Direct to Garment Printer

The Basics:

Print logos, graphics, text, and pictures directly onto t-shirts with the Epson F2100 Direct to Garment (DTG) Printer. Bring your own design and shirts.

How to use:
Bring in a print-ready file on a flash drive, email, or cloud storage account. Import your file into the Garment Creator software. Load your shirt into the printer. Print.

Details:
The Epson F2100 DTG Printer was designed for high quality printing at fast speeds. It typically takes about two minutes to print a shirt.

Bring your own shirts – they must be brand-new, unwashed, and 100% cotton.

Quick steps: first use the Pearl Elite Pretreatment Machine. This sprays a pretreatment onto the shirt. This will allow for bright and vibrant colors. After using the pretreatment machine, it's as simple as import a file (logo, text, graphic, etc.) into the Garment Creator software, load a shirt into the printer, and print. (see DTG Instruction sheet for more detailed instructions.)

Sizes – Youth Large or larger.

Files – transparent PNG files are preferred. This file type can be made by using design software like CorelDraw or Adobe Illustrator. Both programs are available for free on the Design PCs in TechZone. JPEGs are fine too.

Please have your file ready to print before reserving the DTG printer. Make a separate reservation on one of our Design PCs to design a file at the Library. Our Design PCs offer free access to design software for the professional to the beginner: Adobe Creative cloud, the Corel suite, and also Microsoft Office. If help is needed on design applications, use Lynda.com for tutorials.

Cost:
$6 / shirt

Extras:
A heat press is also required before and after using the DTG Printer. TechZone's heat press is conveniently located right next to the DTG Printer and is available to use for free.

To Make an Appointment:
Walkups are accepted but it is preferred that you make an appointment. Call the TechZone at **330-643-9145** or email us at **esdiv@akronlibrary.org** to make an appointment.

Appointments are held for twenty minutes. If a patron with a reservation does not arrive within twenty minutes of the start time of their appointment, they are considered a no-show, the appointment is forfeited, and the machine will be available for anyone to use.

Rules & Procedures and User Agreement:
Prior to using TechZone, all users must review our TechZone Rules & Procedures and sign a Hold Harmless / User Agreement. Read, print, and sign in TechZone or do it from home and bring a signed copy to your first appointment. These documents can be found at www.akronlibrary.org/tz.

When you arrive:
Stop at the TechZone desk to check in. Read the Rules & Procedures and sign a User Agreement if you have not already done so. Have your design ready and saved to a flash drive, email, or cloud storage. TechZone staff will assist you by speaking from experience, recommending resources, and offering advice to the best of our knowledge.

More information:
For the most up to date information about TechZone equipment, machines, and services please visit www.akronlibrary.org/tz.

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