

Types of Graftix Shrink Film:

Regular Shrink Film:		Ink Jet Shrink Film:
Clear	Black	White*
White	Matte	Clear*

General Instructions:

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS & TIPS BEFORE BEGINNING!!!

- Trace by laying over design or draw design on Film.
- Sand surface with 300-400 grit paper for use with colored pencils and when rubber stamping.
- Cut out design with regular or decorative scissors, craft knife or die cut system **before baking.**
- Punch holes with a paper punch **prior to baking.**
- Preheat oven between 300° and 350°
- Place on medium weight card board, teflon sheet, parchment paper or vellum (do not bake on bare metal or on stoneware).
- Cover piece with parchment paper or vellum to keep film from sticking to itself when curling.
- Bake in regular or toaster oven for approximately 2-3 minutes or heat with an embossing tool.
- Do not remove from oven until piece is flat (will curl and then flatten).
- If still slightly curled, remove and flatten with a spatula or cardboard.
- Use gloves if touching before cooled!

*** Ink Jet Shrink Instructions:**

Be sure you have purchased "Ink Jet" printable Shrink Film.

- To determine print side - slightly wet fingers and test a corner, the sticky, dull side is the side to print on. If you print on the wrong side; wipe off the ink with a paper towel and reuse the sheet.
- Size your image 50% larger than desired finished piece.
- Set your printer to normal output, but change the color intensity to a little over minimum (colors intensify when shrinking).
- After printing give the sheet a few seconds to dry before handling.
- After baking, spraying with a top coat will protect from moisture damage.
See above for baking instructions.

Working with children:

- ***Adult Supervision is required when working with children.***
- Colored pencils work best on the Matte style, but can be used on White & Clear if sanded first.

Tips:

- Permanent markers, water based acrylic paints or heat set paint/inks work best on Graftix Shrink Film. We suggest testing on a scrap piece first.
- Sand with medium weight (280-320 grit) sandpaper in a crisscross pattern.
- **Punch or Cut Graftix Shrink Film Before Baking.**
- To determine oven temperature and baking time test with a scrap piece.
- Curling and sticking can be minimized by putting a piece of heavy weight vellum or parchment paper on top of the piece while baking.
- For larger or longer pieces try heating at a lower temperature, slowing the shrinking process.
- If sticking does occur, remove the piece and pull apart when slightly cooled, then reheat to complete shrink process.
- If using an embossing tool, control the shrinking by moving the tool away and closer. To heat evenly, turn the piece over.
- Lowering the temperature will slow the absorption of heat, resulting in longer shrink time and reducing distortion.
- Graftix Shrink Film will not shrink perfectly proportionate, please allow for some distortion.
- When shrink film is first removed from the oven it is still pliable and can be shaped - piece(s) will be HOT. Use gloves when handling.
- When baked Graftix Shrink Film will be about 1/3 to 1/2 the original size and will become thicker and harder.

Project Ideas:

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