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# **COLORJET SOFTJET GRAND Textile Printer Test Prints**



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## at APPPEXPO 2018 Shanghai

**Dr Nicholas Hellmuth** 

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• One of many nice features of printing on cloth is that it is easy to fold.

COLORJET had a nice booth at APPPEXPO 2018 in Shanghai, with a diverse range of different kinds of printers. They were in Hall 3, the prestige International Hall (efi VUTEk, Zund cutters, dilli, Mimaki, Roland, etc).

The COLORJET booth has hospitable capable printer personnel. We thank the operator, Mr Deepesh P.V., Support Engineer and Senior Product Manager Smarth Bansal.

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We will be donating these test prints to about six educational programs: three museums (at national parks) and to several schools (in remote mountain areas). So there are multiple copies of the same print (but a different logo at the top; the logo of the particular national park).

Nicholas has worked at two national parks in Guatemala (1969 at Tikal, as a student archaeologist intern, as a photographer) and then for five yearly seasons at Yaxha (an area that he himself helped turn into a park; there was no park when he arrived: just jungle. Before he left he had done the necessary steps to insure that the government made this jungle lake area a national park.

Now, after almost 50 years, he is returning to the Yaxha Nakum Naranjo park to donate material for the 11 schools that the park personnel interact with.





Here are two of the prints, each one for a different museum's educational programs. The illustrations are produced by the team at MayanToons, a division of FLAAR Mesoamerica, which is a research and educational division of FLAAR.

Since these printers are 3.2 meters long, we take them to the round-about near the office so we can hold them.

The 3 year old girl is our "teacher." She teaches us how to help a 3-year old learn ABC's, colors, basic mathematics. She turns 4 in a few days and already is very advanced in both what she has learned plus what she wants to learn (today she asked how soon she would be able to read all the text on a food box).

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Entry-level textile printers are 1.6 and 1.8m; there are a few 2m textile printers; but for grand format textile production, most printers are capable of printing 3.2 meters.

Up to three years ago there was no transfer paper at 5m width, and not much printable fabric at 5m width either.

#### The Media is WOW

The material they printed this on has a really bright shiny material. It has an appearance that is definitely different than normal run-of-the-mill polyester. It is always nice to see innovative media.



 Here are the front covers of some of the books for children which we have written in the last two years. You can download free previews on www.MayanToons.org

This series of book covers is a great test for color gamut since lots of colors are visible: oranges, greens, turquoise, browns, and lots more. The reds produced by the COLORJET inks and heat treatment system are bright as you can clearly see.

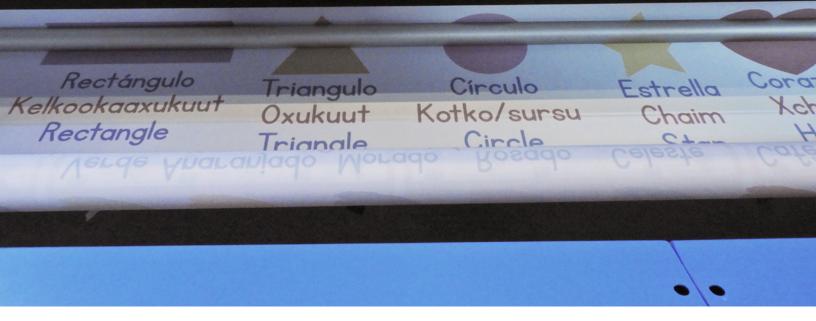
Since there are 21 Mayan languages in Guatemala, plus Xinca and Garifuna, we work at being able to have these books available in any language (when outside funding is available). Here are three speakers of Q'eqchi' Mayan language and one of the two Kaqchiquel Mayan speakers who work with us.

#### Next Step would be to visit the Demo Room

For a complete evaluation of a printer the primary step is to visit the demo room. When possible we also prefer to be taken to a printshop that is using this printer model out in the real world.

### Final View of the quality of the output of the COLORJET SOFTJET GRAND Textile Printer

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Here is the material on the printer, before it has been heat fixed. The heat fixation will sublimate the ink and brighten the colors dramatically.

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▲ Numbers, shapes, and colors, all in three languages: Spanish, Q'eqchi' Mayan, and English.

For numbers we show: Roman numerals, Mayan hieroglyphic numbers (more than a thousand years old), and modern international numbers.



 Here is the same sample folded but you can see the correlation between size and quality of the printing.

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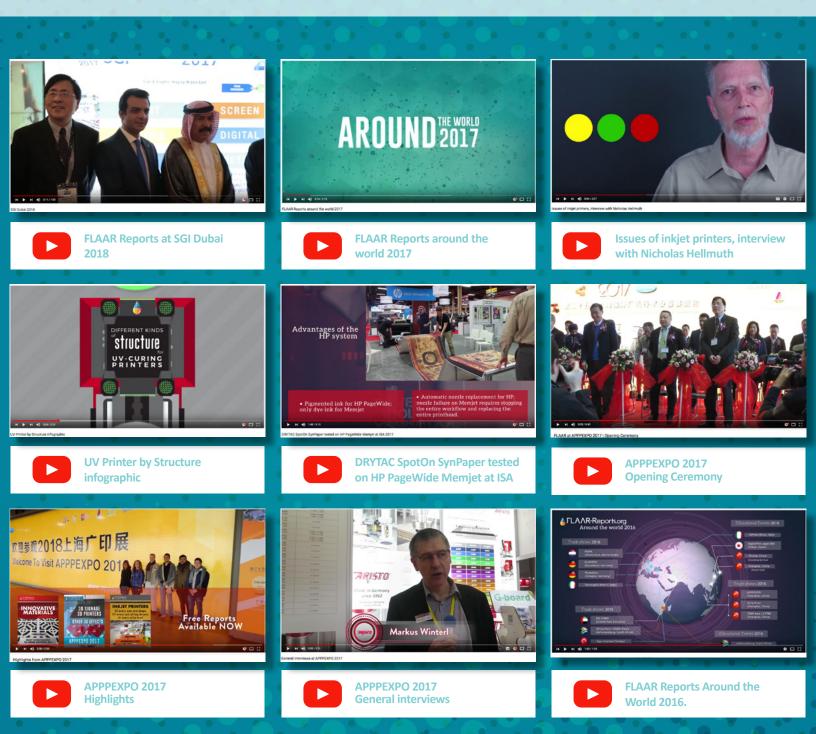
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