

South Bay Quilters Guild

How to make a Quilt Label using your Home Ink Jet Printer

- A. **Use printable fabric that is suitable for your ink jet printer to print your labels.**
OR: If you need to create printer-ready fabric, prepare freezer paper and fabric:
1. Pre-treat light-colored fabric using Bubble Jet Set or similar product (follow product directions) so the fabric will be colorfast and retain ink.
 2. Use a rotary cutter to cut an 8 ½ x 11" piece of freezer paper (be accurate; you can use a piece of printer paper as a guide).
 3. Cut a piece of pre-treated fabric slightly larger than the freezer paper.
 4. Iron your fabric onto the plastic side (not the paper side) of the freezer paper.
 5. Use a rotary cutter to cut the edges of the fabric even with the edge of the freezer paper and be sure there are no stray threads (this helps keep the paper/fabric from jamming the printer).
- B. **Download the Label Template and store it on your computer.** If your printer is connected to your computer you can print directly from your computer. **OR:**
- C. **If you are working with a printed copy of the Label Template (not printing from your computer file):**
1. Be sure your copy is a clean copy printed on white paper.
 2. Place your label template on your printer glass.
- D. Put your fabric paper in the printer tray (which side goes up depends on your printer). Some use the rear feed slot (if available) if the printer has one, if the paper tray causes a jam.
- E. Print your labels, and allow the labels to dry completely.
- F. If you are signing your label, use a Micron Pigma pen. Note: DO NOT USE SHARPIE!
- G. For printable fabric, follow the product directions to peel the backing off of the fabric. For fabric backed with freezer paper, peel the freezer paper off your label. (Note: you can use the freezer paper several times until it stops sticking to the fabric.)
- H. Follow product directions (for printable fabric or Bubble Jet Set treated fabric) to set the ink.
- I. Cut the sheet of labels apart using a rotary cutter.
- J. Turn the edges of the labels under a scant ¼" and sew to the back of the quilt at the lower left corner.

Thank you for your help!