

Label Printers

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Many years ago, I had a secretary who did the opposite: she had a computer/printer set up to automatically print a letter-size envelope any time she printed a letter on letterhead. If she had to send a large envelope, she would tape the letter-size envelope to the face of the larger envelope.

More to your point, I have noticed that many times when I receive Christmas cards or similar “mass mailings,” the address will be printed on a clear label that is affixed to the envelope. I never thought of it as unprofessional, but I was aware of the process.

Brian H. Cole, California

I use Dymo all the time for printing labels that go on the big manila envelopes. They have some nice templates to choose from. I personally think they look professional. You could even order clear labels so that it looks it's printed directly on the envelopes (kinda).

Eugene Lee, California

I have all sorts of label and non-label printers. Years ago, I used to go to a lot of trouble to make the envelope look "professional". When I saw Big Law firms using labels, I decided it wasn't worth the trouble to try to feed an envelope through a printer.

Mike Phillips, North Carolina

I occasionally print labels for oversized envelopes, but the vast majority of my envelopes are standard #10 size. When I first started out - y'know, way back in August - I created a Word envelope template with my color logo and return address, so that I could paste in the recipient's address and just run standard envelopes through the color printer. I save a lot of money on stationery, and it's sufficiently professional for my clients.

Andrew C. McDannold, Florida

Sounds good, Andrew. Can I buy the template from you to modify for my use?

On the first point, Avery Labels for oversize envelopes look professional.

Small clear or not clear labels for regular size envelopes are probably ok in an era when men wear shirts untucked.

Roger M. Rosen, California

We send thousands of letters a year in envelopes using Dymo labels.

Never once thought of it as "unprofessional" looking.

Nick A. Ortiz, Florida

I agree with Nick.

If you think labels, in general, make a piece of mail look unprofessional - then you have no choice but to print directly on the envelope. All well and good, until you don't have something that fits in a standard envelope. Then what? Print to the standard envelope then tape the envelope to the bigger one? <-yep, seen that done a lot in my days in brick n mortar

However, it's more than just labels. My Dymo has saved me so much time - not just because the labels are easy to print and be done, but because of the postage I can also print using the right roll on my Dymo.

Since I can print postage, I have not been to a post office in years - when I used to have to go 1 to 2x per week. A trip to my local post office takes a MINIMUM of a half hour not because of the distance - it's less than 5 minutes from my h/office - but because of the lines once you get there. I could travel to another post office with less of a wait... but then that's longer distance. No win.

With my Dymo, I print the label, add the postage and leave for my mailperson to pick up. Easy peasy.

Andrea Cannavina (not a lawyer)

Business and 6x9 envelopes are run through the printer for the mailing address and postage, and the return address for the 6x9.

For the large manila envelopes we use large Avery address labels, 3x4, that have our address on the upper left, a horizontal line across the label under that, and then the mailing address toward the bottom in the middle.

The return address is 12 pt and the mailing 13 pt. I suppose we could figure out how to run the large envelopes through the regular printer, but we haven't (though will look at it now). Postage is printed on a stamps label using Dymo.

When I get a large envelope with a business size envelope taped to it, my thought is that the sender isn't very techno-savvy and isn't very concerned about costs.

Deborah G. Matthews, Virginia

What printer do you have that likes envelopes?

Mike Phillips

A Brother multifunction

Deborah G. Matthews

At least on my Brother multi-function, you have to open up the back and adjust two levers for an envelope to pass through the printer without wrinkling. Then, once the envelope is printed, I have to move the levers back to their original position and close the back of the printer. It's a hassle to have to do that every time I print an envelope, and frankly it's my least favorite attribute of Brother MFC machines, which I generally like very much.

But, then again, I don't do a lot of #10 envelope snail-mailing, so the occasional hassle of having to deal with the printer isn't a big deal.

YMMV.

Scott I. Barer, California

It's not designed to be a business printer, but I use a Dell C1760nw color laser printer for my envelopes and letterhead. Great quality, a super simple feed mechanism, and the printer and toner refills are dirt cheap.

Now, as my volume grows I'll likely need a faster printer, but this one has been a good solution for me so far.

Andrew C. McDannold

I have a dedicated envelope printer, the HP1102w which was really cheap and has been rock solid for years. I only use it for the no. 10 envelopes along with Stamps.com which prints postage directly on the envelope along with the address. It has literally been problem-free.

I also have dedicated Dymo printers, one for each size of label that I use.

If you send a lot of envelopes out like I do and apparently Nick does, then dedicated printers are totally worth it. You save so much time not having to change settings or pressing buttons when you have to print out different types of envelopes/labels/postage.

Eugene Lee, California

Another vote for the Dymo----bought one many years ago based on Andrea's recommendation, and will give it up the day after she enrolls in law school. ;)

Have a Brother 6935-DW, and leave several #10 envelopes loaded in the back at all times for when the need arises.

Hope this helps.

Dave Rakowski, Pennsylvania

+1 for the Dymo Label printer.

I think that envelopes that get "ironed" by the printer rollers and all wrinkled look more unprofessional and less efficient than my clear Dymo label with the little bar code to help the Post Office get it right.

Nancy Duhon, Georgia

I use Avery labels, or print envelope directly. Mostly I use the labels. I don't think it unprofessional with labels. Clients don't care or notice, because I have asked. I am reading this thinking I need to reevaluate getting a Dymo as it would probably be faster.

Darrell G. Stewart, Texas

To All Dymo Enthusiasts:

Regarding Dymo, do you print your return address on the same label as the label showing the addressee, or do you print two labels, one for your return address and one for the addressee?

Are there multiple versions of Dymo?

Where is the best place to buy the machine and the labels?

Roger M. Rosen

I do a single label with my address at top, a line separator below it, then target address below in larger font. It looks pretty professional IMHO.

I mostly use the Dymo 4XL. I also have a Dymo Twin Turbo for smaller address labels, but I rarely use those.

I bought them at Amazon, at a discounted price, but that was probably 5-10 years ago. Given how much I use them, they've more than paid for themselves.

Eugene Lee

For legal (#10) envelopes, I do not put my return address on the main address label. The reason for that is I had several pieces of mail re-delivered to me because the automated systems at the post office read the return address as the mail-to address (at least that's the explanation I got from my letter carrier).

For larger envelopes, I use a single label for the return address and mailing address.

Scott I. Barer

I don't have a lot of large envelope stuff, so I just use two small labels when I need both a return address and and sendee address.

Nancy Duhon
