



How far will corporations go? Go a step farther.

Dollarhack lets you print corporate logos directly onto Canadian dollar bills – making it appear as if McDonald's, Walmart, and eight other immense corporations are paid sponsors – of money! A Canadian bill has an average "lifetime" of 18 months and is exchanged thousands of times. Each bill you print with Dollarhack shows the REAL connection between corporations and government to a huge audience.

All you need is:

- An inkjet printer
- The ordinary \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills you spend every day
- An iron and ironing board (optional)

Increase the value of your money!

Make the dollar bills you spend reflect the REAL power structure!

This special Canadian edition of dollarhack contains files compatible with \$5, \$10, and \$20 Canadian bill designs printed since 2004. These bills are known as the "Canadian Journey" series.





How to Print Dollarhack Bills

Step 1: Getting ready.

Stack the bills facing the same direction. Make sure they are basically flat and wrinkle free, as too many folds, wrinkles, or tears may jam the printer. If your bills are wrinkled or folded, try ironing them. Ironed bills are much less likely to jam in the printer, and it takes just a few seconds on a high temperature. Take all the regular-sized paper out of your printer. If possible, set your printer's margin guide to an envelope (narrow) setting, or as close as possible to the narrow dimension of the bill.

Step 2: How does your printer load?

First determine how your printer loads and prints paper. There are two general load types.

Top loading printers (most Epson, Cannon, and Lexmark models) accept paper from a tray that leans out of the printer at the top. The paper moves past the print heads and emerges, printed, into a tray at the bottom of the printer.

Bottom loading printers (most HP models) accept paper from a tray at the bottom of the printer. The paper loops back past the print heads and emerges into a separate tray at the bottom of the printer.

Step 3: Make a test print.

For top-loading printers:

Place one bill in the printer, scenic side up, with the large number toward the bottom of the printer and the bottom of the bill lined up against the left margin guide of the printer.

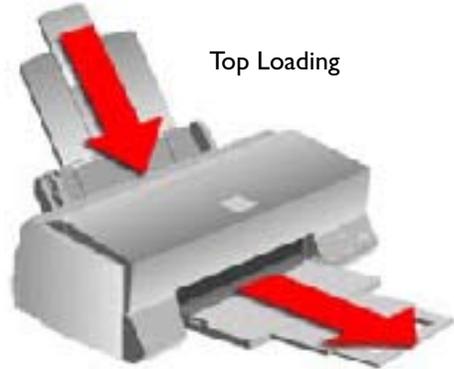
For bottom-loading printers:

Place one bill in the printer, portrait side up, with the top of the bill lined up against the right margin guide of the printer.

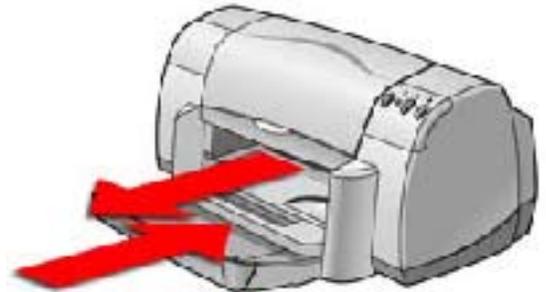
Select your least favorite logo in this document and make a note of its page number. Select print from the file menu and print only the page you chose, by clicking the "from" radio button and entering the page number in the two fields following it. Select the highest possible print quality for your printer, and click okay. Gently place your finger on the bill as it feeds into the printer (if possible), ensuring that it feeds in straight. Voila! You should have one corporate sponsored Canadian dollar! If you ran into any trouble while printing, check out the trouble-shooting section on the next page.

Step 4: Run several bills.

Now try printing multiple bills in the same feed. You can stack up to 10 correctly aligned bills in the printer at the same time. Select one logo at a time or print all 10 in a series. As each bill feeds into the printer, gently guide it with your finger. After a bill feeds and is printing, straighten the other bills that are stacked and waiting. On an Epson Stylus Color 600 printer, (our initial test printer) we were able to print 100 bills in about 30 minutes. Our misprint rate (after ironing wrinkled bills, see below) was less than 1 percent. Without ironing, we had about 2-3 misprints per 100. Each printer model is likely to have its own foibles and sensitivities to this unusual printing task.



Top Loading



Bottom Loading





Troubleshooting

Problem: Some of the bills jam in my printer.

Solution: Try ironing them. A low to medium setting (no steam) can straighten bills out in a few seconds. Make sure to straighten folded corners. If you do all your bills this way, you'll pretty much guarantee a smooth feed.

Problem: The logos are printing in the wrong positions or on the wrong side of the bill.

Solution: It may be that your printer feeds in a different way than the inkjet printers we tested. To figure out which direction your bill should be aligned, pencil an "X" on the bottom right-hand corner of a regular sheet of paper (top left corner for bottom feeding printers). Set your margin guides for a regular 8.5x11" sheet. Place the x-ed sheet in the printer, with the x still at the bottom right (top left for bottom feeding printers). Print one of the logos onto the paper. Compare the vicinity of the printed logo with the x and reposition the way you feed your bill accordingly. If your bill needs to be aligned with the top edge of the paper (bottom edge for bottom-feeding printers), try the taping method (below).



Taping method: For Laser printers and inkjets with unusual alignment or troublesome paper feeds. Having determined the proper placement of the bill (see previous paragraph), TAPE separate bills to separate full sheets of 8.5x11" paper with scotch or masking tape, flattening the tape smoothly onto the paper with your finger. Stack these sheets in the printer and print as usual. Peel tape off finished bills.

Distribution Tips:

Remember:

Misprinted bills can STILL BE SPENT!

Since a dollarhacked bill is in no way counterfeit currency, it can be spent as any "clean" dollar would. In our testing process, we printed thousands of bills of our own money and spent them in supermarkets, retail stores, and vending machines without any trouble. Occasionally, we were questioned about the imprinted logos and we just played dumb. There was no situation in which our bills were not accepted.

One way to get lots of bills printed at a time is to withdraw your usual amount of money from the ATM and change it for a stack of smaller bills at the teller counter of the bank. (This is something a lot of businesses do for cash-drawer change.) You can also get more bills distributed by trading dollarhacked bills with your friends. We do not currently recommend withdrawing money from the bank, imprinting it, and re-depositing it. Swim at your own risk.