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Pack"*

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Paper Goods & Projects
to Personalize & Print

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Introduction

Hi there and THANK YOU for your purchase! It puts a big smile on my face.
(yes, much like the cheesy one in this photo!)



With the newly added ability *to edit and personalize Three By Sea printables*, the printing possibilities grow exponentially. Be sure to watch [the video tutorials for using Adobe Reader](#) to maximize your printables' potential. You'll find a link for downloading the free Adobe Reader in the "Useful Resources" section of this guide.

As time goes on, I'll add more tutorials and project ideas for the various printables I offer, so be sure to check in on the Three By Sea site often. Better yet, [click here](#) and submit your name & email in the sidebar on the right to receive Three By Sea updates and offers right in your Inbox.

I'm open to new ideas, so if you have a suggestion for improvement, a request for future products, or a project idea you would like to share, feel free to contact me through my website, or email me at nicole@threebysea.com.

Take care and have fun!
Nicole

Copyright Information

The DOs and DON'Ts for your Three By Sea Printables

Printable paper goods are great for so many reasons- printing on demand convenience, editing & personalizing text, and unlimited printing. This does not, however, give you unlimited rights to the designs and/or their usage. Please note that all rights and copyrights remain with Nicole Rodriguez and Three By Sea.

Below are what you can and cannot do with your Three By Sea designs and printables. These conditions are subject to change, so please, if you have any questions, feel free to email me at nicole@threebysea.com.

You CAN:

*Print *unlimited* copies of the printables for PERSONAL use from now until the end of time.

*Print copies to make and give as *gifts* for family and friends. Birthdays, Christmas, you can give them personalized printables year after year after year... ;)

*Use the designs and printables to create handmade and DIY projects for personal use, such as stenciling, blockprinting, paper crafting, etc.

*Upload files to printing services such as Staples or Kinko's/FedEx Office for the purpose of having paper projects printed for your personal or gift-giving purposes.

You CANNOT:

*Print and sell the printables.

*Share the PDF files with others, either for free or for profit.

*Resell the physical paper printables or the PDF files themselves.

*Use the designs for commercial purposes, e.g., for profit or for promotional materials within a business.

*Upload the designs/printables to sites where they will be made available for others to download and or have printed.

*Upload designs, printables, templates to sites for printing on other types of merchandise or materials. For example, designs may not be uploaded to Zazzle, Cafe Press, Spoonflower, etc.

Thank you for adhering to these guidelines and again, if you have any questions regarding usage, please don't hesitate to email me at nicole@threebysea.com.

Suggested Supplies

Depending on how creative or fancy you want to get, here's a list of supplies to get you going. Most of this can be found at your local office supply store if you want to get started right away.

- Cardstock- 60lb. minimum. I like something in the 100-110lb range myself, but 60lb. works fine.
- Scissors- The sharper, the better. It's best to have one pair devoted strictly to paper projects to keep them sharp.
- Hole Puncher- Handy for gift tags or stacks of cards that will be bound together.
- Avery sticker labels- Endless possibilities with these little guys.
- Paper Punches- For cutting fancy shapes and edges.
- X-acto knife- Good for precision cutting.
- Paper Cutter- More of a splurge, really. Unless you get heavy into papercrafts, then it's a life-saver.

The Projects

Most of the projects are pretty self-explanatory, but here are a few suggestions or things to keep in mind:

Grocery List/Menu Planner:

To save paper, you could print your menu planner on one side and your grocery list on the back side.

These are great for printing and making notepads for yourself or as gifts. Be on the lookout for a tutorial on making notepads on the Three By Sea website.

Recipe cards:

Card templates include a front and back side. Don't forget to orient your paper the correct way when reinserting to paper tray for printing on the back side.

A6 Envelope:

Great for holding recipe cards or even 4"x6" photos. Cut around outside of envelope and snip the vertical line on the top and bottom flap. Overlap flaps to close the envelope and leave as is or use a sticker to secure.

Mini Folded Tags:

Use tape or hole punch the corner and use string or ribbon to fasten to a package.

"This #?%@! printer!"

Building a relationship with your printer

Your relationship with your printer will be a rewarding one if you're willing to work at it in the beginning. You'll encounter your share of frustrations while you get acquainted and test its boundaries. But once you get to know your printer, you two will be ready to make magic happen!

If you have the manual to your printer, KEEP IT HANDY! In addition to the manual, think of Google as your therapist, there to help you two with problems that may arise in your relationship. Do a search for your model and keywords describing your issue, and you'll likely find some sites to start looking for answers. I own an Epson and a HP Photosmart and Google has helped my relationship with both of them over the years.

