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## Bypass Empty cartridge Brother Printer to Keep Printing

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If you are like me, you bought your Brother scanner printer because you wanted a decent scanner and perhaps the odd black and white print. Nothing more. That's why you didn't pay a lot. Well, built into the 'cheap printer' business model at Brother is a nasty little trick which says 'When their colour cartridge runs out (which is really small) then stop printer from printing \*everything\* - including black and white - even though it's full!' Now that is just dirty. I turned off colour printing on computer and it still refused to print with some bogus message like 'cannot maintain print quality'. Really? I have a fully black and white cartridge and I'm not printing colour and it cannot maintain print quality? I call BS, Brother. Thankfully, the solution was super, duper crazy easy. Thanks very much to these guys [here](#) Just take some electricians tape (don't bother with sharpie markers or other ideas as I tried other stuff on my desk) and get some small scissors (or exacto knife probably easier and more accurate) and cut some black electricians tape so that the tape \*perfectly\* covers the plastic clear window. Note: you can see a small gap in this photo example which you should avoid. Aim for 100% coverage of the window or it may not work. I tried one with a slightly larger gap and it failed (their lasers are very accurate!) Once the lasers kick in and hit the tap your screen will show a nice full cartridge and printing in Black and white (or whatever colour you have left) should work. Enjoy!





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