

## Sublimating onto Fabric

### Step 1: Print the design

- Referring to the Technique Tutorial “Using the Sublimation Printer,” print the design or image out on TexPrint-R paper.

Note – If using Siser EasySubli vinyl rather than TexPrint-R paper, please use Technique Tutorial “Using Siser EasySubli Vinyl” instead.



### Step 2: Select the fabric

- Successful sublimation requires fabric that is at least 80% polyester.
- Best results come from white or very light-colored fabrics.
- Stretchy and non-stretchy fabrics both work just fine for sublimation.



### Step 3: Rough-cut the design if needed

- If the design needs to be in multiple pieces to be placed properly, or needs margins trimmed to make accurate placement easier, cut the paper as needed.
- It is not necessary to trim carefully around the exact borders of a design – extra white paper has no impact on the final piece.



### Step 4: Prepare the press

- Refer to the Technique Tutorial “Using the Heat Press” to set the time and temperature on the press.
- Wait while the press reaches temperature.



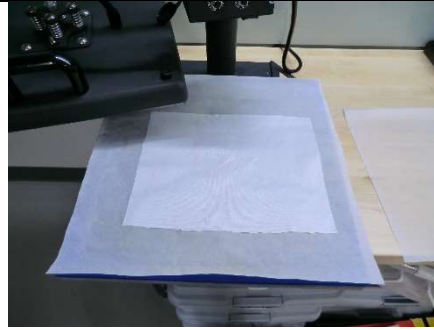
### Step 5: Prepare the fabric

- If desired, once the press is at temperature, place the fabric in the press and close it for 3-5 seconds. This warms, dries, and smooths the fabric for optimal sublimating.

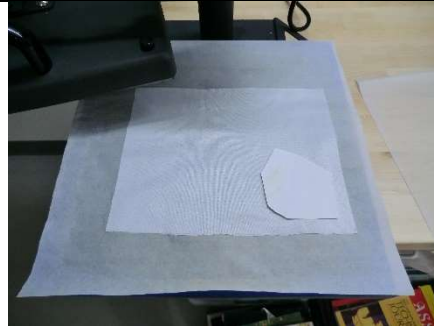


**Step 6: Position the fabric**

- Swing the upper platen out of the way to one side.
- Place a sheet of parchment paper on the lower platen
- Position the fabric so that the area receiving the design is more or less centered on the lower platen.
- Try to avoid having hems, seams, buttons, or other bumpy things near the image being transferred, as these tend to interfere with complete sublimation.
- Smooth all wrinkles out of the fabric.

**Step 7: Position the design**

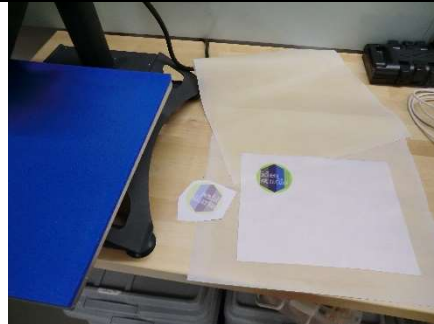
- Place the image to be transferred, image-side down, in the desired location. The side of the paper with the logo should be facing up.
- Place another sheet of parchment paper on top.

**Step 8: Press the item**

- Swing the upper platen back into position.
- Use the main handle to close and lock the press.
- The timer should start counting down.

**Step 9: Remove the item**

- When the timer beeps, use the main handle to open the press and swing the upper platen out of the way.
- Carefully remove the item and the parchment papers from the press, being aware that everything is still quite hot.

**Step 10: Turn off the press**

- When finished, use the red switch to turn the press off.
- Swing the upper platen back into position over the lower one, but leave the press open to cool.

