

Cake Pan Transferring Instructions

Please read these instructions completely before you begin.

Supplies Needed

- Coated Cake Pans
- Sublimation ink transfers
- Press support to fit each size lid (2 x 1/2" thick rubber cushions)
- Heat resistant tape
- Oven mitt or heat-resistant gloves (for removing product from heat press)
- Thermal Rubber Mat, 1/8" thick

Note: If you did not purchase a transfer support from us, you can make one yourself by cutting a piece of wood or mouse pad to fit snugly inside the lid of each cake pan (that means it has to be slightly *smaller* than the lid itself).

Step 1: Adjust the Heat Press

For best results, always pre-heat your press.

Heat Press Temperature: **400° F**

Dwell Time: **2.5 - 3 minutes - with a rubber mat**

Pressure: **Medium-Firm**

Note: These instructions, including transfer times and temperatures, are based on the inks, paper, equipment and supplies we use. Your inks, papers, etc. may require adjustments in your time/temp settings.

Step 2: Design & Print Your Transfers

1. The cake pans come in two different sizes. For best results, **the transfers should be slightly smaller than the surface of the lid**. Bleeding off of the lid is not recommended because of the curved edges. We recommend using our Design Templates to size your image.
2. Remember to print a mirror image so the final product will be correctly oriented once it is transferred.

Step 3: Transfer the Image

1. Place your transfer, face-down, on the cake pan lid. Make sure the transfer is registered correctly. We recommend you cut out the transfer around the template border in order to properly register to the cake pan lid.
2. Secure transfer to lid with some heat tape.
3. Place the lid-transfer on top of the press support cushion.
4. Place the press support-lid-transfer in the center of the press bed. The press support should be on the bottom (against the press bed) and the lid with the transfer on it should be on top, facing you.
5. Place the thermal rubber mat over the support-lid-transfer

6. Close the heat press. Using **Medium-Firm** pressure, press at **400° F for 2.5 - 3 minutes**.
7. Open the press, carefully remove the rubber mat, the tin lid, and the transfer. **Caution:** The tin lid will be **HOT**. We recommend using heat resistant gloves.

Transfer Tips, Techniques & Troubleshooting

- Prints light in places:
 - a. Check the accuracy of your press thermostat with a Rayvek gun or temperature strip.
 - b. Check your time and temperature. You should be pressing at **400° F** for **2.5 - 3** minutes with the rubber mat. Lightness may be caused by *too much* time or heat (burnout) as well as *too little* time or heat. Try adjusting the temp or pressing time.
 - c. Check your pressure. Your press may have a “cold” or worn spot. Try increasing pressure and/or moving the tin to the left or right.
- The outside edges print light:
 - d. Check to make sure you are using **firm** pressure.
 - e. Make sure you have placed the cake pan lid in the *center* of the press.
 - f. Make sure your press support is smooth and even on both sides – and equal thickness all the way around.

Customer Support

For support on these or any of our products, please call our toll-free number for assistance: **877.795.1500**. You may also write to us at Support@LaserReproductions.com.