

# PRINTABLE VINYL

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**As of January 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 we have changed suppliers on our printable vinyl.**

We now have 3 types of printable vinyl.

**Type #1** is permanent vinyl available in 8-1/2x11, 12x12 and 12x24 sheets and will have a slightly matte or slick flat -gloss finish

**Type #2** is removable vinyl available in 8-1/2x11 sheets and will have a slightly matte finish.

**Type #3** is contouring permanent vinyl available in 8-1/2x11 sheets and will have slightly slick flat-gloss finish.

Type #1 and type #2 look exactly the same on the surface (both front and back) . The only difference is the adhesive on the back. If you purchased type #1 (permanent) and type #2 (removable) in 8-1/2x11 sheets on the same order we have labeled the back of each sheet so you can tell the difference. Since 12x12 and 12x24 sheets are only available in type #1 (permanent) these sheets will not be labeled because these sizes only come in type #1.

Type #3 (contouring permanent) will have a black line or blue line on the back of these sheets. "Contouring" means this type of vinyl will apply easier to slightly rounded surfaces. Please understand you may still have bubbles and/or creases if the curve is too much for the vinyl to "contour". 12x12 or 12x24 type #1 permanent vinyl may sometimes also have a black or blue line running across the back

This vinyl can be used in ANY regular home inkjet printer, or the new Cricut Imagine machine.

Instructions #1 and #2 are for a home inkjet printer. Instruction #3 is for the Cricut imagine machine and also for a home ink jet printer.

#1. Insert a single sheet of vinyl into your printer. You will need to know which side of the paper your printer prints on, so you may need to print a sheet of regular printer paper to see what side of the paper your machine prints on. Inserting more than one page at a time can cause jams or other complications. The white side is the printable side and the darker cream color side is the backing.

#2 In your printer driver settings, found by selecting **File** then **Print** and then **Properties**. You would then select a paper type such as "Glossy Photo Film" or "Ultra Premium Glossy Photo Paper". Then print your images/decals.

#3. After printing, let the vinyl/ink dry for at least 3-5 minutes. Then, flush the sheet with generous amounts of water (you can hold the vinyl under a running kitchen faucet). This allows any excess ink to be washed from the sheet, preventing bleeding of the colors. If you have excessive ink run off, try a print setting such as "Transparency". If your sheet has no run off but has a washed out or faded look, try a setting such as "Plain Paper".

#4 If you don't have a Cricut Imagine machine cut your decals with scissors or an Exacto knife. After cutting your decals out, remove the paper backing and apply to a clean surface.

#### TIPS:

- A clear over-laminate sheet or clear spray (bought a Home Depot, Lowes, or Wal-Mart) will increase the outdoor life of your vinyl.
- Some refill inks may not be compatible and may not print correctly. Only name brand ink is recommended.
- Try to Avoid "High Resolution" print settings.

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