

Print Paper Options



Robin Imaging has a wide selection of printing papers. This is just a brief description of each. For more assistance in selecting the right paper for your needs, please contact one of our design consultants at 513-381-5116 or email info@RobinImaging.com. We have samples of all papers available to help you compare.

How to Compare Papers

Attached is a chart that helps you rate various papers. They are rated 1-5 with the highest or best rating being a 5. These ratings are relative to our other papers. Just because a paper rates a 1 or a 2 does not mean it is a bad paper. It just means that others rate higher in that characteristic.

White

The whiter a paper is the brighter the print is going to appear. In some cases, you may want to choose a paper that is less white for a softer look. Bright whites (numbers over 92) are generally achieved by using Optical Brightness Additives (see below). White level information is not available on some papers.

D-Max

D-Max stands for maximum density. The higher the D-Max, the blacker the black. Generally, a high D-Max is associated with glossy finishes.

Color Gamut

The color gamut is the range of colors that can be produced. This is affected somewhat by the paper, but it is primarily a function of printer and inks used. This can be particularly important with pastels, bright red, green, and orange.

Life Span

The life span on our papers ranges from around 25 years to 400 years. The exact life span is highly dependent on the display conditions.

Durability

Some papers produce wonderful looking results but are very easy to damage. In many cases the most expensive papers are also the most fragile. Fine Art papers should always be handled with extreme care. It can be helpful to add a border to fine art prints for ease in handling.

Price

This is just to give you an idea of where the prices rank in relation to other papers.

Technology

The type of printer used has a lot to do with the color gamut, life span, and the look of the print. Pigmented inks produce the longest life.

Finish

The finish has a lot to do with the contrast range of the print and how it is affected by light striking it. Glossy prints yield the greatest contrast, but also produce the most reflections. High gloss prints can produce a mirror like reflection. Satin prints will show a reflected glow from light striking it. Matte and velvet will not show any reflections. For prints being laminated or mounted to acrylic we recommend the use of gloss papers.

Surface

This is the texture of a paper. In most cases the surface is similar to the finish. One of the few exceptions to that is Fine Art Pearl. This has a slightly textured surface with a gloss finish.

Optical Brightener Additive (OBA)

OBAs make whites appear whiter by taking UV light and converting it to white light. This is what gives exceptionally bright whites. It causes whites to glow under black lights. The whites in papers with OBAs will be cooler than in papers with no OBAs. One disadvantage from OBAs is that color will look different under different types of light. Two colors that appear to match under one type of light may look quite different under another type of light. OBAs will also fade in 10 – 25 years making the color look different. If you want the brightest white possible, use a paper with OBAs. If you are looking for exact color match and archival characteristics, use a non-OBA paper, or at least one with low OBA content.

Fine Art Papers

All our fine art papers should be displayed behind glass. They have exceptional quality, but like all fine art papers they must be handled with care to prevent scratching. They are printed using pigmented inks on our Epson P20000 and P9570 printers for exceptional color gamut and long life.

Hahnemühle Photo Rag® Ultra Smooth

100% cotton paper. It has a smooth surface texture and an extremely large color gamut. Photo Rag® Ultra Smooth lends itself particularly well to premium photo prints. *Photo Rag should be handled carefully since it can easily be scuffed.* Great for soft looking B&W

images but avoid it if there are large amounts of black due to the potential for scuffing. Contains some OBAs | ISO Brightness 94. | Weight 308 gsm.

Hahnemühle Photo Rag® Metallic

This natural white cotton paper has the characteristic Photo Rag® surface and features a special silvery-shimmering surface finish. The high-gloss premium inkjet coating with a unique metallic effect guarantees impressive printing results with bold colors, deep black and the perfect reproduction of color and detail. The sophisticated silver metallic effect underscores the image and makes motifs with metallic elements, reflections, ice and glass, architecture and landscape shots, as well as black and white photographs with high-contrast tones shine. Contains no OBAs | ISO Brightness 88. | Weight 340 gsm.

Hahnemühle Fine Art Pearl

100% alpha-Cellulose paper with optical brighteners allowing the brightest whites available in a fine art paper. It has a smooth, uniform surface texture with a unique pearl coating. The bright white of Fine Art Pearl enables impressive contrasts and pictorial depth in black and white or color photography. This paper gives the rich look of traditional B&W silver halide papers. This is our top choice for high impact B&W prints. Contains OBAs. | ISO Brightness 105. | Weight 285 gsm.

