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Thread: [Best Place for Prints?](#)

P?ris?m - May 11, 2013, 5:32 pm

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mehim - May 11, 2013, 5:53 pm

Have you checked out your local printing shops?
might be able to get a good deal if your printing bulk t shirts

Sharpy - May 12, 2013, 4:26 am

Support your local businesses. Try near your area and help those closer to home.

If not, best of luck finding one.

Invisus - May 12, 2013, 4:52 am

With prints I assume you just want your works printed out in a good quality or on an actual canvas.

I have the experience that the best places are where people print out their stuff for work.

There are some shops that allows you to come in and get your shit printed asap, and you can walk home with a really good quality print on any kind of material like thick cardboard or regular paper, and if you are lucky they do it on canvas's as well.

Groseph_Dirt - May 13, 2013, 4:22 pm

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Dont get ripped off. Instead of supporting your local buisness look into diy.

This is basically what most places do unless they have enough money for an automated multicolor press. Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gqENVIEolgc>]

I say do it yourself and support yourself. Not your local buisness.

Heres some stuff to look into:Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

Cheap presses and light units:

<http://www.printingplans.com/>

^remember the more colors you use the more detailed your output (Spot color)

Larger fancier presses are pricier so look into 6 to 8 color builds for adding neons and flourescents.

[Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-q2IkAMbdA>]

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supplies:

<http://www.silkscreeningsupplies.com/silk-screen-presses?gclid=CKmkhsWPILcCFUWK4AodiGsAdQ>

There are so many screen printing tutorials its stupid i'll let you in on the thing everybody leaves out.

[Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8v1Tj32s14>]

You can take that file to kinkos and have a high quality mylar transparency made or you can look into buying a xante printer and printing it yourself.

One of my favorite printing hustles is the button machine.

Ever seen a guy at a festival selling \$10 buttons.

<http://www.americanbuttonmachines.com/?gclid=COjFz-uVILcCFcud4Aoday0Asq>

Str8 makin money.

To answer your second question:Spoiler ([Click to View](#))

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You can set up shop just about anywhere.

You can sell stuff anywhere, and eat hot dogs while you do it.

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Anal Voyage. - May 13, 2013, 6:09 pm

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Talk to real people.

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Now if your wanting something extremely complex, look for a shop that has a 12-18 color automated press. Normally those places have minimum on how many you can order of each print, so be prepared to spend a little.

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I just thought I would post it as an option.