



# Avery® T-Shirt Transfer Instructions

Step by step instructions on how to design, print and iron your Avery T-Shirt Transfers: **Light T-Shirt Transfers 3271, 3275, 8938, 8939, 4271, Dark T-Shirt Transfers 3279.** Now you can apply your own designs, text, or photos to t-shirts, sweatshirts, shorts, aprons, tablecloths, napkins, placemats, bags, and more.

## Items needed:



Ink Jet Printer



Household Iron  
(No steam)



NO Ironing Board, Glass, Granite, Concrete, Heat Sensitive or Heat-Sink Surfaces



Hard Smooth Surface that is heat resistant. (Formica or a wooden cutting board recommended)



Large Cotton Pillowcase



**Light T-Shirt**

Poly/Cotton Blend, White or Light Color Garment\*

**Note: Use Light T-Shirt Transfers 3271™, 3275™, 8938™, 8939™ or 4271™.**



**Dark T-Shirt**

Any 100% Cotton, Dark Color Garment\*

**Note: Use Dark T-Shirt Transfers 3279™.**

\*(For best results, Pre-wash the Garment)

## Designing Your Transfer

### Select an Avery Template

Because T-Shirt Transfer sheets are 8.5" x 11" no specific Avery template or special software is required to create and print your design. However, Avery has created many pre-designed template solutions to help you get started:

**DesignPro:** Templates for this product are included in Avery DesignPro software. Download the standard version of DesignPro for Free at [www.avery.com/software](http://www.avery.com/software).

**AveryPrint:** Design online using the **AveryPrint** section of our website. Go to [www.avery.com](http://www.avery.com) and click the

**AveryPrint** option at the top of the page. Select from a variety of designs, personalize the layout, and print to your desktop inkjet printer.

**Avery Templates for Microsoft® Word:** Templates are available for Microsoft® Word 2000 for Windows® and later versions. Just download a pre-designed template from our website and then personalize it using the formatting tools in Microsoft® Word. To quickly locate and download templates, visit the Avery Pre-Designed Template Gallery at [www.avery.com/gallery](http://www.avery.com/gallery).

### Design Tips

- Transfers are great for personalizing gifts, clothes, and school or kids' projects.
- Create a custom design using photographs, text, and clipart.
- Use bright, crisp colors for a professional silkscreen look.
- Print photographs up to 8"x10" in either landscape or portrait orientation.
- Create one big design, or cut out unique shapes and sizes.
- Dark T-Shirt transfers have a white background. If a white background is not desired, use tools available in your design software to change the background to a color that would compliment your design. After printing, you can also trim around the edges of your design to remove excess material before ironing
- For advanced designers, you can place a color background that matches the color of the garment. Please note that the color you see on the monitor is not the "true" color, so the result may not be a 100% color match.

## Printing Your Transfer



**FOR USE IN INKJET PRINTERS ONLY!** Transfers printed in laser printers or printers that apply heat will adversely affect the transfer.

### Printing Light T-Shirt Transfers



Designs for Light T-Shirt Transfers must be flipped when printed or the design will appear backwards when ironed on. Choose one of the following flipping methods only.

**Note: Do not flip the design in both the software and the printer settings; choose one method only.**

- **Software:** Check your program's help file to determine how to flip images. Key words to search include: flip, mirror, or t-shirt transfer. Some software will not flip text.
- **Printer:** Within your printer's Properties setup, look for an option called Flip Horizontal, Mirror Image, or a paper setting for T-Shirt Transfer.
- Test print your design on plain paper to make sure the image is flipped when printed.

### Printing Dark T-Shirt Transfers



Designs for Dark T-Shirt Transfers are printed normally. **No flipping of the printed image is required.**

Create and print your design as you want it to appear when ironed on. How your design prints onto the dark t-shirt transfer is how the orientation of the image will appear on the garment.

- Some printers and software programs (for example: Adobe® PhotoDeluxe®) automatically flip the image when t-shirt transfer is selected as the project or media type. To determine how to "un-flip" your design, search your program's Help file or review the printer's User Manual.
- Check print options to make sure the "flipped" or "mirror image" option is **NOT** selected.
- Test print your design on plain paper to make sure the image is not flipped when printed.

### Printing Tips

- Do not use t-shirt transfers in laser printers.
- Do not use t-shirt transfers in the HP DeskJet 1200C or 1600C printers, as they apply heat which will adversely affect the transfer.
- Avoid using sheets with bent corners or other damage, as they may jam your printer.
- Allow your transfer to dry completely before handling.
- For best results, Pre-wash the Garment.



