



INSTRUCTION SHEET


How to Apply Vinyl Decals to Painted Walls, Wooden and Mirror Surfaces


PRE-APPLICATION ADVICE


- For newly painted walls, wait at least 3 weeks to allow the paint to cure fully before you apply decal.
- Apply your decal within 1 month of receiving it.
- Take your time when applying decals. Depending on the size of your decal, set aside 1 to 2 hours for one decal application.

<p>(A) YOUR DECAL</p>  <p>Your decal comes in 3 layers - transfer tape, vinyl decal and backing paper.</p>	<p>(B) GET READY THESE TOOLS</p>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Masking Tape 2. Scissors 3. Squeegee / a Hard Card e.g. Credit Card 4. Tweezer
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(C) PREPARING YOUR DECAL AND SURFACE

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1. Remove decal from the tube and unroll decal on a flat surface. Flip over and rub surface of backing paper with squeegee/hard card. This breaks the bond of the graphics from the backing paper, so that the graphics are not stuck to the backing paper.
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2. For decals that need assembling, cut and separate the different elements.
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3. Clean and dry the surface so it's free from dust and dirt. Avoid soap that contains cream, lotion, silicones or ammonia, which interfere with adhesiveness.

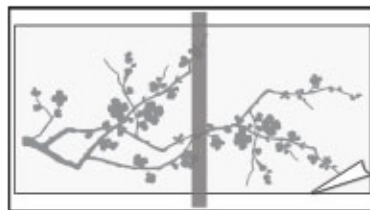
(D) APPLYING YOUR DECAL



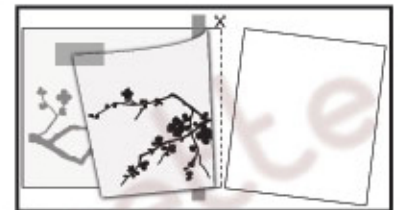
1. Measure and mark the position of your decal with masking tapes. Use the actual decal as a guide, NOT the edge of the transfer tape or backing paper.

NEXT:
FOR **SMALL** DECALS (A4 size or smaller)
GO to STEP 5

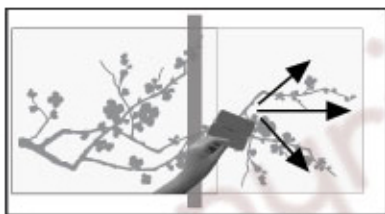
FOR **BIG** DECALS
CONTINUE WITH STEP 2



2. Using the markings as a guide, position the decal, making sure it's straight. Place a long strip of masking tape across the middle of the shortest distance of the decal, as a HINGE. This ensures the decal does not move during application.



3. Carefully peel away the backing paper for the first half of the decal. If decal sticks to the backing, press back, rub a little and try again. OR try peeling from another direction. Avoid touching the adhesive on the vinyl decal if you can. When you reach the centre, use a masking tape to secure the transfer tape as shown. Cut away the loose backing paper with scissors.



4. Slowly and lightly paste the decal onto the surface starting from the center hinge. Rub the decal onto the surface using a squeegee/hard card with firm overlapping strokes, moving from the middle outwards, to smoothen and push out bubbles.

*** TIP for Step 4 ***
Additionally, rub over the surface of the decal using firm pressure, e.g. letter by letter for text design, to press the decal into the nooks and crannies ensuring the decal is fully stuck on the surface.

NEXT:
REMOVE hinge tape.
REPEAT STEPS 3 & 4 for the second half of the decal then
GO to STEP 8.



5. Carefully remove the backing paper. If decal sticks to the backing, press back, rub a little and try again. OR try peeling from another direction. Avoid touching the adhesive on the vinyl decal if you can.



6. Using the markings as a guide, hold the decal several inches away from the surface, slowly and lightly lay it on the surface.



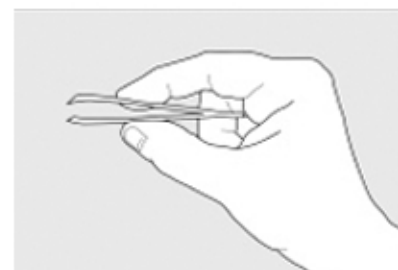
7. Rub the decal onto the surface using a squeegee/hard card with firm overlapping strokes, moving from the middle outwards, to smoothen and push out bubbles.



8. SLOWLY peel the transfer tape at an angle (diagonally) from the top. Do NOT pull out the transfer tape forcefully or you will pull the decal off the surface. Instead, press your palm against the surface as you roll the tape in the direction you are peeling, taking care that the vinyl decal stays securely on the wall.



9. It is common for the vinyl decal to get stuck to the transfer tape when you peel it. Do not fret. Just press back the tape, rub it a little and try again. Use the squeegee/hard card to press down the decal partially while you peel the transfer tape.



10. If decal is pulled out or shifted out of position while you are peeling the transfer tape, reposition it using a tweezer, then press it back in place with the squeegee/hard card. Minimise touching the adhesive side too much so that it remains sticky.



11. After the transfer tape is removed, place the backing paper over the decal, with the slippery side facing you and rub all over the entire surface to ensure proper adhesion.

CARING FOR YOUR DECAL

- To clean your wall decals, gently wipe them with a damp cloth, making sure not to saturate the adhesive side with water. Avoid using cleaners that contain alcohol, abrasives, citrus additives, or ammonias.
- Wall decals can tear with excess tension so handle with care.
- Constant exposure to direct air conditioner draft may 'dry up' the vinyl adhesive properties over time and cause the decal to peel.

HOW TO REMOVE DECAL

- The decal is removable. However, it may not be reused or repositioned.
- To remove, warm it slightly with a hair dryer (do not overheat or the sticker will melt), lift an edge with your fingernail and slowly peel off the sticker.

Watch DIY video at <http://www.decorettestore.com/how-to-diy>