

## **Instructions for Making Computer Printer Fabric**

Computer designs can be printed on fabric as easily as on paper. Club members can use the directions below to attach printouts to clothing such as shirts, hats, and scarves; to create stuffed Packetville dolls; or to make banners and flags.

### **Materials**

- A computer with an ink jet printer
- A ruler
- A pair of scissors
- An iron
- A roll of freezer paper for the grocery store (Reynolds® brand works well)
- 100% cotton fabric with a smooth weave (preferably muslin with a high thread count)

### **Directions – Ask an Adult to Help You!**

1. Wash and dry the fabric and then iron it flat.
2. Cut the freezer paper to match a standard piece of paper (8.5 x 11 in.). You can use a regular piece of paper as a template.
3. Cut a piece of fabric to make it slightly smaller than the freezer paper.
4. Set the iron on high heat and let it warm up. Iron the fabric to the paper until they stick together. The fabric should be stiff enough to run through the printer.
5. Select the image you want to print.
6. Load the fabric paper into the printer so that it will print on the fabric side. If you are not sure how to load the fabric paper correctly, do a test print on a regular piece of paper. Mark an X on one side the page and print some type to find out which side is the front. Make sure the leading edge of the freezer paper is not folded or curled and no fabric threads are poking over the edges.
7. Set the printer for best quality and print the image. The print quality setting is usually found in the dialog box that comes up just before you print.
8. Let the ink dry for an hour. Then peel the freezer paper away from the fabric and use it in your project. For best results, keep water away from your design.