



Graphic Iron-On Instructions

Purchase iron-on transfer paper.

Purchase iron-on transfer paper at a craft store or online. Transfer paper comes in two different variations: transfer sheets to be used on light-colored fabrics, and transfer sheets to be used on dark-colored fabrics. Using the right kind of transfer sheets can help ensure that you get the best looking results from your iron-on transfer.

How to print the iron-on transfer:

Mirror digital image: Utilize Printer Settings to mirror the image before printing. The design will need to print in mirror image so it reads forward once applied to the shirt.

Print the transfer.

Test print on a piece of paper to insure your image is the size and color you want. When you are happy with your test, load the iron-on transfer paper into any inkjet printer.

Apply the transfer.

Lay out the fabric. Place the t-shirt or fabric on a hard, flat surface, and smooth out the shirt with the iron if the shirt happens to be wrinkly. The surface you're ironing on should be heat resistant (unlike an ironing board) and should be large enough to be able to iron the entire area of the transfer.

Protect fabric from the transfer.

Protect your fabric from the transfer. Place a piece of cardboard or a folded up brown paper bag inside the shirt directly underneath where the transfer image will be ironed on. Putting a barrier between the two pieces of fabric stops the heat of the iron from transferring the image onto both sides of the t-shirt.

Position the transfer.

Place the transfer image-side down on the fabric. Put the transfer on the fabric precisely where you want the image to be.

Iron on the transfer.

Ironing on transfer images differs from normal ironing with an ironing board. Iron-on transfers need a lot of direct heat, meaning using an ironing board wouldn't really be efficient since ironing boards help to spread out and diffuse heat. Ironing on hard surfaces like Formica or a wooden cutting board would be especially useful for doing iron-on transfers because they are good at retaining heat.

Disperse the iron's heat evenly.

Iron the image by moving the iron around in large circles on top of the transfer paper. Focus initially on the outside edges of the image, and gradually work your way inward to the center of the image. Be sure to consistently apply pressure and iron for about 3 minutes. Keep the iron moving to prevent scorching the paper and burning the image.

Wait for the transfer to cool.

Turn off the iron when you're finished, and let the image cool down for a few minutes. If you take off the back of the transfer paper before the image is cool enough, you could disastrously mess up the image.

Gently peel off the backing paper. You'll want to start at one of the paper's corners.

Wait at least 24 hours after you've applied the iron-on transfer before you wash your fabric.