



CREATIVE THREADS

TRADE LINK: PRINTING AND GRAPHIC ARTS

RATIONALE:

Images designed to convey specific messages are all around us. Billboards, advertisements and magazines geared to students use strong visual images to get their point of view across. In this activity, you will design visual images and print them on a T-shirt via an iron on transfer to wear proudly.

METHOD:

You will need a commercial Iron-On T-shirt Transfer Kit in order to do this activity. Each package normally contains ten iron-on transfers. You will need to follow the instructions that come with the kit closely. Kits are very clear as to which type of platform (IBM/MAC), software program (must be able to reverse images), sheet (cotton), and printer types can be used. Examples of a theme for visual presentation could be education week, science fairs or spirit week.

MATERIALS:

- Iron-on T-shirt Transfer Kit(s) i.e. HP Iron-On T-shirt Transfers, Invent It Iron-On Transfers.
- T-shirt (cotton).
- Hand iron and ironing surface – formica counter, not ironing board or metal.
- Computer and graphics software (i.e. Adobe Photoshop) with the ability to flip horizontal or mirror the image, and a compatible printer.

THE ACTIVITY:

1. Pick a skilled trade or technology occupation you would like to showcase and represent it by a drawing.
2. The iron-on transfer kit(s) you will be using comes complete with instructions as to which type of computer platform (IBM/MAC), software program (must be able to reverse images), and type of shirt (cotton), and printer types can be used. Read the instructions carefully.
3. Once your transfer has been generated on the computer, run a test print before using the actual transfer on your printer. Make sure your image is reversed and the printer is compatible with the transfers (check instructions).
4. Hand iron the transfers onto a T-shirt.

BRANCHING OUT (EXTENSIONS AND VARIATIONS:

Design a visual graphic flyer to promote a trade or technology occupation of your choice.

BRAND	PAPER TYPE	PAPER SIZE	PROD #	PRODUCT APPLY TO	TRIM FREE	PRESS TYPE	STEPS TO APPLY	MACHINE TYPE	FEATURES
<u>ImageClip</u>	Color Laser	8.5 x 11	875	Light Colored Garments, mouse pads, tote bags	Yes	Yes	Multiple	Any CLC	Great for photos
<u>One Step Opaque</u>	Color Laser Copiers & Printers	8.5 x 11	585	Dark & Bright Garments, mouse pads, tote bags, ball caps	No	Yes	3	Any Color Laser (with the exception of HP, Dell, Brother)	Create a white border around your designs