Hahnemühle FineArt Baryta Satin

An acid free 100% alpha-Cellulose similar in appearance to Hahnemühle Fine Art Pearl. The subtly textured, smooth base paper contains no optical brighteners and has a silky, smooth surface texture with a beautiful feel. The satin-gloss premium inkjet coating guarantees exceptional print results with intense colors, deep blacks, and outstanding sharpness. The barium sulphate within the coating makes FineArt Baryta Satin a viable alternative to analogue baryta paper. The acid- and lignin-free FineArt inkjet paper meets the most exacting requirements for age resistance and produces stunning FineArt reproductions of black and white and color photographs. Baryta is similar in appearance to Fine Art Pearl, but slightly less bright since it does not contain OBA's. The surface is a Satin-Gloss. Contains no OBAs. | ISO Brightness 92. | Weight 300 gsm.

Hahnemühle Albrecht Dürer

A traditional mould-made watercolor paper made with 50% cotton and 50% α -cellulose fibers. This fine art inkjet paper does not contain optical brighteners and has a classic, strikingly defined watercolor structure that adds an artistic soft touch. Use for watercolor and pastel reproductions. Albrecht Dürer has a more pronounced texture and deeper blacks than Somerset Velvet. Due to the texture images will not appear as sharp as on other papers. *This paper should be handled carefully since it can easily be scuffed.* Contains no OBAs | ISO Brightness 88.5 | Weight 210 gsm.

Somerset Velvet

Acid free, 100% cotton rag with a radiant white surface. This paper has a slight texture with soft tones that work well for watercolor and pastel reproductions. This paper has less texture, brighter whites, and softer blacks than Albrecht Dürer. Contains OBAs. | ISO Brightness 96. | Weight 255 gsm, | 19 mil.

Hahnemühle Bamboo

Our most environmentally friendly paper. Acid free, made from 90% bamboo and 10% cotton. Natural warm-toned matte finish. OBA free | ISO Brightness 83.0. | Weight 290 gsm.

Moab Entrada Rag Natural 290

OBA free and acid free, 100% cotton fiber with a smooth matte finish. Since this is OBA free the white point is not quite as bright as Photo Rag. This is one of our most archival and sturdiest papers. It works well for almost any image. It is available in sizes up to 60x120. Excellent choice for archival prints. Contains no OBAs | ISO Brightness 84. | Weight 290 gsm, | 22.5 mil.

Fine Art Photo Papers

Enhanced Matte Paper

A high-quality wood fiber matte paper for use when premium paper is not required. This paper is lighter weight paper than the fine art papers. It contains OBAs giving it a bright white point. | ISO Brightness 104. | 192 gsm, | 10.3 mil.

Epson Premium Luster

Premium Luster Photo Paper delivers highly saturated prints by offering maximum ink coverage and a high D-Max for true photographic reproductions. Its 10-mil RC base gives prints a photographic feel. ISO Brightness 97 |. 240 gsm, | 10 mil.

Epson Premium Gloss

Highest color gamut available for vivid color reproduction RC paper base for photo prints Glossy surface. Good choice for use with acrylic mounting. ISO Brightness 92 |. 260 gsm, | 10 mil.

Epson Metallic Gloss

An RC paper base with a reflective metallic glossy finish. The metallic look varies by subject matter. Good choice for acrylic mounting. ISO Brightness 81. | 260 gsm, | 10.5 mil.

Wall Décor

Our wall décor prints are printed on a 10-color solvent inkjet. They provide a larger dynamic range than silver halide prints, providing a high-quality product at a lesser price than our fine art prints.

Semi-Gloss Poster

A bright white, wet-strength poster paper that features outdoor durability and excellent scratch resistance. It is

available in any size from 8.5x11 – 60x120. The image quality is suitable for framing and can be folded without cracking. Contains OBAs | Brightness: 105 | Opacity: 98 | 200gsm | 8 mil

This paper closely resembles and replaces our former C-Print paper.

Economy Poster

This is printed on the same paper as Semi-gloss posters, but it is printed at lower resolution so there is not as much detail or color saturation.

Use for layouts, mockups, and other non-critical work. These prints are not suitable for framing. Prints may show some banding in solid or gradated tones

Matte Poster

A bright white, wet-strength poster paper that features outdoor durability and excellent scratch resistance. It is available in any size from 8.5x11 – 60x120. The image quality is suitable for framing. Contains OBAs | Brightness: 94 | Opacity: 98 | 200gsm | 8.3 mil

This paper replaces our former Premium Poster paper. The whites are brighter on this than the Premium Poster.

PosPro 200

A blockout display film offering high image quality and exceptional durability. Brightness 100 | 220gsm | 10.5 mil.

