

Photo Paper Sample & Test Packs

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 Prices sourced May 2026 — verify with retailers before ordering.

Section 1 — Known Brand Sample Packs

Canon, Epson, Fotospeed, Hahnemühle, Kodak, Marrutt, Olmec, Permajet.

BRAND	PACK NAME	PRICE	SHEET S	SIZE	CONTENTS	NOTES
Canon	No sample packs	N/A	-	-	Canon does not offer a structured sample pack programme in the UK. The PVP-201 Variety Pack (PT-101 + LU-101 + PM-101, ~15 sheets A4) is the closest available — check canon.co.uk.	Consumer variety pack only, not a proper test programme.
Epson	Legacy Papers Medley Pack	~£30–40	14	A4	3 sheets each of 5 Legacy papers: Legacy Baryta, Legacy Baryta II, Legacy Platine, Legacy Fibre, Legacy Etching.	Epson's flagship fine art tier. UK availability variable — check specialist retailers.
Epson	Signature Worthy Medley Pack	~£25–35	14	A4	2 sheets each of 7 Signature Worthy papers including Exhibition Fiber, Exhibition Watercolor Textured, Velvet Fine Art, Hot Press Natural, Cold Press Natural, Somerset Velvet.	UK availability variable. Check fotospeed.com or on-linepaper.co.uk.
Fotospeed	Photo Quality Test Pack	~£14	22	A4	2 sheets each: PF Gloss 270, PF Gloss 310, PF Lustre 275, PF Lustre 310, Photo Smooth Pearl 290, Metallic Lustre 275, Metallic Gloss 275, Matt Ultra 240, Matt Infinity 265, Matt Proofing 170, Matt Duo 240.	Complete Photo Quality RC range. Matt Ultra 240 is the standout competition paper.
Fotospeed	Fine Art Gloss Test Pack	£13.99	12	A4	4 sheets each of 3 papers: Platinum Baryta 300, Platinum Gloss Art Fibre 300, Platinum Cotton 305.	Platinum Baryta 300 is 5-star AP award winner. Best baryta competition paper in range.
Fotospeed	Fine Art Matt Smooth Test Pack	£16.99	18	A4	2 sheets each of ~9 papers: Smooth Cotton 300, High White Smooth 315, Natural Smooth 310, Xpressions Matt Smooth 300, Natural Soft Textured 315, Matt Baryta 310, Portfolio Cotton 220, Natural White 285, Platinum Matt 280.	Best value pack for Fotospeed's cotton range. Natural Soft Textured 315 highly recommended.
Fotospeed	Fine Art Matt Textured Test Pack	£16.00	12	A4	2 sheets each of textured cotton papers including Platinum Etching Cotton 310, Studio Etching Rag 285, Studio Matt Textured Rag 310, Signature Cotton Etching 305, Natural Soft Textured 315.	Textured cotton range only. For landscape and expressive subjects.
Fotospeed	Panoramic Test Pack	~£18	28	210x59 4mm	4 panoramic + 1 A4 profiling sheet each of: PF Lustre 275, PF Gloss 270, Matt Ultra 240, Photo Smooth Pearl 290, Platinum Baryta 300, Platinum Etching 285, Smooth Cotton 300.	Panoramic letterbox format (fits A4 printer). Good for landscape panoramics.
Hahnemühle	Matt FineArt Smooth Sample Pack	~£18–22	10	A4	2 sheets each of 5 papers: Photo Rag 308, Photo Rag Bright White 310, Photo Rag Ultra Smooth 305, Bamboo 290, and one further smooth paper. Check hahnemuehle.co.uk for current contents.	Photo Rag 308 is the world's most popular fine art inkjet paper. OBA-free throughout.
Hahnemühle	Matt FineArt Textured Sample Pack	~£18–22	10	A4	2 sheets each: Albrecht Dürer 210gsm, Torchon 285gsm, German Etching 310gsm, William Turner 310gsm, Museum Etching 350gsm.	German Etching and William Turner most widely used for landscape and expressive work.
Hahnemühle	Glossy FineArt Sample Pack	£19.40	16	A4	2 sheets each: FineArt Pearl 285, FineArt Baryta Satin 300, Photo Rag Satin 310, Photo Rag Baryta 315, Photo Rag Pearl 320, Photo Rag Metallic 340, FineArt Baryta 325, Baryta FB 350.	Most useful Hahnemühle pack for photographers. Covers full baryta/pearl/satin range.

