

WELCOME TO THE LAND OF SHRINKY DINKS®!

*"You are limited only by your own imagination"
Have a Shrinking good Time!*

1. TRACE - CREATE - RUBBER STAMP

Truly a whole ASSORTMENT of creative fun! Five different types of our SD shrinkable plastics:

FROSTED RUFF N'

READY: Pre-sanded and clear. Use a black colored pencil to trace. Colored pencils and Acrylic paints are most often used to color in artwork.

BRIGHT-WHITE & ALMOND:

Not as easy to see through for tracing, but still possible. Use a fine-line Black Permanent Ink pen to trace. Speedball's Painter Paint Markers, Kelley's Stainglass paints and Permanent Inks are most often used to color in artwork.

BLACK & BROWN:

Use **SARAL transfer paper** to transfer patterns onto plastic. Cannot see through these plastics to trace. Use templates and a standard pencil to create shapes. Make ideal backing pieces for SD pieces created from the other types of plastics.

2. CUT-OUT

STANDARD SCISSORS

Cut circles or shapes as smoothly as possible.

Yes, plastic can be die-cut!

Create fancy edges with Designer Scissors, -ie, zig-zag, etc.

Cut out interior shapes: use a paper punch, then insert scissors...

Small Manicure Scissors, with pointed and bent tips, are ideal for cutting interior shapes, circles and even small holes.

3. PUNCH HOLES

PAPER PUNCH

Remember - holes Shrink too!!
Punch several times if a larger hole is needed.

A standard sized Paper Punch is ideal for most projects. Use a 1/8" Punch for jewelry and button making.
Create miniature shapes like stars and diamonds with Designer Punches. McGill Co. makes them.

PUNCH HOLES BEFORE BAKING!

4. BAKE

TOASTER OVEN OR CONVENTIONAL OVEN

A Toaster Oven is ideal for baking Shrinky Dinks. However, your Conventional Oven will "Shrink" your masterpiece just as well.

IMPORTANT

ADULT SUPERVISION IS REQUIRED WHEN CHILDREN ARE INVOLVED!

Occasionally, a piece may stick to itself. If this happens, cautiously reach into your oven and pull pieces apart. Allow piece to complete the baking process.

SHRINKY DINKS WILL NOT WORK IN A MICROWAVE OVEN!

Note: When plastic is removed from oven, it can be shaped or twisted, i.e. a napkin ring.

Step 1: PRE-HEAT Oven to 325° F (163° C).

Step 2: Cut a Rectangle shape out of a Brown Grocery Bag and turn one corner up. (Turned-up corner will make it easy to remove from tray or cookie sheet).

Step 3: Place Shrinky Dinks pieces, colored side up, on brown paper and place paper in tray or on cookie sheet. Put into PRE-HEATED OVEN.

Step 4: WATCH as your SHRINKY DINKS shrink. Bake approximately 1 to 3 minutes. After pieces lay flat, allow an additional 30 seconds of baking time to complete the process.

Step 5: Remove paper from tray or cookie sheet and lightly press FLAT with i.e. folded paper or a pad of paper - until pieces have cooled. (Approx. 15 seconds.)

HELPFUL HINTS

BEST GLUE: E6000 Industrial Glue. Comes in a tube and is clear. Sticks plastic to plastic or plastic to metal. Use double stick carpet tape and double stick foam pads especially when children are involved.

GOOF-UPS: If, after baking, you are not happy with shape created, you can return SD pieces into oven. Bake until piece re-softens and lays nearly flat. (approximately 2-5 minutes.)

ETCHING: You can etch designs into our plastics after baking or fusing. Use the tip of an Exacto knife or Etching tool used for scratch art. Sweep artist pencils across surface of scratched areas. Wipe pencil dust off. Seal with clear acrylic.

SHAPING: You have about 10 seconds in which to create shapes after removing SD piece from the oven.

NAPKIN RINGS: Start at one end of SD plastic strip and wrap around a large spool of thread. Can also create chains this way.

