

Preparing Un-Mounted Prints for Printing at Costco

The Costco photo department offers two different printers. One is an Epson “poster” printer which can produce prints up to 20x30 using inkjet technology and the second is a Fuji Frontier printer which will produce up to 12x18 prints using a “conventional” photo printing process.

For purposes of this tutorial, we will be referring only to the Fuji Frontier printer because of its superior print quality.

File Preparation

Using the procedure outlined in [“Preparing Un-Mounted Prints for Competition”](#), your image should be resized to 11x17 and your canvas resized to 12x18. This will leave a 1/2” border around the finished print. Save the final image as the highest possible quality JPEG file. Copy to either a CD or Flash Drive.

At the Kiosk at Costco

After inserting your media into the computer, just follow the on-screen prompts. You will be asked to select size, quantity etc. You will have two paper choices, glossy or luster - I recommend the luster. Also, select “**borderless**” printing.

Just before the end of the process, you will see a box at the lower left portion of the screen which says “**Full Backprint**”. **You must un-check this box!** If left checked, which is the computer’s default setting, the computer will apply additional color and level corrections to your image, which will undo everything you have done to prepare the image on your computer!

I have had numerous prints made at Costco and have never been disappointed by the quality. You can’t go wrong for \$3.00.