# Ironing Your Transfer

Note: The success of your t-shirt transfer project relies on your reading and following these instructions.

## Preparing to Iron (Adult supervision required)

- Find a flat, hard, smooth surface located in a well-ventilated area. To ensure even pressure when ironing, the area should be at or below waist level.
- Fold a cotton pillowcase in half (make sure seams are not under the ironing area) and place it on the ironing surface.
- Set iron to the highest cotton temperature setting and preheat for 5 minutes
- **DO NOT USE STEAM**
- Place the garment on top of the pillowcase, with the area to receive the transfer centered on the pillowcase.
- Iron the garment to remove any wrinkles. Allow garment to completely cool.

## Preparing the Transfer

### Light T-Shirt Transfer

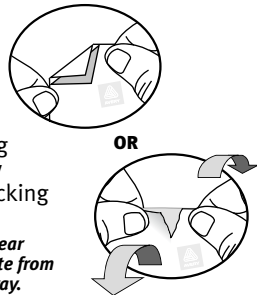


- Position your transfer sheet face down on the garment. The Avery logo should be facing you.

### Dark T-Shirt Transfer



- Peel off and remove the paper backing from the transfer, starting from the corner as shown.



**Tip:** If you have trouble separating from the corner, grip the edge of the transfer (backing with Avery logos facing you) and very gently bend the sheet as shown until the paper backing begins to separate from the transfer.

**Note:** The paper backing may slightly tear (transfer is tear resistant if only gentle pressure is applied) and separate from the transfer as shown, allowing you to easily peel it away.

- Place the transfer on the garment with the image facing up.
- Using a piece of the enclosed ironing tissue paper, completely cover the transfer.

## Determining Ironing Time



Refer to these tables to determine the appropriate ironing times for the size of your image.

**Note:** Make sure your iron remains on the entire time and does not shut off automatically.



### Ironing Times for Light T-Shirt Transfer

Image Size	Ironing Time (Use firm iron pressure)
*1/8 Page	30 seconds
*1/4 Page	45 seconds
1/2 Page	1 ½ minutes
Full Page	3 minutes

\* We recommend using our 4" x 6" Light T-Shirt Transfers 4384™



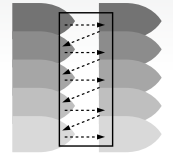
### Ironing Times for Dark T-Shirt Transfers

Image Size	Ironing Time (Use firm iron pressure)
*1/8 Page	30 seconds
*1/4 Page	1 minute
1/2 Page	2 minutes
Full Page	3 minutes

\* We recommend using our 4" x 6" Dark T-Shirt Transfers 4385™

## Ironing

- Use **firm** downward pressure. For best results, hold iron with both hands and lean in with body weight.
- Iron in straight lines, in side-to-side overlapping passes, keeping the iron in constant motion.
- Make sure to completely iron over the entire transfer, especially the corners and edges.



## Remove Paper Backing or Ironing Tissue Paper



- Let the garment/transfer cool completely (approximately 2 minutes, or when cool to the touch) before removing the paper backing (**Light T-Shirt Transfer**) or ironing tissue paper (**Dark T-Shirt Transfer**).
- Peel away paper backing or ironing tissue in a smooth, even motion.

**Note:** If the corners or edges of the transfer lift when the paper backing or ironing tissue is removed, then they were not heated enough when ironed. Replace the paper backing or ironing tissue and iron for an additional minute. Keep the iron in constant motion and focus on the corners and edges of the transfer.

## Washing Instructions



- For best results, wash garment before wearing.
- Turn garment inside out.
- Wash garment separately from others (first time only).
- Machine wash cold; do not dry clean.



- Color-safe detergent.
- No chlorine bleach.
- **Remove promptly from washer.** Colors may bleed if left wet too long. If bleeding occurs, rewash immediately.



- Tumble dry low.
- **Tip:** Add towels to the load to improve drying.
- Do not iron on the transferred image. If garment needs ironing, cover transferred image with paper backing or ironing paper before ironing.

Quick Tips	If using a Light Transfer (3271, 3275, 8938, 4271, 8939)	If using a Dark Transfer (3279)
Print Image:	Flipped	Not Flipped
Garment Color:	Light or White Garment Produces a clear background when ironed.	Black or Dark Color Garment Produces a white background when ironed.
Iron Settings:	Highest Cotton/No Steam	Highest Cotton/No Steam
Place Transfer on Garment:	Face Down	Face Up
When to Remove Backing Paper:	After Ironing	Before Ironing
Ironing Paper Use/Removal:	N/A	Cover image completely. Iron. Remove when cool.
Iron time	See Light Transfer Chart	See Dark Transfer Chart

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