RINGS: Wrap around a marker or pens to obtain shape.

ACCENT ANYTHING: Lay SD pieces on any curved object. Glue when cool. A can of soup works great for curved earrings.

CODE

SD – Shrinky Dink
FR&R – Frosted
Ruff N’ Ready
BW – Bright White
BLK – Black
BWN – Brown

**“MIND-SHRINKING IDEAS”
and
Basic Information to EXPAND CREATIVITY**

RUBBER STAMPING

QUICK & EZ

Shrinky Inks have been tested or can use any Alcohol-based permanent inks.

Cleaner and Reconditioner for Shrinky Inks works great to clean rubber and resoften ink.

No need to clean glass... new ink resoftens.

Can use standard pad and stamping methods.

1. Select a Rubber Stamp.
2. Use Shrinky Inks – Black for FR&R, BW, and Almond...White for our BLK and BWN plastics.
3. Use a sheet of glass from a picture frame. Make a “spreader” by cutting a rectangle piece from SD sheet.
4. Squirt ink on glass. Spread evenly both ways with “spreader”.
5. Place Rubber Stamp in ink – dab and look. Make sure all raised areas are inked.
6. Lay stamp on surface of SD plastic. Apply direct pressure. Lift straight up. Allow to dry.
7. Color, cut-out and bake.

How much will a piece shrink after baking ???

Use this scale when you need to know finished size

FANTASTIC FUSIBLES

THE BASICS TRY ONE!

IMPORTANT
Create in well ventilated area.

DO NOT set oven on Broil!
DO NOT touch pan or SD after removing from pan.
DO NOT set hot pan on counter or surfaces that are not heat safe!

INFORMATION
A toaster oven is ideal, but a home oven can be used.

PYREX or GLASS baking pan should have a FLAT surface.

1. Create three different sized SD pieces: Big, medium and small. (Fun to use three different colors of SD plastic.)
2. Layer cut-out pieces on top of each other. This will give you a size check as well as an overall view of colors and placements.
3. Bake pieces. Cool.
4. Boost oven temperature to 450°F.
5. Layer pre-baked SD pieces on a GLASS or PYREX baking pan.
6. Carefully put pan into oven to re-bake. Fusing is complete when all SD edges are completely rounded or melted. (Takes 15-30 minutes – depending on your oven and size of SD piece.)
7. Using a thick pot holder, remove pan from oven and place on stove top. Pan should be cool to the touch before piece can easily be removed from pan.

A Safety Razor Blade can be used to scrape and clean pans.

Approximate measurement for your 10" sheet of SD Plastic (10" shrinks to approximately 4 1/4")

STATIONERY

SEND A “LITTLE LETTER.”

Type a verse.

A 5" x 8" size with rounded corners is ideal.

Send a small magnifying glass – adds to the fun!

1. Use FR&R plastic.
2. Roll sheet into a standard typewriter.
3. Type on ROUGHENED side of plastic.
4. Idea: Add artwork, punch hole center-top. Add a ribbon or string after baking. A Christmas Card Ornament AMAZING!

COPY MACHINE

PRINT ON SD PLASTIC

Use FR&R SD Plastic or Hand Sand White or Almond SD Plastic

1. Use a copy machine that makes about 10 copies per minute. (High speed machines get too hot.)
2. Clean dust off plastic and feed sheets into copier by hand. (Hand fed end of machine) ROUGHENED SIDE UP.
3. Create images on the computer, then print out. Use copy machine to print onto plastic.

A FEW FUSING FACTS

1. Some colors disappear when fusing. Place FR&R pieces COLORED SIDE DOWN. Colors stay. Plastic turns clear.
2. Holes created with a 1/8" paper punch will disappear. Try larger punch.
3. Use scraps – even holes from paper punch catcher – bake and shrink. Lay pieces on prebaked SD shape. Fuse and remove from oven. Try swirling colors with a needle...push down with folded aluminum foil if necessary.
4. Can add Embossing Powders after removing SD from 450°F oven and plastic is really hot.

Unending Applications!!