Use for promotional roll up banners, retractable banners, POP displays and tradeshow graphics.

Photo Prints

Our Photo Prints are printed on a Fuji DX100 printer using a 6-color piezoelectric inkjet system. They have a larger dynamic range than silver halide prints providing a high-quality product at a lesser price than our fine art prints.

Photo Matte

Even though this paper is called Fuji Fine Art Matte and it has a similar appearance to a fine art paper, do not confuse it with our fine art prints since it does not have the same color accuracy. The surface resembles a fiber base matte print. They are available in traditional photo sizes from 4x6 to 8x12 with or without borders.

Use for portraits and subjects where a soft feel is desired.

Photo Luster

Fuji Luster prints are available in traditional photo sizes from 4x6 to 8x12 with or without borders.

Use for portraits and other prints where you want a traditional photo look, but slightly softer look than gloss.

Photo Gloss

Fuji Gloss prints are available in traditional photo sizes from 4x6 to 8x12 with or without borders.

Use for images to give the most contrast and sharpness

Price Comparison

		8x10	12x18	16x20	24x30	30x40
Fine Art	Photo Rag	28.65	51.45	54.44	107.80	163.33
	Photo Rag Metallic	28.65	51.45	54.44	107.80	163.33
	Fine Art Pearl	28.65	51.45	54.44	107.80	163.33
	Fine Art Baryta	28.65	51.45	54.44	107.80	163.33
	Albrecht Dürer	28.65	51.45	54.44	107.80	163.33
	Bamboo	27.26	48.96	51.80	102.60	155.42
	Somerset Velvet	27.26	48.96	51.80	102.60	155.42
	Moab Entrada	27.26	48.96	51.80	102.60	155.42
	Enhanced Matte	21.46	43.32	45.84	90.75	137.50
	Premium Luster	21.46	43.32	45.84	90.75	137.50
	Premium Gloss	21.46	43.32	45.84	90.75	137.50
	Metallic Gloss	27.26	48.96	51.80	102.60	155.42

Wall Decor	Semi-Gloss Poster	N/A	17.55	24.00	49.50	75.00
	Matte Poster	N/A	17.55	24.00	49.50	75.00
	PosPro	N/A	27.02	36.93	76.20	115.42

Photo Prints	Photo Matte	7.25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Pro Photo Luster	7.25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Photo Gloss	7.25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Photo Print prices are web store prices.

		Life Span	Durability	Color Gamut	D-Max	Brightness	Technology	Finish	Surface	OBA	Min. size	Max size
Fine Art	Photo Rag	4	1	5	4	94	pigment	matte	smooth	yes	5x7	44x100
	Photo Rag Metallic	4	3	5	5	88	Pigment	Gloss	Textured	No	5c7	44x100
	Fine Art Pearl	4	2	5	5	105	pigment	gloss	textured	yes	5x7	44x100
	Fine Art Baryta	5	3	5	5	92	pigment	satin-gloss	smooth	no	5x7	44x100
	Albrecht Dürer	5	2	5	4	88	pigment	matte	textured	no	5x7	44x100
	Bamboo	5	3	4	4	83	pigment	matte	smooth	no	5x7	44x100
	Somerset Velvet	4	3	4	3	96	pigment	velvet	textured	yes	5x7	44x100
	Moab Entrada	5	3	4	4	84	pigment	matte	smooth	no	5x7	44x100
	Enhanced Matte	4	3	4	4	104	pigment	matte	smooth	yes	5x7	44x100
	Premium Luster	4	4	5	5	97	pigment	luster	smooth	yes	5x7	60x120
	Premium Gloss	4	4	5	5	92	pigment	gloss	smooth	yes	5x7	60x120
	Metallic Gloss	4	4	5	5	81	pigment	gloss	smooth	yes	5x7	44x100

Wall Décor	Semi-gloss Poster	3	4	4	4	99	solvent	semi gloss	smooth	yes	8.5x11	60x120
	Matte Poster	2	4	3	3	94	solvent	matte	smooth	yes	8.5x11	60x120
	PosPro	4	5	3	3	100	solvent	matte	smooth	yes	11x14	60x120

Photo Prints	Photo Matte	3	4	2	4	NA	Piezoelectric	matte	smooth	yes	wallet	8x12
	Photo Luster	3	4	2	4	NA	Piezoelectric	satin	smooth	yes	wallet	8x12
	Photo Gloss	3	4	2	4	NA	Piezoelectric	gloss	smooth	yes	wallet	8x12