

# Create-A-Poster or Banner



Poster



Banner

Its easy to enlarge a favourite photo to a Poster or Banner and print out onto fabric. This is a great way to unleash your creative energy and produce a wonderful unique artistic project that all your family and friends will admire.

With technology moving at such a fast pace its easy to feel a little daunted at times. Poster and Banner printing is virtually the same as printing any other picture. No fancy printers are required. Most basic A4 printers will help to complete your project.

Fabric printing has also caught up with technology no longer do we have to soak our fabric in formaldehyde solution. One Australian brand of pre treated fabric Premium™ printable fabric has paved the way for clarity without loss of colour. The bonus is Premium™ Printable Fabric sheets are fully washable making them perfect for quilts, clothing or other craft projects.

The examples above were printed using a regular Epson A4 printer r.r.p \$59.95. (2009)

The Poster image above is a scanned photo which looks fabulous. Digital photos produce the best quality photos.

The Banner has quilt blocks insert next to each other (from Quilt Collection No.2 CD) using Microsoft® Publisher program. Then a text box was included with the craft group name, plus a circular shape behind it for added colour. Banners look great with the group members photos and a picture of their meeting venue. Why not get together for this project.

Many programs can be used to print a Poster or Banner.

Basically any program that allows the following procedure:

**Insert > Picture > From File > My Pictures** = select your picture > **Insert** to page.

Now check the margins of the page.

**File > Page Setup > Margins** > set all margins to '0'zero. **Orientation** > set as desired.

**Paper > Paper Size** = A4 (210mm x297mm) See measurements on brand of fabric sheets being used first!

Printing

**File > Print Preview** > check picture is inside the printable area. If not, close print preview and adjust your picture. Continue to use Print Preview until you are satisfied with the layout.

I hope you understand there are too many printers to list all instructions. Below is an example of most popular brands for home use. If you can not understand how to proceed see the printers Help manual and Instruction booklet.

## Hewlett Packard Printer

File > Print > Properties > Paper size = A4 (210mm x297mm)

Quality = Best (or Photo)

Paper/Quality > Size is > choose size or change in Effects.

Effects > Can be changed to equal a desired size. Scroll down list to find the size you want to print out

for example page can be changed to Panoramic or A2 size (poster size). Click on the effect to see the page change size.

## Canon Printer

File > Print > Properties > Main > Paper = A4 (210mm x297mm)

Photo Quality = High

Page Layout > Page Size = Can be changed to equal a desired size. Scroll down list to find the size you want to print out for example page can be changed to A2 size (poster size). Click on the drop down box to see the page change size.

## Epson Printer

File > Print > Properties > Main > Paper Options = A4 (210mm x297mm)

Paper Quality = Photo

Page Layout > Multi Page > Poster Printing = select desired amount of pages.

The printer will automatically split the pages and leave a margin. This margin is used as your seam allowance.



Poster size A4 x 4



Banner size 3 x A4

Basic instructions for Microsoft® Publisher are specified. (another preferred program can be used)

This symbol > means *click* on command

1. Turn on computer and open Microsoft® Publisher program.
2. **File > Page Setup > Layout > Publication Type = Poster or Banner Paper Size = A4 (210mm x297mm)**
3. **Insert > Picture > From File > My Pictures > select family picture > Insert** to page.
4. Adding Text to a Picture.  
**Insert** text box > **Type** text. To change fill colour of the text box **Format > Colour and Lines > Fill = No fill**
5. **SAVE** file as createposter.doc (or applicable name)
6. **Print** completed layout. For best results use Premium Printable Fabric, following manufacturer's instructions.  
Add a small amount of fabric softener in the rinse water to help retain colour and softness.

Hopefully this information will help you, remember there are hundreds of Programs and Printers available today, you may need to see your Program or Printer manual for further instructions.

### **Brands of Inkjet Fabric.**

I have been printing on fabric using inkjet and laser printers for over ten years now and tested every brand that comes out. The results of your finished fabric print will depend on various factors such as:

**Photo choice:** When choosing a photo to print not ALL photos give a good result. If the photo chosen is not of good quality you will not get a good result. Older scanned photos may require photo enhancing to improve lost colour or flecks, the same goes for red eyes in photos. Light bright photos are the best choice. Wedding photos with a lot of black will loose colour as the black is very intense. This is a dyeing process, like any dyeing process reds and blacks are synonymous for running. Leave in the rinse water longer here.

**Brand of Printer:** Each printer company produces different grades of ink.


**Printer inks used ;** DO NOT use generic or refillable inks for fabric printing only Genuine Inks for best results.

**Inkjet Fabric brand:** White fabric sheets will produce true colour where cream coloured fabric will mix with the inks changing the end result.

**Length of drying time:** For best results leave printed fabric 24hrs before rinsing excessive ink out.

### **Reasons to rinse:**

- a) Pretreated or inkjet fabric as they are known today contain a chemical that bonds the ink from the printer in the fibres of the fabric.
- b) Excessive ink will gather on threads and be dragged across the print as you sew.
- c) Moisture in the air can settle on the print any excessive ink not rinsed off can seep through to other parts of the print. It is recommended to always rinse fabric prints even for embroidery work to be hung on a wall.
- d) Some pretreated fabric brands shrink. Warning: A pieced quilt with unwashed pretreated fabric sheets may shrink!

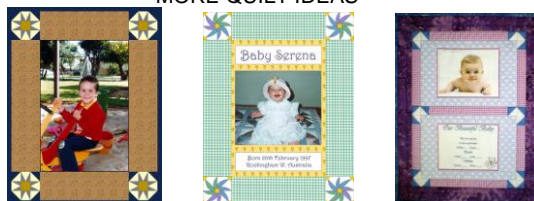
 The purchase of *Premium*™ Printable Fabric helps keep AUD (our dollar) in Australia. All other brands including brands with Australian type names are internationally manufactured and owned.

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Many thanks

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