

Printing Packet Characters on Iron-on Transfer Paper

Club members can use iron-on transfer paper to iron their favorite Packetville characters onto t-shirts or other pieces of cotton clothing. This is a great way to create shirts for club members without having to pay the cost of printing them professionally. You can also use inexpensive muslin to make large banners with photos or other graphics. You could even make a scrapbook for pictures of club events and other memorabilia.

Directions

Have your students select an image or several images from the Character section of Packetville.

Students can copy their selections into a photo-editing program such as Adobe PhotoShop Elements® to create designs they like. They can use characters or the name of the club in their design.

If you don't have a photo-editing program, the images can be inserted into a paint program such as Kid Pix® or a word processing program such as Microsoft Word® or AppleWorks®. These don't offer as much flexibility in design, but these programs work well for resizing images.

Club members should make sure their designs will fit on the intended piece of cloth or clothing.

If there are words in their design, make sure they check the spelling with you before printing. They will also need to reverse the writing by using the flip, mirror, or rotate image tool in the program they are using or the words will come out backwards when they are ironed on.

Students should print their designs on regular paper and then examine the printout to see if it's what they want. If not, they should adjust the design and try printing again on regular paper to avoid wasting the expensive transfer paper.

Make sure students print on the right side of the iron-on transfer paper. If you are not sure how to load the 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.

Students should follow the directions on the package both for printing and transferring their designs. For best results, students should test a few designs on old t-shirts or pieces of cloth. They can also use a piece of cardboard under the area they are ironing for cleaner transfers of designs.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTE: If club members are transferring their designs, make sure they use the iron under your careful supervision. Inform them of your safety rules before they begin.