

Dry Rub-Off Decal Paper

There are two types of Dry Rub-Off Decal Paper:

Clear Dry Rub-Off Decal Paper gives a nearly transparent finished decal, which means that the colour and texture of the surface to which it is applied will be clearly visible through the finished decal. This decal is best for light coloured, unpatterned surfaces.

White Dry Rub-Off Decal Paper gives a white background to your printed design, obscuring the colour and texture of the surface to which it is applied. This decal is best for dark or highly coloured surfaces.

Inside your pack you will find 2 different kinds of paper – an adhesive sheet and a printable decal sheet. Make sure you have identified which paper is which before continuing with the process.

You will need: ruler, scissors or a craft knife and a squeegee or a large spoon.

Instructions

Step 1 - Create your design

Edit the size and shape of the image you wish to transfer on your computer. You must reverse all images and letters. Make sure that your image will fit onto your decal sheet and also onto the object you are transferring onto. Test the size and resolution of your image by printing onto plain paper first

Step 2 - Print your decal

Place the transparent, printable decal sheet into your printer feed tray. Make sure it is straight and that you will be printing onto the glossier, printable side of the decal sheet. Set your print quality to 'Photo Quality' or similar, set the paper type to 'Glossy Photo Paper' or similar, select the correct paper size, then print

Step 3 - If using an inkjet printer, allow the print to dry completely. If using a laser printer, there is no need to allow drying time for the ink. Once the print is completely dry, locate the adhesive sheet to be used with your decal and snip off one corner. This is important as it will help to prevent the decal becoming damaged later on.

Step 4 - Trim the adhesive sheet

Before applying the adhesive sheet, trim it down so that it is slightly smaller than the printed sheet. It is important to ensure that the edges of the adhesive sheet will not overlap the edges of the printed sheet once applied because the adhesive is very strong.

Step 5 - Peel back the waxy backing paper

To apply the adhesive sheet to the decal, peel the waxy, white backing paper away from the adhesive sheet exposing the adhesive layer. Fold the waxy backing paper down to expose the top edge of your adhesive layer. (When using White Dry Rub-Off Decal Paper, the backing and the adhesive sheets will both be white.)

Step 6 - Apply the adhesive sheet

Line up the adhesive sheet with the edge of your printed decal sheet and press the adhesive onto the decal. Run a ruler down the adhesive sheet, peeling back the waxy backing paper as you go to fix

the adhesive layer to the top surface of the entire decal sheet, ensuring there are no air bubbles between the two layers.

Step 7

Locate the corner where you snipped away part of the adhesive sheet. Hold the corner of the decal between your thumb and forefinger whilst using your other hand to carefully locate the edge of the clear glossy adhesive backing sheet

Step 8 - Prepare the adhesive layer

Peel the clear plastic backing sheet away from the adhesive layer, leaving a narrow strip still attached at the bottom of the decal sheet, then carefully lie the glossy backing sheet back down onto the adhesive. This breaks the strong bond between the adhesive sheet and the backing plastic, making it easier to remove the glossy backing when needed without damaging the decal.

Step 9 - Cut out the decal

Use a pair of scissors or a craft knife to cut out your image. If you are using the white Decal Paper, any border you leave around your image will still be visible after the decal has been applied. If you are using clear decal paper, you can leave a small border because it will be transparent.

Step 10 - Lift off the clear backing paper

The surface you are applying your decal to should be clean, dry and free from dust and oil. Carefully lift the clear, glossy backing paper away from your decal exposing the adhesive. Do not remove the matt backing paper from the other side of the decal at this stage.

Step 11- Apply the decal

Position the sticky side of the decal onto your desired surface. Press the decal firmly into position and then use a smooth, hard surface such as the back of a spoon or a plastic squeegee to 'RubOff' the decal. Press it firmly into your surface all over. You may find that the matt backing paper becomes more opaque as you do this due to the backing paper starting to lift away from the decal

Step 12 – Lift off the matt backing paper

Carefully lift the matt backing paper away from the surface leaving the decal in place. Your decal will be slightly soft at first, and you can use your fingers to smooth it out or press the decal into your surface more if necessary once the backing paper has been removed. The decal will harden-off over time.

Additional Information

Your decal will continue to harden over time but it will initially be vulnerable to scratching. This decal should not be placed where it can make contact with food or beverages. Do not expose the decal to volatile thinners such as MEK, Xylon, acetone or alcohol etc.

Your decal can be lightly wiped down with a damp, soft cloth or sponge using a mild washing detergent. Do not use scouring pads or metallic scrapers on the decal. Do not place your finished piece in the dishwasher