

PRINTABLE GUIDE

Get a printer working with a Chromebook

Chromebooks support compatible network or USB printers, but not Bluetooth printing. These checks cannot repair printer hardware, empty cartridges or a paper jam.

Chromebook; compatible network or USB printer | 2 min read | 5 steps

Before you start

- ☐ The printer model and its official help page
- ☐ Paper, ink or toner and access to your home network

1. Check the printer itself

Turn the printer on and read its display. Clear a paper or ink warning according to its manual. Try the printer's own test page if available; failure here points to the printer rather than the Chromebook.

- ☐ Done this step

2. Confirm compatibility and connection

Check Google's compatible-printer information and the manufacturer's ChromeOS instructions. For network printing, connect the printer and Chromebook to the same home network. A guest network may prevent devices from finding each other.

- ☐ Done this step

3. Look for the printer

On the Chromebook, select the time, then Settings. Under Device, find Printers and scanners and the printing options. Save an available supported printer. Wording may change slightly with ChromeOS updates.

- ☐ Done this step

4. Select it in the print window

Open a simple webpage and press Ctrl + P. Next to Destination, select the list and See more if needed. Choose your physical printer rather than Save to PDF, then print one page.

☐ Done this step

5. Use the supported fallback

If discovery fails, try a supported USB connection or follow the manufacturer's manual setup instructions. Use its exact address and settings; do not guess. Restart the printer and Chromebook before contacting manufacturer support.

☐ Done this step

Try it for yourself

Open Ctrl + P and identify your printer without printing a long file.

☐ I tried the task.

My notes

Should I use Google Cloud Print?

No. That older service was discontinued. Use ChromeOS printing and current instructions for your printer.

Official help and the online guide

Print from a Chromebook - <https://support.google.com/chromebook/answer/15471016?hl=en>

Read online: <https://plaintech-guides.pages.dev/guides/connect-chromebook-printer/>