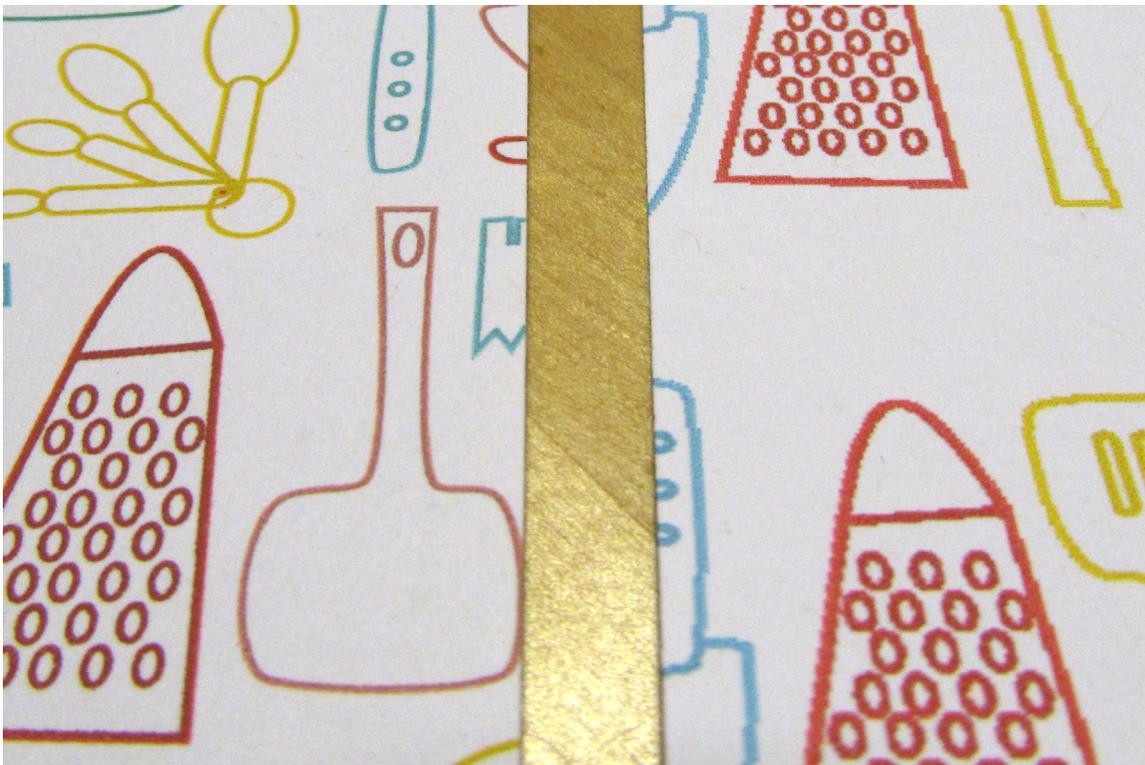
Since the capabilities of each printer vary by manufacturer and model, the tips I'm providing are more general things to consider when printing.

Print Quality:

The quality can vary greatly, so practice and see how much of a difference there is between, "normal" and "best". On my Epson, the difference isn't nearly as noticeable as it is on my HP. If you're printing for gift giving, I would adjust the print quality according to how much you really like the person.

Paper Type:

Different types of paper will produce different results, Photo papers will produce richer, more color- saturated images than say, plain ol' copy paper.



What you tell your printer you're using for paper can also make a difference. Try different settings and see what produces the best results.

On the previous page are examples from my HP Photosmart printer, both printed on *cardstock*. On the left, I chose "Photo Printing", which allowed me to choose my paper type. I chose "Premium Plus Photo Paper" and "Normal" for "Print Quality". On the right, I chose "General Everyday Printing" which by default sets the paper type to "plain paper". I chose "Normal" for "Print Quality". Notice how in the image on the right items look pixelated (lines look jagged), while on the left, the lines of the pattern print smooth. (I'm sure there's a lesson in here about relationships, I'm just not sure if it's how happiness doesn't always come from being right, or how it's okay to tell your partner little white lies to get what you want. You decide.)

Two-Sided Printing:

When printing two-sided items, do a test run on cheap computer paper before you print on your good cardstock. You'll hate yourself a lot less when you screw it up. On my Epson, I have to flip the paper over horizontally and then feed it with the top end down to correctly print on the backside. On my HP, I have to rotate the page 180 degrees and place back in the paper tray. Try different positions to find what works for you and your printer.

Borderless Printing:

This option is useful for printing items like scrapbook/gift wrapping pages where you don't want to see a white border. Be aware that many printers will enlarge the image to make certain that it reaches all the way to your paper's edges. This will result in the edges of the page image being cropped. Which may or may not irk you.

