

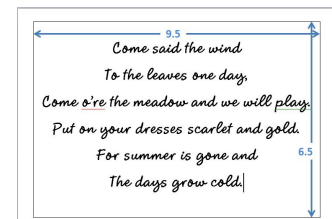
## Secrets to Successfully Printing Words on Fabric

My latest quilt I designed involved printing a poem onto fabric.

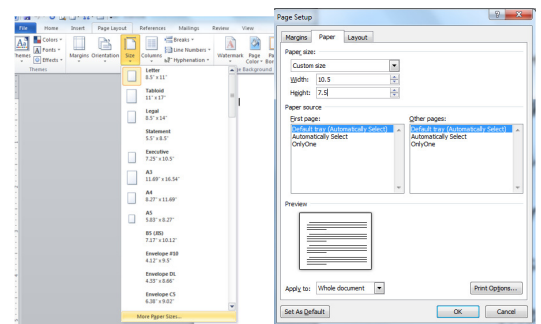


Come Said the Wind

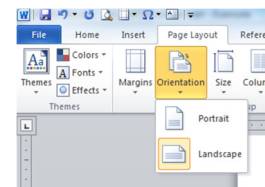
Start in Microsoft Word with creating a paper size slightly larger than your required final fabric patch. For this example I needed to print on a fabric piece that will be cut to 9-1/2" x 6-1/2".



In Word 2010, go to Page Layout, then Size, then More Paper Sizes, Custom Size and insert 10-1/2" in Width and 7-1/2" in Height. Select ok.



Also in page layout, select page orientation and set to landscape.

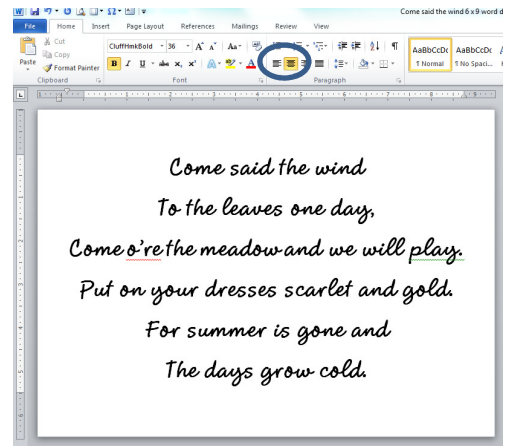


Type your message. Within the Home Tab, select a font and increase the font size to fill the page.



*Come said the wind  
To the leaves one day,  
Come o're the meadow and we will play,  
Put on your dresses scarlet and gold,  
For summer is gone and  
The days grow cold.*

Center your message on the page. Make sure the printing will fit within the fabric size (allowing for seam allowances). Print out a sample page on paper and measure to make sure the writing will fit within your planned fabric piece.



Preparing your fabric.

If your message fits on an 8-1/2" x 11" fabric and you are ok with the muslin background you can use a fabric such as EQ Printable Fabric which is already adhered to freezer paper. However I prefer to use my own fabric.



First cut your fabric slightly larger than your paper size. Pre-treat your cotton fabric with a product such as Bubble Jet Set 2000 to ensure the ink doesn't run. You must pretreat your fabric if you plan to wash you finished project.



Put your fabric in a bowl and soak it for five minutes in Bubble Jet Set making sure the mix saturates the fabric. Ring out the excess mix. I pour it back into the bottle to use for my next project.



Allow the fabric to dry.

Cut a piece of freezer paper equal to the page size you selected for your Word document.



Iron the fabric to the shiny side of the freezer paper. Make sure you have a strong bond by heat setting the piece on both the fabric and the freezer paper side as you don't want the fabric to separate when going through the printer.



Cut off any excess fabric and any loose strings.



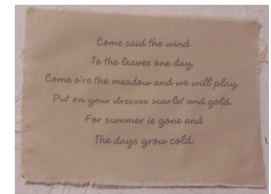
Print on treated fabric and let sit for 30 minutes.



Remove the freezer paper and wash you fabric in warm water with a mild detergent or use Bubble Jet Rinse. This will remove any loose ink.



Dry the fabric. Your piece is now ready to trim and incorporate into your project.



For written instructions along with details on supplies used in this technique please visit my website [www.onpointquilter.com](http://www.onpointquilter.com)

#### Source of supplies:

**CJ Jenkins** <http://www.cjenkinscompany.com/> Bubble Jet Set and Rinse. Pre-cut freezer paper sheets.

Freezer Paper: Most grocery stores carry it on a roll. I usually buy Reynolds.

Electric Quilt <http://electricquilt.com/online-shop/category/printable-fabric-paper/> Printable fabric sheets.