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Easy Headings 1

With a computer and a word processor, there are lots of really easy ways to make titles. Here are 5 ideas.

Example 1 - Outline Fonts

Some fonts (including free ones) already come in the form of an outline. Print out your title, colour it in (using whatever you like), then cut it out. Voila! Very quick and easy.

You can turn *any* font into an outline if you have Microsoft Word. Click the WordArt button then choose the picture which looks like an outline. Thicker fonts work best.



No special paper needed and you don't even have to cut straight!

Example 2 - Printing on vellum

Try printing in a pretty font on vellum type paper, then tear the edges. Give it time to dry, first, as the vellum may be shiny. Attach with brads to avoid glue showing.



Example 3 - Scruffy stamp font on rough paper

Some fonts are made to look like stamps. These work well on a rough sort of paper, but are also great patterned paper. Try using a colour which is darker than the paper, but not too dark. Setting your printer to draft mode can also add to the stamped effect.





Example 4 – Printed colour background on photo paper

Matte, low gloss photo paper will get you really crisp lettering and a smoothly coloured background.

Use the "textbox" feature on your word processor and write your title using the font, size and background colours that you like. For example, in Microsoft Word, use:

- *insert->textbox* then
- *[right click]* on the text box and choose "Format Text Box"
- Choose the "Fill" option, with its many different "Fill Effects"

It's O.K to leave the text box a little bigger than you need as you can trim it to size after printing. Your printer's highest print quality option will give the best results.



The sides have also been trimmed with a paper punch.

Example 5 – Print on cardstock and cut it out

There's a trick to this, though. Print in *reverse* on to the *back* of the cardstock. Then when you cut it out you don't see any lines. The easiest way to print in reverse is to see if your printer has an option for this (have a look in the *Preferences* when you print). In my printer, you have to pick the t-shirt transfer option.

If your printer doesn't have this option and you still want to print in reverse, you can cut and paste your letters into a program like *Paint* and do *image->[flip/rotate]->[flip horizontal]*.

If you are able to use just the outline of the letters it will give you a clearer cutting line, but it's not essential. WordArt has an option which just prints the outline.



Outline printed on back of red cardstock, then cut out (and glued on crooked!)