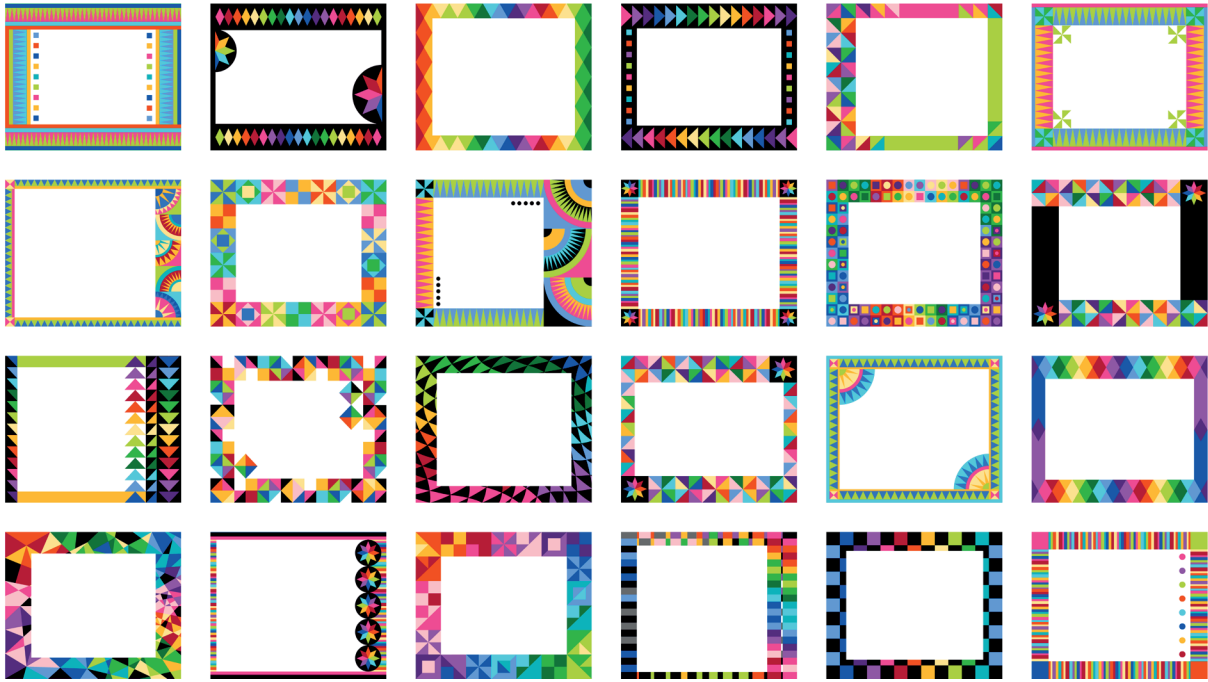


Did you know that you can print labels for your quilts on your ink jet printer? While you can purchase sheets of fabric that have been prepared for the printer, it's also possible to print directly onto a single fabric label.

The labels used are from Northcott's ColorWorks Concepts collection. Each label panel consists of 24 different labels.



To print your labels on preprinted fabric labels, you will need the following:

- A fabric label
- Access to a computer with word processing software
- Access to an ink jet printer
- One sheet of regular bond paper
- Tape (Scotch brand Matte Finish Magic Tape works well)

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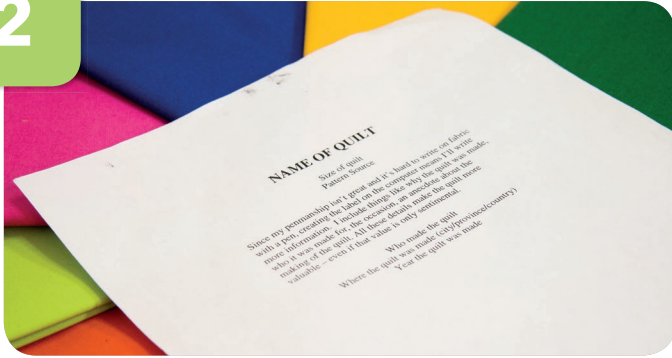
Create your label in the word processor. Start out by creating a text box in the middle of the page as this provides more flexibility when positioning the fabric label onto the page. Include some or all of the following information on the label:

- Name of the quilt
- Size of the quilt
- Credit to the designer, pattern name and/or the source of inspiration
- A story about the quilt: why the quilt was made, who the quilt was made for and any other information that will make the quilt interesting and more valuable, even if the value is only sentimental
- Who made and quilted the quilt
- Where the quilt was made
- When the quilt was made

NOTE: colored ink jet ink is NOT colorfast so you want to only print the labels using black ink. If you wish to add color to the label, you can do so with fabric markers after the label is printed.

Printing Quilt Labels on an Ink Jet Printer

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Print the label onto a piece of regular paper

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Take the fabric label and position it over the text on the paper. You will be able to faintly see through the fabric label. Does the text fit within the borders of the fabric label? If so, then you are ready for the next step. If not, go back to the computer and manipulate the text until it fits within the confines of the fabric label.

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Once the fabric label is positioned where you want it to be, use the tape to secure the label to the bond paper. Ensure the label is correctly positioned. Ensure that ALL four edges of the fabric are completely taped to the paper. The tape is the only stabilizer for the label and it must be well secured or you will get rippled lines of printing.

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Put the bond paper back into the printer and print the label. NOTE: remove all paper from the paper tray except this one piece. This helps to reduce improper paper feeding and misprints. Also, note whether you have to position the paper with the label face up or face down.

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Carefully remove the tape from the edges of the label. There is potential for fraying so make sure that you have left enough room around the perimeter of the label to account for that.

Trim the label and press under the seam allowance and hand stitch to the back of your quilt. Give the ink a press with the hot iron as well.

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The labels are washable, although the ink will fade somewhat during the first wash. Enjoy making your own printed labels for your quilts.