

HOW TO PRINT YOUR SKETCH CARDS

Your sketch cards are designed to fit a standard 4×6 photo album or flip frame, which is the perfect portable for a portable photo album, flip frame, or card ring. I've included a few different print options below so you can choose what works best for your printer and your setup. Don't overthink it. Pick the option that matches your printer and go.

WHAT'S IN YOUR DOWNLOAD

Your download includes:

- Sketch Card Front: PDF or JPG
- Sketch Card Back: PDF or JPG

OPTION A - 4×6 TRUE SIZE (RECOMMENDED)

This is the cleanest option. Each page of your PDF prints as one 4×6 card. Slip them back-to-back in a photo album sleeve, or use them individually on a ring.

You'll need: Inkjet printer · 4×6 paper or cardstock · paper trimmer or scissors

Printing instructions:

1. Open your PDF in Adobe Acrobat Reader (recommended for accurate sizing).
2. Go to File → Print.
3. Under Paper Size, select 4×6 or 4×6 photo.
4. Under Page Sizing, select Actual Size. **Do not** select Fit to Page.
5. Load 4×6 paper into your printer tray.
6. Print page 1 (the sketch front). Then reload a new sheet and print page 2 (the Level Up back).
7. Glue or tape the two cards back-to-back and slide into a 4×6 album sleeve. You can also keep each card separate and punch a hole in the corner for a card ring.

Tip: If your printer asks "Do you want to fit the image to the page?" — always choose No. Fitting will scale your card slightly and it won't measure true 4×6.

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OPTION B - 8.5×11 PRINT TWO AT ONCE

This option lets you print two sketch card fronts on one sheet and two backs on another, then cut them apart for two complete cards. Great if you're building your reference album quickly

What you need: Inkjet printer · 8.5×11 cardstock or photo paper · paper trimmer

Printing instructions:

1. Open the JPG in your photo viewer.
2. Go to File → Print.
3. Load 8.5×11 paper into your printer tray.
4. Print on a single sheet of 8.5×11 cardstock (single-sided only.)
5. Trim the sheet to 8×6 inches if needed to remove excess margins
6. Score the center line with a bone folder before folding (this is helpful with cardstock prints.)
7. Fold in half so that the sketch front faces out.
8. Slip into your 4×6 album sleeve with the front facing forward.

PAPER & PRINT TIPS

- Paper Choices
 - Best quality: Matte or glossy inkjet photo paper. Colors stay true.
 - Best for durability: 65 lb or 80 lb cardstock. Holds up well on a ring or in a flip album
 - Budget-friendly: Plain copy paper works for a quick reference. Laminate it for longevity.
- Print setting: Always set your printer to Best or High Quality. Standard or Draft mode will give you dull colors.

QUICK TROUBLESHOOTING

Q: Card printed too small or too large

A: Make sure Page Sizing is set to Actual Size, not Fit to Page or Shrink to Fit.

Q: Front and back don't line up.

A: Do the plain paper & window test before printing on cardstock. Adjust image position if needed.

Q: Colors look washed out or dull

A: Set print quality to Best or High Quality, and check your ink levels.

Q: Can't find 4×6 paper size in printer settings

A: Look for Photo 4×6 in the paper size list, or add a custom size: 4" wide × 6" tall.

Q: PDF opens but won't print at correct size

A: Use Adobe Acrobat Reader (free). Other PDF viewers sometimes rescale files automatically.