



Step-by-Step Instructions

(PRINT this set of instructions to follow every time you refill your cartridge)

HP 61 and 61XL Color



Items needed: gloves, cyan, magenta, and yellow ink, paper towels, review hints and tips and check list.

Note: The color sequence in this cartridge may vary. The manufacturer's sticker may be decorative only and may not indicate the proper color sequence. If you question the color sequence in your cartridge, use a small wooden toothpick or paper clip to insert into the chambers to reveal the colors. User separate toothpicks or paperclips each time to avoid contaminating an ink color

Syringe: Attach needle tip to the syringe tightly. Unscrew lid on ink bottle. Pull plastic stopper out. Dispense the correct color ink into syringe. Rinse syringe and needle tip after every use and before using syringe with another color. Rinse syringe and needle tip with warm water until the water runs clear.

1. Put the cartridge on some paper towels in an area where you can tolerate a spill.
2. Peel off the top label.
3. Fill the syringe with 3.5 ml. of color ink.
(The XL version will take 5 ml.)



Note: When refilling, only puncture the top of the sponge in the cartridge, about 1/4 – 1/8 inch. Puncturing to the bottom may cause leakage in the cartridge.

4. Very S-L-O-W-L-Y inject ink into each chamber until the sponge is full. A little ink might come out of the top when full, so cover up the other two holes while filling one.

5. When finished leave the top label off and the filling holes exposed (when printing it has to pull in air).

6. Replace the cartridge and run 1 - 3 cleaning cycles as per printer instructions.

Or print the following pages:

http://www.freeink4life.com/color_print_test.html

For best results, leave cartridge in printer for 8 hours after refilling so the ink can saturate the entire sponge.

The cartridge will print just like a new one. Even though the cartridge prints well, the ink level gauge will not read full after a refill.

NOTE: Another way to make sure you do not run out of ink is to keep track of the amount of ink you are using by counting the number of pages you print by putting a bookmark in your ream of paper at approximately 150 pages. Most printers ink level indicator will only recognize an expensive OEM cartridge. So once you refill, play it safe and keep track of the amount of ink you use by counting the pages printed. Once you get used to printing this way, always top off your black and colors every time you print around 150 pages. Fold a sheet of paper to use as a bookmark and stick it in your ream of paper at the 150th page as a reminder to top off the inks. Each time you refill, move the bookmark down another 150 pages. You will get used to filling and printing this way and you will save tons of money. This will help you to not burn out the micro-nozzles on the bottom of your copper strip.

Refill when your cartridge is 90% empty. We recommend that you read the Quick start guide at <http://freeink4life.com/support/>

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