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Hahnemühle	Photo Sample Pack	~£15–18	14	A4	2 sheets each of 7 Photo Range papers: Photo Matt Fibre 200, Photo Matt Fibre Duo 210, Photo Glossy 260, Photo Luster 260, Photo Silk Baryta 310, Photo Pearl 310, Photo Canvas 320.	Everyday/RC tier. Photo Silk Baryta 310 is the standout paper in this pack.
Hahnemühle	Natural Line Sample Pack	~£18–22	10	A4	2 sheets each of eco/natural fibre papers including Bamboo 290 and other sustainable-fibre papers. Check hahnemuehle.co.uk for current exact contents.	Eco-focus. Bamboo 290 is OBA-free and prints well for landscape and nature subjects.
Kodak	No sample packs	N/A	-	-	Kodak Professional Inkjet papers have no sample pack programme. Targeted at commercial print labs. Papers must be purchased in standard pack quantities.	Lab/commercial market focus only.
Marrutt	Complete Sample Pack (11 papers)	£22.96 inc VAT	11	A4	1 sheet each: Pro Photo Gloss 265, Pro Photo Satin/Oyster 265, Ultra Pearlescent Hi-White 300, Baryta Hi-White 280, Smooth Fine Art 300, Standard Fine Art 316, Smooth Portfolio Cotton 230, Cotton Etching 300, Smooth Lustre DS 250, Archival Matt DS 230, Heavyweight Matte 250.	Best value entry to entire Marrutt range. Free ICC profiles included.
Marrutt	Fine Art / Matt Sample Pack	£19.96 inc VAT	8	A4	1 sheet each: Smooth Fine Art 300, Standard Fine Art 316, Smooth Portfolio Cotton 230, Cotton Etching 300, Heavyweight Matte 250, Archival Matt DS 230, Baryta Hi-White 280, Smooth Lustre DS 250.	Fine art and matt focus. Good for exploring cotton rag options.
Marrutt	Production Sample Pack	£19.96 inc VAT	6	A4	1 sheet each: Pro Photo Gloss 265, Pro Photo Satin/Oyster 265, Ultra Pearlescent Hi-White 300, Baryta Hi-White 280, Heavyweight Matte 250, Smooth Lustre DS 250.	6 most popular RC papers. Quick introduction to the everyday Marrutt range.
Marrutt	Double-Sided Sample Pack	~£8	3	A4	1 sheet each: Archival Matt DS 230, Smooth Portfolio Cotton 230, Smooth Lustre DS 250.	For photobooks and portfolios.
Olmec	Olmec Sample Pack (14 papers)	~£12–15	14	A4	1 sheet each of all 14 Olmec papers: OLM-62 Gloss LW 190, OLM-68 Lustre LW 190, OLM-63 Gloss MW 240, OLM-64 Satin MW 240, OLM-59 Lustre HW 260, OLM-60 Gloss HW 260, OLM-61 Satin HW 260, OLM-65 Gloss DS 250, OLM-67 Matte Archival 230, OLM-69 Silk Fibre Baryta 310, OLM-70 Pearl Premium 310, OLM-71 Metallic Gloss 260, OLM-72 Metallic Lustre 260, OLM-15 Soft White Cotton 275. Available from fineartfoto.co.uk.	Complete range in one pack. OLM-69 Silk Fibre Baryta is the key paper.
Permajet	Digital Photo Test Pack 1	£9.95	20	A4	2 sheets each: Gloss 271, Smooth Gloss 280, Titanium Gloss 300, Titanium Lustre 280, Oyster 271, Photo Lustre 310, Smooth Pearl 280, Ultra Pearl 295, Matt Plus 240, Matt Proofing 160.	Complete Digital Photo range. Includes free A7 swatch card of whole media range.
Permajet	FB Baryta Test Pack 2	£10.96	10	A4	2 sheets each: FB Royal Gloss 310, FB Gold Silk 315, FB Pearl 300, FB Matt 285, FB Distinction 320.	Complete FB Baryta range. OBA-free alpha cellulose. Excellent for mono competition.
Permajet	Fine Art Test Pack 3	£13.96	16	A4	2 sheets each: Portrait Rag 285, Portrait Rag 305, Portrait White 285, Photo Art Silk 290, Museum Heritage 310, Omega Rag 310, Alpha Natural Rag 310, Gallery Etching 310.	Complete Fine Art range. Mix of cotton rag and alpha-cellulose smooth and textured.
Permajet	Double Sided Test Pack 4	£8.95	12	A4	3 sheets each: Double Sided Lustre 295, Double Sided Matt 250, Double Sided Oyster 285, Double Sided Portfolio 230.	Complete Double-Sided range. Ideal for photobooks, portfolios and greeting cards.
Permajet	Heritage Range Discovery Pack	£8.99	10	A4	2 sheets each: Museum Heritage 310, Baryta Rag 310, Etching Rag 310, Smooth Rag 310, Watercolour Rag 310.	100% cotton OBA-free range. Best for exhibition and competition work.
Permajet	Artist Essentials Test Pack	~£12	10	A4	Curated selection including Portfolio Rag 220, Museum Heritage 310, Watercolour Rag 310 and selected fine art papers. Check permajet.com for current exact contents.	Aimed at artists and mixed media. Contents updated periodically.

