

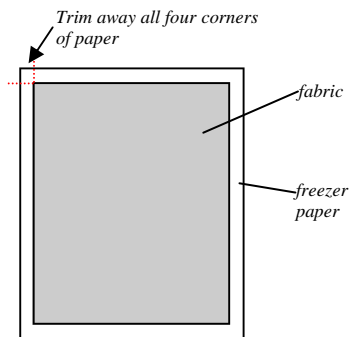


Leave No Quilt Unlabeled

There is nothing more heartbreaking than seeing beautiful antique quilts on display with a sign that says "Quilter Unknown". How sad to know that someone spent hours of loving time stitching and piecing, only to have their legacy lost because there was no label. A quilt computer printed Quilt Tag will help keep your legacy intact! Here's how:

Step 1: Prepare your quilt tag fabric

- ∞ Choose a fabric that will coordinate with your finished quilt. Select a light value that can be printed on with a dark ink (remember—printers do not print white!)
- ∞ Cut a piece of fabric that is 8½" by 11" in size.
- ∞ Cut a piece of freezer paper that is 9½" by 12" in size.
- ∞ Place your fabric onto your ironing surface, right side down. Cover the fabric with the piece of freezer paper, placing the shiny side down over the fabric—leaving ½" of paper around all 4 sides of the fabric.
- ∞ Iron gently—the heat of the iron will adhere the freezer paper to your fabric. Don't worry if it sticks to your ironing surface, it will peel right off!
- ∞ Lift the freezer paper/fabric from your ironing surface and trim away the corners as shown.
- ∞ Fold the paper over the raw edges of the fabric and press, adhere the edged of paper to the fabric.
- ∞ Your fabric is now ready to print!

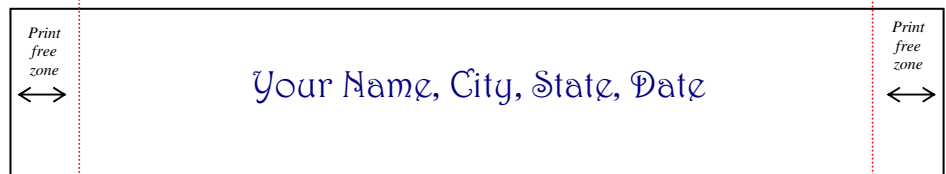


Caution

Do a test print, heat set and wash before committing your quilt tag to your project to make sure that the ink will not run or wash out. Different printers and ink will react differently. A test will assure your quilt tag will stay legible over time.

Step 2: Prepare your quilt tag

- ∞ Using the Quilt Tag Template document, fill in your name, location, and date of your project. Feel free to change the font—but DO NOT move the placement of the text on the tag! Leave at least 1/2" at each end free of print.



Step 3: PRINT!

- ∞ Once the Quilt Tag Template has been updated with your information, load your printer with your prepared freezer paper/fabric. Be sure to place the piece in your printer so that the template will print on the fabric. Depending on your printer, you may have to set your paper setting to "card stock" or some thicker setting to accommodate the fabric/paper combo.

Step 4: Heat Set Your Label

- ⌘ Allow the printed label to dry thoroughly. For most ink jet printers, this will only take a minute or two.
- ⌘ THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT STEP—Press your quilt tags with an iron set at the proper setting for the fabric you used. This will heat set the ink and make sure your information isn't lost in the wash!
- ⌘ Trim your quilt tag. I find this easier to do BEFORE I peel the fabric from the freezer paper.
- ⌘ Peel the tag from the freezer paper carefully.

Step 5: Fold and attach

- ⌘ Fold in the two short edges of your quilt tag at least 1/2 an inch. Press.
- ⌘ Fold the raw edge under again, leave a 1/4" folded edge at each end of your quilt tag. (figure 1)
- ⌘ Fold your quilt tag in half lengthwise. If you printed correctly, your printed information should appear just above the fold. (figure 2)

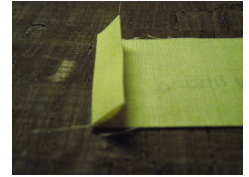


Figure 1



Figure 2

- ⌘ Pin your quilt label in the desired location to the back of your quilt, aligning the raw edges. (figure 3)
- ⌘ Proceed to attach your binding and finish as usual. Your quilt label will be sewn onto your quilt at the same time as your binding, then cover the seam when you hand finish the binding to the back.

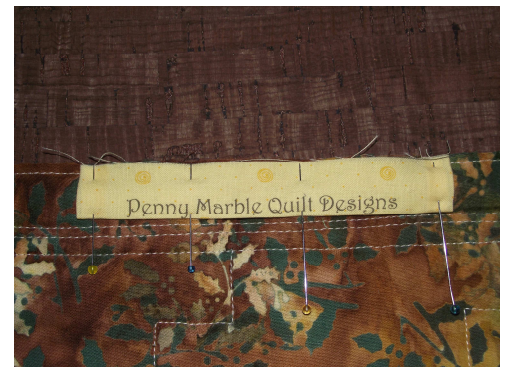


Figure 3

