer designs onto any color fabrics without altering the colors.
- InkTra Opaque Stretch: safely transfer designs onto any color fabrics without altering the colors.

### Will the colors transfer properly, or do I need to configure/adjust the RGB?

Colors should print properly, except with Epson Ultrachrome and Durabright Inks. You may need to adjust (increase) the yellow color slightly to compensate for the lack of transferability.

### Will the coating of the transfer sheet transfer ok?

Yes, the coating of the InkTra will transfer as well. It is recommended to cut the image out as close to the edge as possible, approx. ¼" or less. Some fabric blends are less compatible with transfer papers, such as ash and fluorescent colors, we recommend testing. Some brands are better suited than others for transfers. InkTra Opaque will transfer well as long as the image is cut out, otherwise it will show the white film.

### Do I need to transfer with an industrial heat press?

#### Can I use a standard home iron?

For best results, we recommend an industrial heat press. InkTra and InkTra Opaque will apply with a home iron, however the transfer will not last as long on the garment when washed.

### What are the application instructions?

Review the instructions of each paper and follow them carefully. [www.transferpaperexperts.com/application-instruction](http://www.transferpaperexperts.com/application-instruction)

### How many washes does the transfer last?

Transfers last between 7-10 washings when applied with a home iron, 10-15 washings if a heat press is used.

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### Will the transfer bleed or the colors run?

The transfer will not bleed when using the recommended inks. Using generic inks (inexpensive) chances are the transfer will bleed or run after transferring. Wash the garment as soon as possible and use a dryer, do not hang to dry.

### How does it compare with sublimation?

Sublimation is a liquid that turns into a gas and adheres onto polymer. Sublimation can only transfer onto polyester shirts, unless using SubliToCotton paper (both are superior in washings then InkTra and InkTra Opaque). InkTra and InkTra Opaque can transfer onto a large variety of fabrics.

### Can I transfer onto substrates other than fabrics?

Inktra can also transfer onto wood.

### What type of T-shirt is better?

For washing, the 50/50 fabric blend is better. Cotton fabric will show the coating less once transferred.

### How long do I wait after printing before I transfer the image?

InkTra can be transferred immediately, however we recommend waiting 10 to 15 minutes, for all inkjet papers.

### Do I need to use a cover sheet?

We recommend using a cover sheet with InkTra Opaque and InkTra Opaque Stretch.

### What type of cover sheet do I use?

Always use a silicone treated cover sheet.

### What type of finish does a cover sheet provide?

- Kraft Paper: matte finish
- Siliconized Cover Sheet: glossy finish
- Digital Gloss Sheet: high gloss finish

### Do I peel the cover sheet hot or cold?

Most cover sheets can be peeled warm (not hot). Digital Gloss sheet must be peeled cold.

### Can the cover sheet be re-used?

Yes. The thicker the cover sheet, the more durable and more times it can be re-used. Semi-transparent cover sheet, use 10 times. Kraft paper, use up to 50 times. Digital Gloss sheets use 20 times. If you have ink on the cover sheet, it can transfer to the garment. At that time, it's best to change out the cover sheet.

### How can I eliminate ink on the cover sheet?

Heat press the tainted cover sheet onto a regular bond paper for a few seconds to eliminate the ink.

### Will Inktra Opaque crack when stretching?

InkTra Opaque will not stretch much, therefore not crack. InkTra Opaque Stretch will stretch a bit more, but also not crack. As the garment has been washed in more than 6 to 8 cycles, you may start seeing regular wear and tear on the image. This is normal with all inkjet dark-colored transfers.

### Can I not transfer the white of InkTra Opaque?

You will need to cut out any white paper you don't want in the image, otherwise it will appear when transferred.

### How easy is it to cut InkTra Opaque?

Very easy. We recommend using sharp scissors, X-acto knife or a vinyl cutter.

### Will Opaque break when I peel the film?

No, the paper is stretchable and will not tear.

### Will the texture show on the transfer?

InkTra paper will take on the texture. InkTra Opaque will as well, but not as noticeable.

### How well does the product breathe/air-out?

InkTra paper is an excellent stretchable and breathable material after transferring. InkTra Opaque papers are not breathable. InkTra Opaque Stretch is more stretchable than the InkTra Opaque.