Section 2 — Additional UK Photo Paper Brands

Brands available in the UK beyond those previously considered. Budget/consumer-only brands (similar to PPD) excluded.

BRAND	ORIGIN	TIER	RANGE SUMMARY	SAMPLE PACK	WEBSITE	NOTES
Iford Galerie	UK/CH	Pro/Fine Art	Full range: Gold Fibre Silk/Gloss (baryta OBA-free), Smooth Pearl/Gloss, Lustre, Metallic, Cotton Rag smooth/textured, Semigloss Duo DS. 13+ papers.	YES — Discovery Pack 36 sheets £67 / 52 sheets ~£65	iford.com · fotospeed.com · premier-ink.co.uk	Gold Fibre Silk 310 is a top competition baryta paper, OBA-free. Well-regarded for mono.
Canson Infinity	France	Premium Fine Art	Platine Fibre Rag, Rag Photographique, Baryta Photographique II, Edition Etching Rag, Arches Aquarelle Rag, BFK Rives, PhotoGloss/Satin/Lustre RC. Somerset Enhanced (with St Cuthberts).	YES — Fine Art 14sh ~£33 / Photo 14sh ~£22 / Arches 14sh ~£28	canson-infinity.com · fotospeed.com · purelypaper.co.uk	Baryta Photographique II is TIPA award winner. Platine Fibre Rag is reference-grade. All OBA-free.
Innova Art	UK	Pro Fine Art	Editions range (Fabriano partnership): Exhibition Photo Baryta 310, Photo Cotton Rag 315, Etching Cotton Rag 315, Fabriano Printmaking/Artistic Rag. Fine Art range; Photo Art RC range. Parent brand of Olmec.	YES — Editions 6sh ~£10–15 / Fine Art 6sh ~£8–12 / Photo Art 6sh ~£8–12	innovaart.com · fineartfoto.co.uk · on-linepaper.co.uk	UK-based. Exhibition Photo Baryta 310 is FATG-tested archival paper. Fabriano partnership is unique.
St Cuthberts Mill / Somerset	UK (Wells, Somerset)	Premium Fine Art	Somerset Enhanced range (coated by Canson Infinity): Satin 330gsm, Velvet 330gsm, Watercolour 330gsm. 100% cotton mould-made, OBA-free, natural white. Made in Somerset since the 1700s.	Via Canson Infinity packs only — no direct sample pack	stcuthbertsmill.com · canson-infinity.com · purelypaper.co.uk	Somerset Enhanced is manufactured at St Cuthberts and coated by Canson. Some of the finest cotton papers in the UK.
Awagami Factory	Japan	Specialist Fine Art	Japanese Washi inkjet papers: Bizan 200/300, Kozo Thin 70, Murakumo Kozo 40, Inbe 125, Shiramine 100, Unryu 95. Unique traditional textures, OBA-free, archival.	YES — Awagami sample pack ~£15–20 from purelypaper.co.uk	awagami.com · purelypaper.co.uk · on-linepaper.co.uk	Traditional Japanese Washi papers for inkjet. Extraordinary tactile quality. Niche but superb for wall art landscapes.
Fujifilm Inkjet	Japan	Pro RC Photo	Professional Inkjet Paper: Crystal Archive Matt 200gsm, Semi-Matt 250gsm, Lustre 250gsm, Glossy 250gsm. RC photographic papers drawing on Crystal Archive heritage.	No UK sample pack programme	on-linepaper.co.uk · specialist photo retailers	Less widely stocked in UK. Good RC quality. Primarily lab-focused.
