



Suggestions For a Successful LabPrints Storefront

*For anyone not completely familiar with all the new features of our storefronts, we **strongly** encourage you to register for one of our **FREE** **online training webinars**. Click [here](#) for details.*

We at LabPrints want to do everything possible to help our customers get the most out of their online storefronts. We feel strongly that ours is the best storefront solution available today—the benefits of complete integration with your workflow software, the ability to choose and work with the high-quality lab of your choice, the highly configurable designs of the storefront interface, and many other factors, as well, all add up to an unbeatable solution that can result in a significant increase in your studio's sales! However...it requires some thought and a strategy, and a little time on your part, to get the most out of it! Here are some ideas that you might want to consider—you might find that these thoughts will spark new ideas that will work even better for your specialty and your clientele.

- Maximize your studio's "brand" by coordinating the look of your storefront with your website. Upload your logo, and choose a color theme that looks good with the rest of your marketing materials. We have nine different themes to choose from.
- Configure the storefront carefully—there are quite a number of options, so you can tailor the site to suit your taste...and your business. You can choose several ways for your customers to select their event, and put all your contact information on the Storefront Homepage.
- Timing is important! The sooner you get your images posted online, the more excitement there will be on the part of those attending the event. We recommend that you post images within a week, or even less, after the event.
- Getting the word out that your photos are available is probably the single most important aspect of a successful Storefront. Some photographers rely on their clients to spread the word (inconsistent, at best); others hand out business cards and ask people to call the studio (often frowned upon by both the clients and the reception site). Distributing cards with the web address, activation date, and password is better, probably, but this approach requires the customer to keep the card, remember to look at it, and then go to their computer. The most effective way we've found so far is to collect email addresses at the event, and send a note to everyone who indicates they'd like to be informed of the event posting—this way, people are sitting at their computers when they get your email...and who wouldn't click a link to see your photos!

- Consider creating a link from your website homepage to the LabPrints Storefront homepage. Directing people to your own website will increase awareness of your studio name and image—and that’s always a good thing!
- Make your event photos look their very best! We recommend that you create groups in LP Digital Studio (to make it easier to find specific photos), and crop the images to eliminate unnecessary background space and/or center the subject, as appropriate.
- Pricing is a critical topic, and has a huge impact on sales, of course. Today’s economy puts a lot of price pressure on all businesses, of course, so providing a good value to your customers is essential. Some successful studios charge less for their online orders, both to encourage their customers to order this way, and also because it requires so much less time than a phone call or an in-person meeting.
- LabPrints Storefronts include several ways to offer incentives to your customers. You can create Special Offers—they can be time-specific or ongoing, discount on specific products or on the total order, and you set the price point where the incentives take effect. In addition, you can easily create Single- or Multi-Pose Packages, and even Photo Albums (where your customer can sequence the images, so you know what order they go in the album). Taking advantages of these features will increase the value your clients get, provide incentives for them to place orders, and should result in significantly greater sales for you, as well!
- Here’s another idea that works very well—remember to send a reminder that your incentives and/or discounts are about to expire about three days before the expiration date. Also, send out another note just before the event expiration. Sending out these reminders will get the procrastinators moving!

Of course, the execution of all these ideas will make a big difference in the image you create for your studio, and the results you get, as well. For some examples of the above ideas that you might like to implement (or improve upon!), here’s a link to my website—www.tomwall.com. Click on the “recent events” link at the upper right—this takes you to my LP Storefront homepage. Click on the Borden/Warner Wedding (no password required for this event)—I won’t go into a detailed description of the Storefront here, but notice the “Build a Package” and “Special Offer” buttons on the Event homepage, and click on each to see what happens there. Then, click an image thumbnail, and select “Purchase Image”—this will take you to the prices page, and you’ll notice that I have individual prints, prints with retouching services, Single- and Multi-Pose packages, and even a Photo Album.

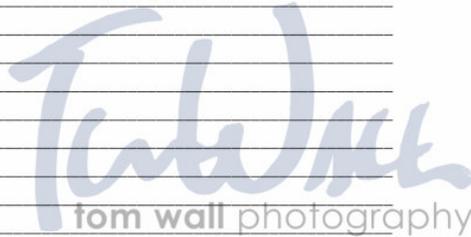
Here are samples of the 5X7-inch cards I use at weddings to collect email contacts, and the message I send out when I post an event online:

Please let me know when
Giovanna and Scott's photos
are available to view on the web!

email address:

name:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____



Hi everybody—

I just wanted to write a quick note to let you all know that the photos from Catherine & Mike's wedding are online for you to enjoy! I think you'll all agree this was a really fun wedding—my assistants and I had a great time and we thank you all for making our jobs fun! The Hall of Springs staff and the New York Players did their usual awesome work, and I think we got lots of beautiful photos to reflect a wonderful day!

To see the photos, just go to my website, www.tomwallphotography.com, and click on the "recent events" link. Next, click on the thumbnail photo of Catherine & Mike. The password is chmds. Once you're in the site, you'll see that the photos are divided into several groups, making it easy to find the pictures you're looking for. Then, create a Favorites group (click the "star" icon), so you can keep track of the photos you like best, in case your session is interrupted. Use the "Compare Photos" feature to help you select the exact photo you want.

Tips:

- Print prices are **discounted 10-20%** for the first two weeks the site is online (until August 13th), so order soon!
- Take advantage of the **discounted packages** you'll see in the price list—just click the Build a Package button (photos in a package can even be of different images).
- Click on the **Special Offers** button to see all applicable discounts.
- Any image can be ordered in Color or Black & White.
- There is a \$25 minimum order, so you might want to combine orders with other friends or family members.

I hope you all enjoy the photos! Thanks,
Tom

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