Making Your Own Geek Gear

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Agenda

• Examples
• Tools You Need
• Prepping and Printing
• Ironing and Finishing – DEMO!
• Questions/Other Thoughts
EXAMPLES
TOOLS AND SUPPLIES
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• Something to iron to
  – Cotton or a blend
  – Very little stretch where you want to place image
• An iron
• Pillowcase
• Countertop/Heat Resistant Surface
Tools and Supplies

• An image
  – Software to manipulate the image
• Inkjet printer
• Iron on paper for inkjets
• Good pair of scissors/sharp X-Acto knife
For White Garments

- Avery 8938
- ONLY for white
- Need to reverse the image
- More forgiving to iron
- Greater tendency to crack
For Dark Garments

- Avery 3279
- Recommended for any other color
- Don’t have to reverse image
  - White parts tend to burn
- Harder to iron
- What I’m using today
PREPPING ART AND PRINTING
Prepping Art

• GIMP is free and easy to use
• Set a canvas/image size of 8.5x11
• Arrange images on page
• Add “filler”
  – Helps to blend into black/white shirt
  – Can also be used as outline
Prepping Art
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Other Printing Tips

• Print drafts to check placement
  – Especially if you’re re-using a transfer
• Check Print Settings on your final
  – High DPI, High Quality
• White Transfers need less ink
• Feed ONE AT A TIME
  – It means it!
• Trim Carefully!
IRONING AND FINISHING
How To Make Cool Stuff!

• Prep Your Area
• Heat Up Your Iron
• Place your image
• Check
• Double Check
• Iron! (follow directions)
• Cool off