



*Dear Andy Advisor* is written by Bruce Andersen

**Dear Andy Advisor,**

**Is it possible to inventory paper that comes on rolls for a printing shop?**

**Signed, Speedy Printer**

Dear Speedy,

The first consideration is how the paper is sold, probably by square inch. If you can receive the paper into inventory in the unit of measure that it is going to be sold, then it can be drawn out using the same unit of measure.

The difficulty with QuickBooks inventory is that it is not a true manufacturing arrangement so there is not a consideration for waste. Just imagine the paper that is sold in sheets of so many square inches. For the project, there will probably be extra pieces that are not used, so waste is created. This needs to be factored into the pricing. Within QuickBooks the best way to do it is in the estimate for the job. Determine the amount of waste compared to the net usable and create a ratio. That becomes the "mark-up" in the estimate.

The above assumes you are trying to use QuickBooks without an add-on. Now let's see what an add-on can do....

Enter the rolls as the inventory. Have a bill of materials set up to convert rolls to square inches. Also in the bill of materials, include the waste factor in the printing job. Also, in the bill of materials, you can include cost of ink. Labor, setup, etc, so all costs of production are included.

When an add-on is typically used, the inventory management is handled by the add-on and the other accounting functions, like purchase orders, sales orders, invoicing, etc are all handled by QuickBooks.

Sincerely, Andy

**Dear Andy Advisor,**

**How and where can I find QuickBooks Advisors and CPAs for my customers? What industries are the Advisors comfortable with, do they do taxes? What else do they do?**

**Signed, Dazed Developer**

Dear Dazed (and probably confused),

QuickBooks has a listing of accounting professionals that are Certified QuickBooks Advisors. They have enhanced the list to include professional designations, areas of proficiency, etc. This is listed by area code, city, and zip code.

Although this is a great resource, there are some things which are not well addressed.

To shore up that area and to add some additional depth to the background and information about advisors, IDNAC has developed such a resource to be used by developers and advisors.

The IDN Advisory Council can be found on the web at [www.idnac.org](http://www.idnac.org).

Good luck with your search for the best advisor.

Sincerely,

Andy

*This is a monthly newsletter. If you have questions at anytime, just log into the site and post the question at <http://www.idnac.org/forums/>*

Happy consulting! Andy

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