Hello and Thank you for purchasing a printable invitation template from Do-it-yourself-invitations.com! Congratulations on your upcoming event!

Our invitation templates are a great way to DIY your invites and save money as well. You can print your template onto plain white card stock, trim them using our guidelines, and use the invitations as is. Or you can even go a step further and really make them your own. Pick some decorative or textured paper to pair with them. Punch it up by backing them with a colored or textured card stock. You can even add ribbons, raffia, a belly band, or charms, rhinestones, and glitter. They have been paired with a pocket fold card on occasion as well.

Getting Started...

You'll want to start by picking out some paper. I like to use a 65 lb. or higher weight card stock to print the invitations onto. When backing with card stock a nice 24 lb. paper is sufficient.
Figure out how many invitations you need to make an then by your paper accordingly. All of our invitations are set up to print two per single piece of 8 1/2" by 11" paper. If you have 100 invitations to make then you only need 50 pieces of paper or card stock, plus a few extras to allow room for mistakes.

What You'll Need...

* 8 1/2" by 11" card stock or paper
* computer printer
* personal paper cutter

(optional)

* glues/adhesives
* ribbon or raffia
* rhinestones or glitter

To start personalizing your invitations and getting them ready to print, open the file and highlight the text you would like to change.
To highlight the text you will need to select the cursor tool from the tools menu or palette and then drag it over the text you'd like to change. This should automatically open a text tool palette, but in the event that it does not just hold down Control+E while the text is highlighted.
Simply type in your invitation wording and use the text tool palette to select an appropriate size, font, and/or color for your invitation wording.

Once you are finished you can save your changes by selecting File>save or File>save as.
Load your paper into your printer and print a test copy first to make sure everything looks OK and to check for any errors. Make sure and print on the highest quality settings for the best results.
You can also choose to save your file and bring it to a local copy shop to have them print your invites on a color copier. Many of these shops will also cut the paper for you and trim to size at a very affordable price. This will save you a TON of time and tedious work.

If you choose to trim the invitations yourself I recommend a good sharp blade on a guillotine style or sliding blade paper cutter. We have provided faint guidelines to follow when cutting the paper.

Lastly, it is an optional step to personalize your invitations and make the template your own. Some suggestions? Purchase some coordinating card stock and have it trimmed just slightly bigger than the size of your invitations. Use a permanent glue adhesive runner to attach the invitation to the card stock backing. Next add a belly band by trimming some decorative pattern paper into strips and wrapping it around the invitation. You can even add a ribbon on top as well.
You can add raffia, or rhinestones! Glitter or charms!

I hope you will enjoy using this template. Feel free to shoot us an email with any thoughts, questions, or suggestions.
If you decide to jazz it up and make it your own we would LOVE to see what you've done! Feel free to swing on by and add it to our Handmade Invitations Show and Tell where you can submit your own pages to the website and share your crafty talents.

Best Wishes!

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