## 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

## **Tools and Supplies**

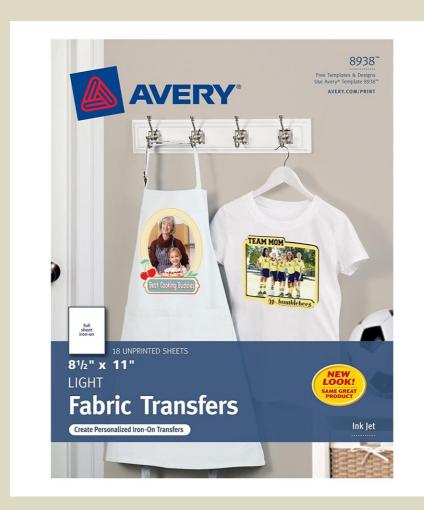
- Something to iron to
  - Cotton or a blend
  - Very little stretch where you want to place image
- An iron
- Pillowcase
- Countertop/Heat Resistant Surface

## **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

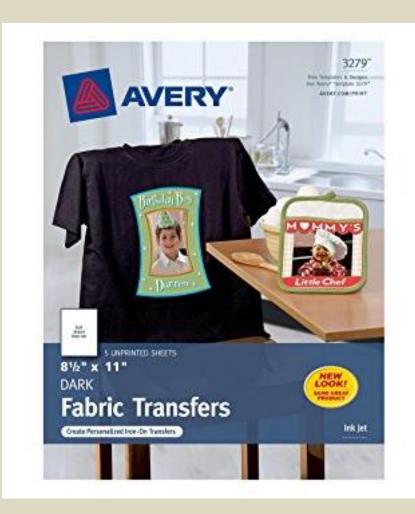
#### For White Garments

- 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
- Harder to iron
  - White parts tend to burn
- What I'm using today

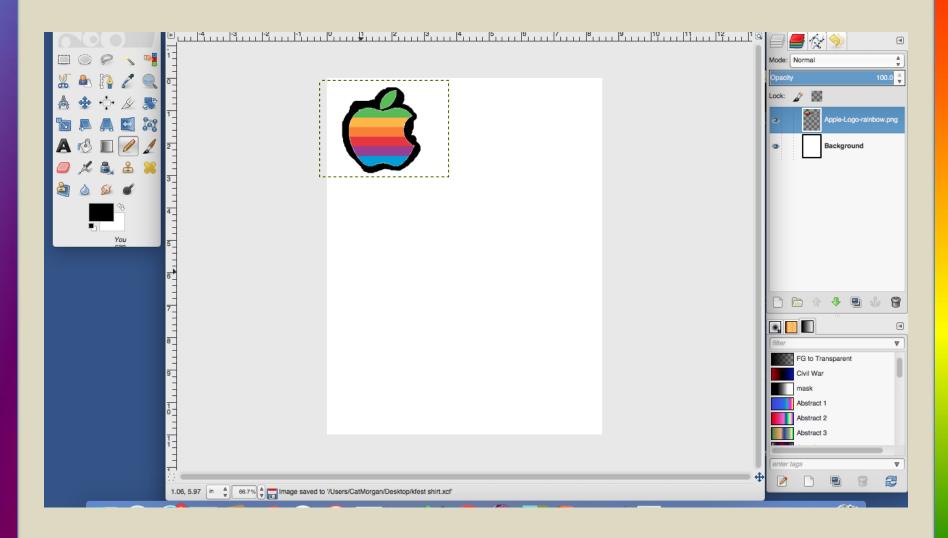


#### PREPPING ART AND PRINTING

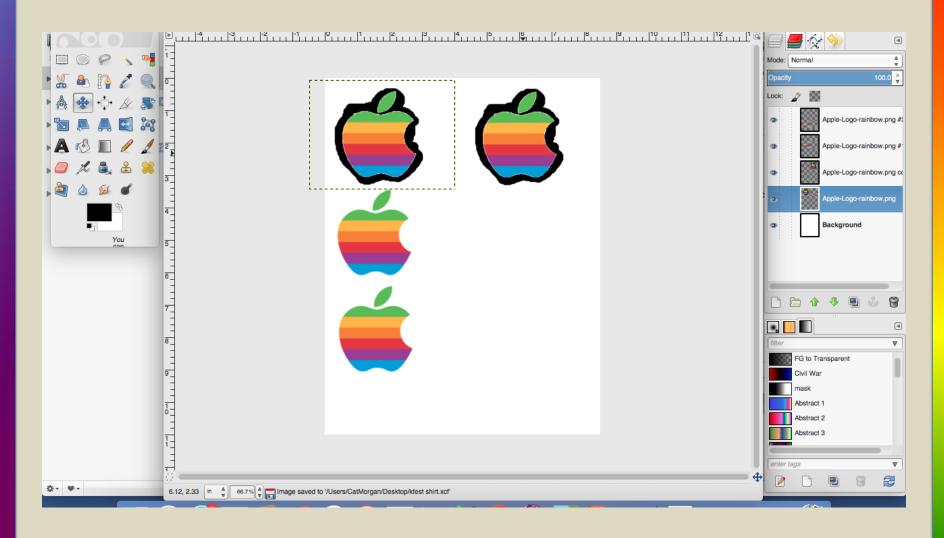
## **Prepping Art**

- 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

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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