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Thank you for purchasing our puzzles. We offer control maps for our Geography puzzles at a very modest price as shown in our 2002-2003 catalog. These are commercially printed because they measure about 16 x 20 inches, which is too large for most office and home printers.

For our Anatomy and Botany puzzles, we are pleased to offer you control sheets at no charge. In order that we may do so, we have made some very modest compromises as follows:

1. All of our puzzles are cut by hand. They are not cut by a laser. This means that no two puzzles will have exactly the same shaped pieces. It also means that the puzzle pieces will only approximately fit the control sheet. However, we believe they are sufficiently close so that the child will not be confused about what pieces fit in a particular outline.
2. Some of the Botany control sheets are slightly larger than standard 8.5 x 11.0 inch paper. So that you do not need to take these files to a commercial printer or office copy store, we have centered the outlines so that as much as possible will fit within the 8.5 x 11.0 inch paper size. This results in some cropping (cutting off) of the edges of the outline. This cropping is most pronounced in the Maple Tree puzzle, only slightly in the Flower, and none at all in the other puzzles. However, we believe the outlines will still be serviceable.

If you wish to label the outline parts, and you have access to Microsoft® Word, we suggest you pick up some Avery® (or equivalent) brand labels from your local office supply store. The transparent return address labels 5167 (1/2" x 1-3/4") should work best, but you can also use regular white labels of this size. Alternatively, you can simply format the labels in Microsoft® Word, print them out on your printer, and then cut them out with scissors, and glue them to the control sheets.

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