

Foil It

INSTRUCTIONS



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Please read before use.

This machine works at high temperatures.

To turn off

Press the off button and do not turn off at the mains. When the foil machine cools down enough it will automatically turn itself off.

Then if you wish unplug at the mains

Do not let children use this machine for responsible adult use only

Sometimes when you turn the foiling machine on there may be some vibration noise this is normal.

When the machine gets up to temperature it should quieten down.

Do not use near water in case of damage to electric components inside.

Do not cover air vents.

Do not put hands on air vents, this machine can get very hot

Do not put more than two pieces of card into the machine. Exceeding 1.2mm, about 350 gsm could damage the machine.

Do not put anything other than the recommended material into the machine. You may void your warranty and repairs are chargeable.

Create artwork or verse on the computer.
Print out on a laser printer.



Turn the Foil Machine on
To turn the machine off
press the off button, The
machine will turn off but
the cooling fans will keep
running until the rollers
have cooled

Set temperature

After you have turned on the Foil-It machine you
will need to set the temperature using the up +
or down - buttons

The following setting are as a guide only and
samples of your own should be tested before
making your finished card.

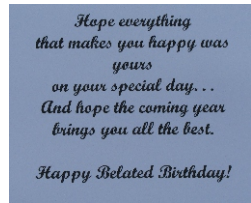
Laser printable Acetate	140c to 150c
Paper	150c to 160c
Card	160c to 170c
Heavy or textured card.....	170c to 180c

The Foil-It machine is also a good quality laminator
For laminating set temperature between
120c and 130c

NB. If you have used the Foil-It machine for foiling
you must give it time to cool to the lower
temperature before laminating.

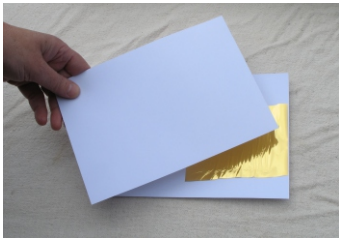
The Foil-It machine is capable of reaching up
to 200c. The outer casing can get very hot at this
temperature so do not touch the top of machine.

Verse printed out using a laser printer or laser photo copier.



Cover artwork or verse with foil.

The foil must be shiny side up.



Cover foil with paper or thin card and cut back any foil that sticks out over the edge of the card. This will prevent any foil being taken round the rollers.

Place into the foil machine, keeping it as straight as possible. After it passes through, allow it to cool for approx 15 - 30 seconds to allow the toner to harden.



Remove paper protecting the foil. Peel off foil.

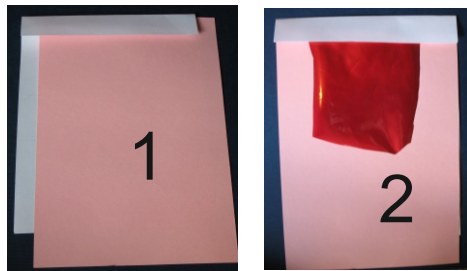
If the foil has not fully adhered to the toner, this is an indication that the temperature needs to be set a little higher.

Try taking the temperature up another 5c.

Alternative method for difficult or textured card.

Follow step 1,2 and 3

1. Cut a piece of paper the same size as the card to be foiled and fold over the top 2cm
Place over leading edge of card.
2. Place foil shiny side up, over the artwork and under the paper. The paper will trap the foil and stop it being picked up by the rollers. Do not cover the image with the folded edge of the paper.
3. Carefully feed into the foiling machine making sure the foil does not slip out of the overturned lip



When Paper / Card exits from the foil machine

Allow it to cool for approx 15 - 30 seconds to allow the toner to harden.

The folded paper traps the foil and the heat is directly onto the foil.

If you are unlucky enough to get foil or paper round the rollers, firstly, try putting it into reverse. When in reverse the heater will turn itself off. If this does not work, turn off the foiling machine and let it cool down. Pull the top cover up. This is held on by two clips. Being very careful not to scratch the rollers, remove foil / paper. Replace top cover

Hints & Tips

Printers

Only use a laser printer. An inkjet printer will not work. Mono or colour laser printers work with the Foil-It, although some may not work as well as others. We have found that low priced black & white printers are the best. If you are unsure which printer to use e-mail or phone and we will advise what to look for in a printer, though we can not be held accountable for your choice if it does not work.

For best results do not use economy mode & alter the paper settings to thick paper or card. If a colour printers used set the preferences to mono. Try experimenting with settings to see which give best results.

