

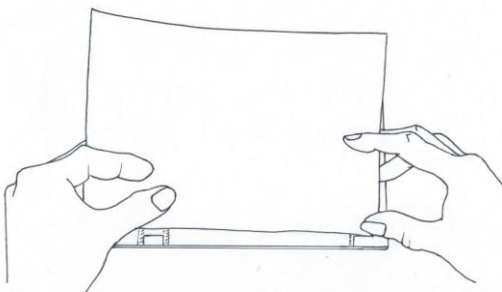
Tips on Transferring Drawings to Blocks Using Inkjet Transfer Paper

Inkjet Transfer Paper is a heavy, translucent paper with a waxy surface on both sides. Both sides can be used. It can only be used with an Inkjet printer because the heat used to set the ink from a LaserJet printer will melt the wax and ruin the printer.

The ink will transfer easily onto any absorbent surface including wood, linoleum or paper. Inkjet Transfer Paper does not work on hard, non-porous surfaces like Gomuban or plastic.

Before putting Inkjet Transfer Paper through the printer, place a piece of bond paper and a baren or brayer close by. Once the Inkjet Transfer Paper has gone through the printer, you have about five minutes before the ink dries so you don't have to rush.

Here are two ways to place the Inkjet Transfer Paper printed side down onto the block or mat board. You can hold it with "crab hands," between your first and middle fingers on either side with your thumbs free, placing the Inkjet Transfer Paper either into the *kento** registration marks if you are doing Moku Hanga, or onto lines you have drawn on the block.



Another simple way to drop the paper is to hold both short sides of the paper up using one hand on either side. Place the edge of the Inkjet Transfer Paper down on one of the short sides of the block. Holding it there with your thumb and first finger on one hand, remove your other hand and let the paper drop down into place.

Now here's the secret. **DO NOT MOVE THE TRANSFER PAPER.** Once it is down, it is down. That's it. If you try to move it, the ink will almost always smear.

Place the piece of bond paper over the Transfer Paper. Now use the baren or a brayer to press the Transfer Paper down onto the block.

If this is your first time using Inkjet Transfer Paper, we suggest you practice first by transferring the image onto a piece of heavy paper or mat board instead of the block itself. Then when you do transfer your image to the block, you can do so with confidence.

* For detailed instructions on how to carve kento and hold the paper so it will drop accurately onto the block, see our "Kento: Japanese Registration" under "Instructions" in "The Learning Center" on our website.



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