Loxley Colour	UK (Glasgow)	Pro RC / Lab	Professional RC papers: Gloss, Lustre/Satin, Pearl. Custom ICC profile service. Northlight Images has reviewed Loxley papers.	Occasional sample sheets — contact directly	loxleycolour.com	Primarily a professional lab and print service. Keith Cooper (Northlight Images) has profiled Loxley papers.
Breathing Color	USA (UK available)	Fine Art / Canvas	Lyve baryta, Vibrance lustre, Allure smooth matt cotton, Elegance velvet, Pura Cotton. Strong baryta and canvas range.	YES — sample packs available direct from breathingcolor.com	breathingcolor.com · UK specialist resellers	Lyve Baryta is highly regarded. Less widely reviewed in UK press than Hahnemühle but well established in fine art circles.
Moab (Legion Paper)	USA (UK available)	Premium Fine Art	Juniper Baryta Rag 305 (100% cotton true baryta), Entrada Rag Bright/Natural (smooth cotton), Colorado Fibre Gloss/Satine, Lasal Photo series. All OBA-free archival.	Sample packs from Legion Paper — primarily US market	moabpaper.com · UK specialist resellers	Juniper Baryta Rag 305 has near-perfect US review ratings — true cotton baryta, deep blacks, OBA-free.
Tecco (tecco:art)	Germany	Fine Art / RC	PB250 Photo Baryta, FBA260 Fine Art Baryta, SM285 Smooth Matt, SMU225 Ultra Smooth Cotton, RC photo papers. Competitive pricing.	Sample packs direct from tecco-art.de — mainly European market	tecco-art.de · some UK specialist retailers	Less well-known in UK than Germany. Good value fine art and baryta papers. UK availability improving.
Red River Paper	USA (UK limited)	Fine Art / RC	Aurora White Cotton 300, Polar Pearl Metallic, 60lb Premium Matte, Arctic Polar Luster, Palo Duro Etching 300. Well-regarded US brand. Notable for excellent ET-8550 ICC profiles.	Sample packs direct — US shipping to UK	reddrivercatalog.com — primarily US market	Notable for publishing ET-8550 specific ICC profiles. Aurora White Cotton 300 is a strong competitor to Permajet/Hahnemühle smooth cotton papers.

Priority recommendations:

Iford Galerie and Canson Infinity are the most complete alternatives to the brands already considered. Iford Gold Fibre Silk 310 is particularly strong for mono competition work. Canson Infinity Platine Fibre Rag and Baryta Photographique II are museum-grade reference papers.

Key UK stockists for multiple brands: Fotospeed (fotospeed.com), On-linepaper (on-linepaper.co.uk), Fine Art Foto (fineartfoto.co.uk), Purely Paper (purelypaper.co.uk), Premier Ink (premier-ink.co.uk).

Section 3 — Sample Packs for Additional Brands

Iford Galerie, Canson Infinity, Innova Art (and Olmec). See Section 1 for the Olmec sample pack entry.