Note: For items like the 3.5"x 5" folded mailing cards, you'll have to decide whether you want to set your printer to borderless printing or not. If you don't choose the borderless option, simply fold the card, then snip the white ends off the card. (I say "fold the card" first to ensure you have the 3.5" x 5" minimum size required by the U.S. Post Office for mailing.)

Professional Printing

For when you want someone else to handle it

Places like Staples and Kinko's (now called FedEx Office) allow you to upload PDF (the format of these printables) files to their websites for them to print. Both sites have choices for paper type, collating, cutting, etc., as well as options for pick up or delivery. This can be a great option for printing large quantities such as invitations.

Useful Resources

Adobe Reader

[Click here](#) to download the free Adobe Reader required for viewing and editing your Three By Sea printable paper products.

[Click here](#) for video tutorials on using Adobe Reader with your Three By Sea printables.

Supplies

[Staples](#)

Great place to start with printing your own paper projects. You can find basics like white cardstock, Avery labels for making stickers and labels, envelopes in a variety of sizes, etc.

[Dick Blick](#)

My favorite place to order art supplies online.

[Paper Source](#)

They have stores throughout the country (but not in Florida- boo!), as well as an online store.

[The Papermill Store](#)

Huge selection, especially for those wanting eco-friendly options.

[ClearEnvelopes.com](#)

Paper, envelopes, bags and boxes. They also have a wholesale site, but items come in bigger packages and they require a minimum order amount to avoid a small order fee.

[Joann Fabric and Craft](#)

Good basic craft supply store for fabric, papers, envelopes, and products for specialty printing.

[Etsy](#)

Do a search under "Supplies" to find small quantities of things such as envelopes or chipboard (for notepads).

Note on Padding Compound (for notepads)- Dick Blick sells padding compound in 12oz bottles, which is practically a lifetime supply for many. I couldn't find it on Etsy, so I first ordered a 2oz jar from an online shop called [The Crafty PC](#) (they called it "notepad adhesive"). It's enough to make dozens of notepads and is approximately \$3.00 + shipping.

Fonts

Prepare yourself for the addiction. Fonts are like a box of chocolate, you just want to try them all! Once you start downloading, you won't be able to stop!! The following sites will get you started. There are fonts to available for purchase, as well as many free ones, especially for personal use.

dafont.com

[Font Squirrel](#)

[Fontspace](#)

[My Fonts](#)

Professional Printing

Good for large quantity printing, if you feel the quality of your printer is lacking, or if you want to print on a particular type of paper. Both sites have pick up or delivery services available.

[FedEx Office/Kinko's](#)

Appears to have a faster turnaround time than Staples.

[Staples](#)

Has free delivery coming soon according to its website.

Books

If you decide to learn more about hand printing techniques (for those who purchased the stencil & stamp templates), these are a couple of books that I love and recommend.

[Lotta Prints](#) by Lotta Jansdotter

I adore her aesthetic, as well as how simply she explains techniques.

[Printing by Hand](#) by Lena Corwin

Highly informative, as well as full of actual project ideas to put these printing techniques to use. If you go to GoodReads.com



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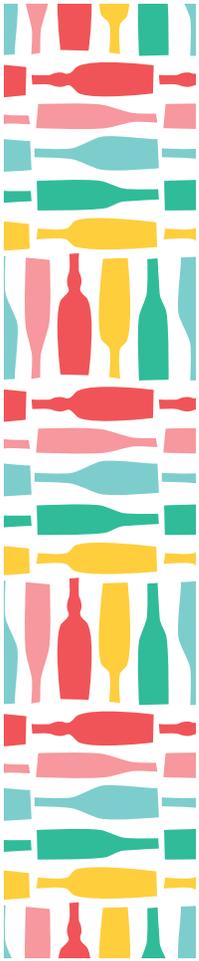
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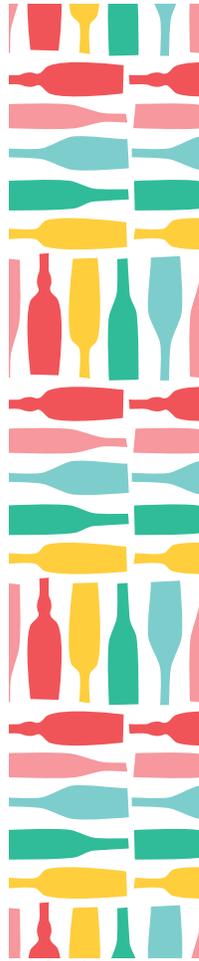
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Cleaning & Non-Food Items



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MINI FILE FOLDERS 4.5" x 6.5"
Design: "Floral Flatware"
Colorway: "Black to White"

