

# There are 2 Ways to Make a T-Shirt in the Imagine Lab

## Sublimation

- 100% Polyester, light color shirts are recommended. You will need to provide your own shirt. Examples are available at the library of different types/colors. Shirts with a lower percentage of polyester will not be as vibrant as a 100% polyester shirt.
- You may use any photo, graphic, etc for your design. Multi color designs work well!
- There is no white ink, so any part of your design that is white will be blank and will appear as the color of the shirt.
- If you wish to create your own design, the design must be saved as a picture file or PDF. You may bring in your own flash drive with the design or access it through your email.
- Your design will be printed on our sublimation printer which uses special paper and ink. Prices for the prints range from \$1 to \$2 depending on the size of your design.
- The design is applied to the shirt using the heat press. The pressure and heat will convert the ink to a gas and this will bond with the fabric. Through this process the design will become part of the shirt and you do not feel it.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmWrZhXOLLg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmWrZhXOLLg)



## Cricut

- Any type/color of shirt may be used. You will need to provide your own shirt.
- You will need to bring your own Iron-On / HTV (heat transfer vinyl). Available at Walmart, Joann Fabrics, etc.
- You must create your design on Cricut Design Space. [design.cricut.com](http://design.cricut.com)
- You are limited to the type of design you may use. It will need to be somewhat simple and only a few colors. Multiple color designs will require multiple colors of HTV.
- Free designs are available online for personal use or you may purchase designs online at sites such as Etsy.
- The iron-on design is applied to the shirt using the heat press or Cricut Easy Press. You will feel the design on top of the shirt.
- There is no charge at the library to make a t-shirt using the Cricut machines.
- It is recommended to watch an instructional video on YouTube prior to attempting your first shirt.



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