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How to make some canvas prints by Andrew Bourke

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There is a couple of ways to go about getting your best photographs printed onto this beautiful fabric they call canvas. Basically the canvas print itself ;is more know now as a photo canvas print because itâ€™s basically printing any image onto canvas through a large format inkjet printer and also its because itâ€™s what the general public call it with it being very popular with peoples personal photos.

If you want to get your pictures printed onto canvas then a really great way to go about it if you donâ€™t want to make it your self would be to check either online or in the high street shops as there is many printers that will offer this type of service for you and they tend to be well prised to so you get your monies worth but if you would like to give it a go at actually making a canvas print yourself then here is a little guide to help you along your way.

Basically before you go ahead and look at the different types of inkjet canvas and stretcher bar frames available you want to make sure you have the main components to enable you to produce some quality canvas prints. Firstly you need a computer which has some kind of photo editing software so you can either manipulate your image or photo before printing and then you can print direct through this by sending it to your printer and then letting the printer work its magic. So once you have this first thing done then you need to look at what sort of printer you can use for your canvas printing adventure. A really goo printer to use would be your average small A3 size hp printer, if you opt for this type of printer then it will keep your costs down and you wonâ€™t have to worry about producing too many canvas prints to make it worth your while, if youâ€™re a photographer and your looking to start selling canvas prints or indeed canvas photo prints of your work then a larger format printer may be the choice for you, there is a few different makes and sizes to choose from and all seem to be very good at producing high quality and vibrantly colour canvas printing capabilities.

So once you have decided your plan weather your selling these canvas photo prints as a little pocket money or if you just need t o print some for your home decoration then you can decide upon the printer, once this is done then you need to look into which type of canvas material you want to print on and what sort of stretcher bars frames would suit your type of adventure the best. A couple of options with the canvas would be either polyester canvas or your can have a 100% cotton canvas, the 100% cotton canvas is a lot more expensive and some people prefer this sort of canvas to the polyester but it really depends on the type of look and feel your trying to achieve. Just one little tip though the 100% cotton canvas is a little harder to work with as it tends to tear a little when stretching it around the stretcher bar frames.

So thatâ€™s the canvas you can chose any of the two, there is other types of canvas like Saturn canvas and glossy canvas but if youâ€™re just starting out then I think the basic canvas should be the best option as if you have a good enough printer then the printer should really do all the talking when it comes to the quality so not much to worried about there, just really trying to get the best value for your pennies. Anyway so thatâ€™s the canvas, next would be to order in some stretcher bar frames, if like I said before your looking to make allot of canvas prints for a little business idea or youâ€™re a designer and you want to show off your work then feel free to order a box of certain size for the frames because this way you get ore for you monies, if your just looking to build a few canvas prints for your home then you can purchase stretcher bars in pairs which will keep your cost right down instead of having to get a box worth of a certain size.

So thatâ€™s a good tip with your frames, there is different options like having different thickness frames to but if youâ€™re just starting out then the 18mm thickness frames would do a perfect job, so thatâ€™s y

frames you have, your canvas you have and your printer and computer, all there is left to get would be the basic stuff like a staple gun and some canvas pliersâ€™ and then your off and ready to make your fist canvas prints, try and get a table so you have a flat surface to frame up the canvas print for when your stretching it and it will make the job much easier, I really hope you enjoy making your first canvas print.

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