



FROSTING SHEET - HELPFUL HINTS

Remember, while printing you are adding a considerable amount of wet ink to the sheets.

Removal of Sheets that seem to stick to backing sheet:

Please understand, there is **NO** single correct answer to this problem, since the climate conditions and humidity of each part of the country or even the world is different or changes seasonally.

IF IMAGES DO NOT PEEL EASILY FROM BACKING SHEETS:

After printing, leave the image out in normal room conditions for about 5 - 15 minutes. Drying time and methods depend entirely on the ambient humidity. In some cases the humidity may be so high that the frosting sheets will NOT easily release from the paper after the normal drying period, or will come apart in small pieces. In these conditions we recommend the **following methods** that **have ALL worked successfully:**

1. **Placing finished Frosting Sheet into a VERY COLD FREEZER will allow easy removal after about 10 to 15 seconds, (NOT LONGER), providing the freezer is a DRY freezer and not a WET freezer.** (This really works the best). You should remove the sheet immediately after taking it out from the freezer, or
2. Use a blower type Hair dryer (or any other hot air supply) on the front and reverse sides of the backing sheet on high hot for 30-40 seconds. This method is very reliable and should solve your release problems, or
3. Place in a warm dry oven at a low temperature, for about 1-2 minutes, or lay the sheet on a warm pan for a minute or two.
4. It also works well if printed sheets are left in an Air-Conditioned area for a short time.
5. Pull backing sheet over the Sharp edge of a table top.

Remember, the only reason the frosting sheets will not easily come off the backing sheet, is that the Frosting Sheet is **still wet**.

THEY **WILL** RELEASE WHEN THEY ARE **DRY**.

Also, in high humidity areas, we recommend removing the Frosting Sheet from the ZipLock bag for sometime prior to printing, which may also help the drying process.

IF FROSTING SHEETS APPEAR TO BE: DRY OR BRITTLE OR SLIPPING OFF OF THE BACKING

This is usually caused by the following:

- **Leaving the Frosting Sheets out of the ZipLock bag for an extended period of time**
- **Neglecting to re-seal the ZipLock bag completely**
- **Extremely dry climate conditions.**

1. Keep unused Frosting Sheets in a **WET TYPE** refrigerator in the SEALED ZipLock bag until needed. **Do NOT keep in a Freezer**, as this also has low humidity, and will tend to dry even more.

2. **Another tip is to Spray the Sheets with a fine mist of water, using an airbrush, Steam Iron, or any other water misting device.** They will become moist again, and you may have to wait a few minutes for them to dry, back to a usable condition and keep them on the backing during printing.

3. You can also bring moisture back into the Frosting Sheets by holding them over a **pot of steaming water** for a few seconds, or place them into a high humidity proofing area or proof box if available for a short time.

Bleeding Colors:

Usually there should be no problem while printing with the edible food color Kartridges onto the Frosting Sheets.

Bleeding or fading is usually caused by placing the printed Frosting on to a high moisture content frosting; such as a Whipped Cream type Frosting. The solutions for this is as follows:

1. Frosting sheets are best if placed on a buttercream type frosting.
2. If you want to use a whipped cream cake, it is best if the cake is filled with whipped cream, but the top of the cake should still have a thin coating of buttercream, where the image is to be placed.
3. Another way is to remove the image from the backing sheet, and coat the back of the image with a thin layer of buttercream before laying it on top of the whipped cream surface.
4. Another way is to freeze the cake before applying the image, and keep frozen until the customer receives the cake.
5. We have thousands of Ice Cream stores using this method most successfully.

Basically it is just that any type of frosting that has a very high moisture content will tend to cause bleeding.