

BONUS:

Design your own merch

You've put in so much work, and now it's time to make it official.

Use the provided materials to show off your amazing work by creating some branded merchandise.

Use the iron-on paper included in your kit to put your business logo on a t-shirt, tote bag, or whatever clothing you have available.

Tips to get the best results:

DON'T:

- Use a laser printer.
- Use the steam setting for the iron.
- Use an ironing board, glass, granite, concrete, or other heat-sensitive surfaces.

DO:

- Empty all water from the reservoir and put the steam setting OFF.
- Use the iron-on paper in a well-ventilated area.
- Use white or light-colored fabrics.
- Use a cotton or poly/cotton blend fabric.
- Iron on a heat-resistant surface, such as a wooden table.
- Follow washing instructions before wearing.

Time it will take:

1–2 hours

You'll need:

- White or light clothing item (100% cotton or poly/cotton blend)
- A heat-resistant surface
- A household iron
- A smartphone with a camera
- An inkjet printer
- A computer
- A large cotton pillowcase



Note:

This is a bonus activity. If you prefer, you can skip this activity and head to Section 5 of the workbook. The final step of building your business is to share your business with others.

NOTE

You need a hot iron to use the iron-on paper. Make sure you have the permission (and help) of your parent or guardian.

Iron-on transfer instructions:

Step 1: Prepare your logo

- Take a picture of the logo you created in Section 3, Activity 2.
- Make sure to **flip your logo**. It may be easiest to flip your image on a mobile device before sending it to the computer.
- Send your picture to a computer connected to a printer.
- Check your printer settings; single-sheet feeding is recommended.
- **Test print your design on plain paper** to ensure the design looks accurate.

Step 2: Print logo

- Insert the transfer sheet into the feeder (**remove all other paper**).
- Print your image/logo on the white imaging side of the transfer sheet (vs. the side with a pattern).
- Trim your printed image before preparing to iron.
- Optional: For best results, use an image with rounded edges to avoid corners lifting off after washing.

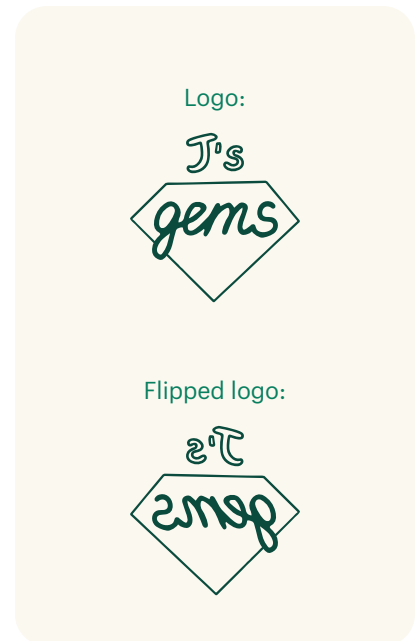
Step 3: Iron printed logo

- Preheat iron to the hottest “cotton” setting. No steam.
- Prepare a hard, heat-resistant surface, such as a wooden table. **Do not use an ironing board.**
- Place a pillowcase or t-shirt between your hard surface and your garment. Place your iron-on paper (pattern up) on the area of the clothing you’d like to add it. With firm pressure, press and move slowly across the garment. Holding each press for 45 seconds, ensure all edges and corners are firmly pressed and overlapped.
- Continue to press over the entire logo/image again, holding for 45 seconds until the entire image has been pressed. Total ironing time should be 5-6 minutes.
- After pressing, slowly peel off the iron-on paper from the garment. **Use caution. The iron-on paper will be hot.**

Step 4: Leave finished item for at least 24 hours

- After 24 hours, fabrics may then be machine washed separately, inside out, in cold water.
- Do not use bleach, bleach-additive detergent, or fabric softener.
- Dry at normal setting.
- Do not dry clean.

Step 5: Wear your fantastic new creation!



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