

Fabric Treatment for the Ink Jet Printer

You will need:

1 teaspoon Synthrapol (a bottle is \$3.99 at 35th Ave Sew-n-Vac)

1 Tablespoon Retayne (a bottle is \$4.99 at 35th Ave Sew-n-Vac)

1/2 teaspoon Non-Iodized or Kosher Salt

1 teaspoon Soda Ash (Used in swimming pools for Ph balance)

Bottled water

One-gallon plastic zip-lock bag

Glass bowl to soak fabric in (Do Not Use a metal bowl)

1 to 1 1/2 yards of 100% Cotton fabric (Do Not Use the "perma-press" type muslin)

Freezer paper

Iron

Do this at the sink.

1. Soak the fabric in a solution of bottled water and 1 teaspoon of Synthrapol in the glass bowl for about 20 minutes. Rinse thoroughly to get the Synthrapol out.
2. In the one-gallon plastic bag, add two cups of bottled water and the soda ash and salt. Make sure it the salt doesn't have iodine in it.
3. Once the soda ash and salt have dissolved, add the fabric and seal up the bag. Squeeze the bag to work the solution into the fabric. Let it sit for 30 minutes.
4. Open up the bag and add 1 Tablespoon of Retayne. Re-seal the bag and squeeze the bag to mix the Retayne into the fabric solution.
5. Let the fabric sit in the bag for at least one hour or more. Flip the bag around every 15 minutes or so during the time it is soaking to assure an even treatment.
6. Use the latex gloves at this point. Pull the fabric out and squeeze out all the excess liquid. Do Not Rinse!!! Dump out extra liquid.
7. Hang the fabric to dry or dry it in the dryer. Iron fabric after it has dried.
8. Cut both fabric and freezer paper into 9" x 11.5" rectangles.
9. Iron the fabric onto the freezer paper and cut down to 8.5" x 11" size.

Printer Properties Settings

1. Set you printer properties to print at "Best".
2. Set at maximum setting for ink. (Note: This will use up more ink than usual, but it looks better on the fabric.)
3. Set the printer drying time to a slower setting. Set paper preference for an "Iron On Transfer".
4. If you want more vibrancy, or a change in color values, makes these adjustments with your printer settings.
5. Make sure your graphics will print at the size you want. Print.
6. Your printer settings may need adjustment before printing on each piece of fabric. Check the settings everytime you want to print to fabric because some printers will reset to the normal settings.
7. Place a blank piece of paper on top of the graphics and press with an Iron. This way you don't transfer extra ink onto your Iron.
8. Let it cool and re-press with the Iron again.
9. Wait 24 hours before washing the printed fabric. It may bleed slightly, but it should not wash out.