BRAND	PACK NAME	PRICE	SHEETS	SIZE	CONTENTS	NOTES
Iford Galerie	Discovery Pack Complete (18 papers)	£67.56	36	A4	2 sheets each of 18 papers: Gold Fibre Silk 310, Gold Fibre Gloss 310, Gold Mono Silk 270, Smooth Pearl 310, Smooth Gloss 310, Gold Raster Silk 290, Lustre 260, Gloss 260, Metallic Gloss 260, Semigloss Duo 250, Smooth Cotton Rag 310, Textured Cotton Rag 310, Cotton Artist Textured 310 + further papers to 18 total.	Most comprehensive single sample pack from any brand — 18 papers. Gold Fibre Silk is top competition paper.
Iford Galerie	Discovery Pack (full range)	~£55–65	52	A4	2 sheets each of 26 Iford Galerie papers covering photo RC range, Gold Fibre baryta range, cotton fine art range and double-sided papers. Check on-linepaper.co.uk for current contents.	Available from on-linepaper.co.uk. Most complete single-brand sample available.
Iford Studio	Studio Sample Pack	£6.95	12	A4	2 sheets each of 6 Iford Studio entry-level papers: Studio Lustre, Studio Gloss, Studio Satin, Studio Matt and further papers. Check premier-ink.co.uk for current exact contents.	Entry/budget tier — below Galerie Prestige quality. Useful for volume proofing.
Canson Infinity	Fine Art Discovery Pack	£32.84	14	A4	2 sheets each of 7 fine art matt papers: Rag Photographique 310, Edition Etching Rag 310, Arches Aquarelle Rag 310, BFK Rives 310, Platine Fibre Rag 310, Baryta Photographique II 310, Baryta Photographique II Matt 310.	OBA-free throughout. Rag Photographique and Platine Fibre Rag are competition-grade. Baryta Photographique II is TIPA award winner.
Canson Infinity	Photo Discovery Pack	~£20–25	14	A4	2 sheets each: Platine Fibre Rag 310, Baryta Photographique II 310, Photo HighGloss Premium RC 315, PhotoGloss Premium RC 270, PhotoSatin Premium RC 270, PhotoLustre Premium RC 310, Rag Photographique 310.	May be discontinued at some UK retailers — check canson-infinity.com. Platine Fibre Rag is reference-grade.
Canson Infinity	Arches Discovery Pack	~£25–30	14	A4	2 sheets each of 7 Arches fine art papers: Arches Aquarelle Rag, Arches 88, BFK Rives Pure White and further Arches range papers. Check canson-infinity.com for exact contents.	Arches range only — legendary traditional art papers adapted for inkjet. Museum-grade archival. Highest price tier.
Innova Art	Editions Fine Art Sample Pack	~£10–15	6	A4	1 sheet each: Photo Cotton Rag 315 (IFA-011), Fabriano Printmaking Rag 310 (IFA-107), Etching Cotton Rag 315 (IFA-022), Fabriano Artistico Watercolour Rag 310 (IFA-108), Exhibition Cotton Gloss 335 (IFA-045), Exhibition Photo Baryta 310 (IFA-069). From fineartfoto.co.uk and on-linepaper.co.uk.	Excellent value. Exhibition Photo Baryta 310 is the standout competition/exhibition paper.
Innova Art	Fine Art Sample Pack	~£8–12	6	A4	1 sheet each of 6 Innova Fine Art smooth and textured cotton papers. Check fineartfoto.co.uk or on-linepaper.co.uk for current exact contents.	Standard Innova fine art range. Good value cotton papers for giclée work.
Innova Art	Photo Art Sample Pack	~£8–12	6	A4	1 sheet each of 6 Innova Photo Art RC papers covering gloss, satin and lustre finishes. Check on-linepaper.co.uk for current contents.	RC photographic papers. Consider Olmec sample pack as a value alternative.

Notes

The Ilford Galerie Discovery Pack Complete at £67.56 (Fotospeed) is the most comprehensive single sample pack from any brand — 18 papers in one box.

The Canson Infinity Photo Discovery Pack may be discontinued at some UK retailers — check canson-infinity.com directly before ordering.

Awagami (Japanese Washi) and Breathing Color sample packs are available but primarily via direct order or specialist import — not listed here as UK pricing and availability vary.