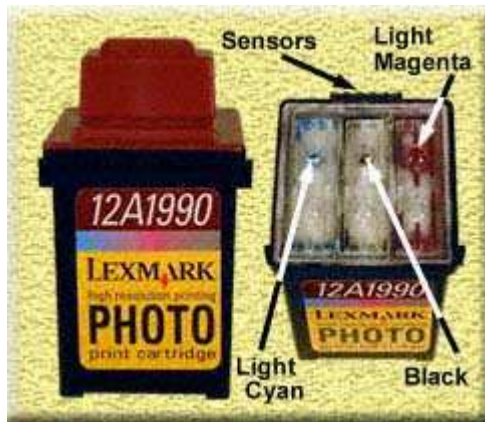


# Step-by-Step Instructions

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

## Lexmark 12A1990



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SEE PICTURE AND FILL COLORS AS SHOWN ABOVE



**Items needed: gloves, hand-drill, Photo/Light cyan, Photo/Light magenta & Black Dye ink, #3 refill station, paper towels, review hints & tips and check list. Do not plug fill holes.**

**Syringe: Attach needle tip (located inside station # 4) to the syringe tightly. Unscrew lid on ink bottle. Puncture silver seal with needle tip making a small hole in the center of seal. Pull the correct amount of ink into the syringe. Rinse syringe**

**and needle tip after every use and before using syringe with another color. Rinse syringe and needle tip with water until the water runs clear.**

1) Place cartridge in refill station #3. Cartridge label will face the front of the refill station. See Photo

2) Locate the three holes on front of refill station. Insert the drill into each guide-hole. Rotate hand drill thru guide-hole until it completely penetrates the cartridge. These are your fill-holes. Rinse and dry drill after inserting into each color chamber.

3) Insert correct color (As shown in top picture) syringe needle tip deep inside the fill-hole. From left to right the colors are PHOTO CYAN – BLACK DYE - PHOTO MAGENTA, push as far down into the cartridge. Note: You may feel a slight pressure because the cartridge contains a sponge. (It's also a good idea to check the color chambers with a tooth pick before putting in ink. The chambers are somewhat dry and you might have to push the tooth pick in far to get ink on it.) S-l-o-w-l-y inject 6ml of color ink into fill-hole. Withdraw and re-insert the syringe at different angles in order to expose the whole sponge to the ink. If ink begins to “bubble” out of the fill-hole, remove syringe tip. Bubbling occurs when a cartridge is either over- filled or if ink is being inserted too quickly. Wait several minutes and then try to slowly insert more ink. If ink begins to bubble out the fill-hole or leak from the printhead, you have plenty of ink in the cartridge.

4.) After refilling, remove the cartridge from refill station. Without the cartridge “printhead” touching the paper towels, place the refilled cartridge upright upon folded paper towels and tilt cartridge at a slight angle. If the printhead on the cartridge is touching the paper towel, it could create a wicking effect that would pull the ink from your refilled cartridge. It is necessary for the cartridge to sit for at least 20 minutes after refilling because there maybe some minor leakage from the cartridge. Never put a leaking cartridge back into your printer.

5.) Do not plug the fill-holes. If the fill-holes are plugged, a slight vacuum is created. This can result in interrupted print or no print.

6.) Check the ink flow by gently pressing a dry paper towel against the printhead. You should see three lines of color ink. If not, gently press a warm, wet paper towel against the printhead until each color is visible.

7.) When the three colors are visible on paper towel, place cartridge back into the printer and run 1-2 print tests. Or print 2 pages at this test site: [Or Print 3 pages using:](#)

[http://www.refills4you.com/support/black\\_print\\_test.html](http://www.refills4you.com/support/black_print_test.html) for black

[http://www.refills4you.com/support/color\\_print\\_test.html](http://www.refills4you.com/support/color_print_test.html) for color

Note: You can refill cartridge thru the guide-hole and into the cartridge or you lift cartridge slightly above the refill station and insert syringe tip directly into the fill-hole.

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

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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