Card & Paper

Not all types of card are suitable for foiling. Test some samples of card & make a note of the temperatures which give the best result on each type of card. The temperatures we have given are a starting guide only. If using acetate or vellum, please ensure that they are laser printable, or you could cause damage to your printer or Foil-It Machine.

Re-using the foil

It is possible to re-use any foil that has already been through the Foil-It as long as there aren't too many wrinkles on it & it has not already been used by the toner.

Problem Solving

Card ripples

Temperature may be too high. Lower the temperature.

Using paper that is folded over can cause ripples.

Two pieces are recommended ie. One with your artwork and one separate as a cover.

Make sure you are feeding the paper into machine straight and not at an angle.

Try using a thicker paper/card as the top paper you may have to turn the temperature up a little

Foil will not adhere to toner

Is the correct foil being used. Only use toner foil, other foils will not work. Also ensure that the foil is used shiny side up.

If there are specks of toner showing through the foil, it may be that the temperature is not high enough.

Try increasing the temperature by 5 degrees.

It could be that there is too much silicone in the toner.

The only way to overcome this is to get a more compatible printer.

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It could be caused by removing the foil too soon.

The toner is the bonding agent & when it is passed through the Foil-It, the heat makes the toner tacky.

It needs time to cool a little for the toner to set.

Problem Solving cont.

If you are getting lines through your art work, this is usually caused through foil protruding out of the card. When you feed the card into the Foil-It, the heated rollers contact the foil first and may shrink it a little.

This could send a ripple down the foil which in turn leaves lines through your art work. To prevent this do not have any foil protruding out of the card.

If the foiled image is good at the start, but foil does not adhere towards the end of the page this may be due to the machine being just hot enough, but as the card passes through the Foil-It, the card takes the heat out of the rollers of the machine.

This can happen in large pieces of work such as an A4 sheet. To overcome this turn the temperature up by about 5 to 10 degrees.

So the thicker the card the higher the temperature needs to be & thick card tends to hold its heat longer that is why I recommend pausing for a few seconds before removing the foil.

If you want to use very thin paper you may need to sandwich this between 2 sheets of paper or card. It is always advisable to test card before making the finished item.

Using the Foil-It as a laminator

The Foil-It machine is also a very good quality laminator.

1. Place the document into a laminating pouch
2. Using the up and down buttons, set the temperature to the correct heat for the thickness of the pouches used, by referring to the guide below

Please note there is no need to use a carrier but we would recommend using a carrier with low priced laminating pouches.

If you have previously been foiling and had the machine running at higher temperatures, you will need to allow several minutes for the Foil-It to cool to the temperature required.

Pouch Thickness	Temperature
38 Microns	110c
75 Microns	130c
125 Microns	150c

Terms of Guarantee

This Foil-It machine is guaranteed for 12 months. Within the first month we will refund your postage costs for returning the faulty machine and re deliver a new one of the same model.

After the first month it is the customer who is responsible for the safe return of the machine for investigating the fault.

The machine must be packed in a safe and secure manner. It is advisable, if possible , to retain the original packaging.

Repairs on any fault that is found to have been caused by misuse are chargeable.

If your machine develops a fault please contact us first e-mailing pat@patsymay.co.uk, stating the nature of the fault that has developed, your name, telephone number and when and where it was purchased.

After investigation it will be our option wether to replace or repair the machine.

For further foil supplies
please visit our website

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Printers

We no longer supply a list of printers as lists of printers are quickly replaced by newer models

There are a lot of printers that work well for example

Samsung

HP

Cannon

WE CAN NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE
FOR YOUR CHOICE OF PRINTER

Most very cheap printers will work fine but will only take paper and not card.



Look for a slot in the front (A), This type of printer has a paper tray and a slot in the front that will accept one card at a time.



This type of printer has a paper tray (B) and a drop down tray and tends to be more expensive. But will take a wad of around 30 cards

Disposal of old electrical equipment



This symbol on a product or on its packaging indicates that this product (including batteries where applicable) shall not be treated as household waste. Instead it shall be handed over to the applicable collection point for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment. By ensuring this product is disposed of correctly, you will help prevent potential negative consequences for the environment and human health, which could otherwise be caused by inappropriate waste handling of this product. The recycling of materials will help to conserve natural resources.

For more detailed information about recycling of this product, please contact your local Council, or your household waste disposal services