Step-by-Step Instructions

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

Lexmark #100A - 100XLA, #108A - 108XLA, #150XLA

Black, Cyan, Magenta, Yellow









Items Needed: Black Ink, Cyan, Magenta & Yellow ink, Syringe with Needle Tip, Thumb Drill, Paper Towels, Gloves, Review Hints and Tips, and Check List.

Note: You will need the Lexmark 100A, 108A and 150A version. Lexmark offers for sale two different versions of the same cartridge: The regular version (#100) is not refillable. It is the "Return Program" or "Prebate" cartridge. Supposedly, when you buy this cartridge you agree to return the empty cartridge to Lexmark. In return, Lexmark gives you roughly \$5 off the retail list price of the cartridge. The "A" version (#100A) can easily be refilled. However, the price of the cartridge is roughly \$5 higher than the regular version, so most people unknowingly buy the regular version. If you want to refill, you will need "A" version cartridges.

- 1. Put the cartridge on some paper towels in an area where you can tolerate a spill.
- 2. Fill the syringe with 12ml of black pigment ink or 6ml of Color Ink.
- 3. Pierce with the needle or thumb drill into the label where black meets white. (You can rub your finger over the label and feel the hole underneath.) See illustration.

Note: There is a chip under the top label. Don't start poking around on the top with a needle because you can damage the chip. To be on the safe side you can peel the label back and you will see the filling hole and the chip. Don't touch the chip (copper area).

- 4. Push the needle at least half way down into the sponge and Very S-L-O-W-L-Y inject ink into the sponge.
- 5. When finished, leave the pierced hole open (this will let the cartridge breathe).

6. Replace the cartridge and run 1 - 3 cleaning cycles as per printer instructions. Or print the following pages:

http://www.freeink4life.com/black_print_test.html Black ink test http://www.freeink4life.com/support/color_print_test.html Color ink Test

For best results, leave cartridge in printer for 8 hours after refilling so the ink can saturate the entire sponge (Allows ink to flow to the printhead).

PLEASE NOTE: If you have tried printing with your cartridge completely out of ink, you may have damaged the printhead. Inkjet printers work by heating a resistor inside the printhead which heats the ink before it is sprayed onto the paper. If there is no ink to keep the resistors cool, you stand the chance of frying them. In your worst case you will need to buy a new cartridge.

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