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**Inkjet Canvas Printing and Finishing Checklist:
Tips for Printing and Finishing Your Next Inkjet Canvas Application**

- Use the highest-quality print mode. Make sure your ICC profile reflects that print setting.
- Don't exceed the material manufacturer's recommended ink-saturation limit if you're using a water-resistant inkjet canvas that you plan to overpaint. The water-resistance of the inkjet-receptive coating is adversely affected if you exceed the recommended ink load.
- To avoid the appearance of fingerprints, wear white cotton gloves when handling your prints.
- Turn off the automatic cutter. Some printer blades may not be able to trim canvas media, especially if the blade is dull. To avoid problems, advance the inkjet canvas several inches and cut the print manually.
- Allow the print to dry completely before you handle or finish it. The amount of drying time required will depend on the type of ink you used, ink saturation, and the relative humidity and temperature of your studio.
- Follow the material supplier's recommendations for print finishing. InteliCoat recommends liquid laminates ("clearcoats") because laminating films may not always make complete contact with all of the high and low points on the weave of the material. Pretest liquid laminates before using them on your final print.
- Use a matte or luster clearcoat if your inkjet canvas print looks too glossy.
- Staples or tacks are commonly used to permanently attach all edges of the inkjet canvas to a rigid board or frame. Using glue or pressure-sensitive adhesives isn't recommended because the canvas material can shrink over time, causing the edges to curl or peel up from the surface. Shrinkage can also cause gaps in multi-panel canvas murals.
- It is best to stretch at 50%RH / 70°F + or -because the material is made of natural fibers that shrink and expand w/ moisture/ humidity. As an example: If a print is stretched in "dry" conditions, the material is contracted and tight. If it is later exposed to a humid environment, it will expand and may sag. At or about 50%

RH, the inkjet canvas is in a neutral state and should only expand or contract slightly when exposed to more extreme conditions.

For more information on inkjet canvas options from InteliCoat, call 1-800-628-8604 or visit <http://www.magicinkjet.com>. You may also view a snapshot of our Inkjet Canvas Media and Applications webinar on the InteliCoatTech YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2SDXLwmzwU>.