

Digital Design Using Your Smart Phone or Tablet

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Printing at home with an inkjet printer:

The Printer:

My preference is Epson, one that uses any of the Ultrachrome or DuraBrite ink sets. (Again, there are Canon and HP models that use pigmented ink, so you are not tied to Epson.) I have an Epson Workforce 7110 and 7710

The Fabric:

Inkjet fabric sheets by Jacquard, are pretreated and come in cotton, silk and silk organza mounted to a peel off paper backing. You can buy directly from Jacquard or Amazon. You can also purchase in 8.5 wide roll. Printer inks vary in washability. Perform wash test to determine permanence. You can back your own fabric with freezer paper or cardstock using temporary spray adhesive or fuse to wonder under. Masking tape the edges before running it through the printer avoids jams. Other brands are Betty's Photos on Fabric, EQ Printables (*these two have more fabric weight and fiber options but more expensive.*)

Printing by the yard with online printing service:

I use Spoonflower.com there are other companies out there, but I am very satisfied with the print color quality, the ease of use of website, and the variety of fabrics available to print on. You can upload photos, scanned artwork, or digital designs to be printed. The smallest size is a swatch, next a fat quarter, then you jump to 1 yard.

In your browser go to Spoonflower.com (to upload a design you will have to make an account). Click **Design** tab along top, then **Upload** from the dropdown window. 1. Select file tap "Choose Files" box then from the pop up go to "Photo Library".

2. confirm copyright by clicking box
3. Upload your files
4. When photo uploads click on "print and purchase"
5. decide on repeat - I typically use "basic" but you can preview other options
6. Choose a Fabric
7. Choose a size & Amount
8. pay and wait for delivery about 10-14 days

Apps I use with my iPhone and iPad:

I have an iPhone but some of these apps are also available on android phones.

Waterlogue – is my number one favorite app to use to bring a painterly effect to any photo or downloaded image. I use it all the time and it is available for apple and android platforms.

Popsicolor– Allows you to select two colors to colorize your photograph with any colors you choose

SketchClub – My go to app for “collaging” photos to create a repeat print. It is available for apple and android platforms.

Android friendly Apps

Watercolor Effect & Simply Water

These 2 android apps are similar to “Waterlogue” which I demo in the lecture.

If you have an android app you use and love and would recommend to others, please let me know so I can share. Email me at artist@lisathorpe.com

Creating a repeat print with photos. Take up-close photos of something blooming or growing in your yard, garden or park. Edit the photos in your devices photo gallery. The easiest repeat design uses square photos. Crop each photo to a square, enhance color as you wish. You can also add words in your photo editing section. 9 square photos work well.

In the SketchClub app create a square canvas. Load each of your 9 square photos to canvas and arrange how you want them. When done save canvas and send the 9-patch photo montage back to your photo gallery. Now open the Waterlogue app and open 9-patch photo montage in app and play with options until you are satisfied with the colors and watercolor look. Send image back to photo gallery.

Searching for images on the internet

Sometimes I want an image of a flower or animal or a person that I can't possibly get a good photo of. You want to search for **public domain images**. Good options are creativecommons.org - wikimedia.org - pixnio.com - publicdomainpictures.net – pixabay.com –

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Drawing on your iPad to create fabric panels:

There are many drawing apps to play around and find the one that feels most intuitive to you. I have landed on Brushes XP and Art Rage apps as my go to drawing apps. Depending on the size panel you want you can print small on your home printer or large by uploading to online print service

Apps are always changing so explore & play with what's out there, if you find something you love please let me know I'd love to try it out –

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