

VINYL CUTTING

◀ THE BASICS ▶

- Maximum design width = 22"
- File format - AI (Adobe Illustrator)
- Cost = \$.75 per linear inch (1" x 22")
- Price includes transfer paper for application

◀ FILE PREPARATION ▶

- All fonts must be outlined
- All shapes must be vector. The software does not recognize raster images
- Overlapping objects need to be united to eliminate hidden strokes. The UNITE command can be found in the PATHFINDER window
- There is a limit to how much detail can be cut. Check out the examples or try a test piece
- If designs have been IMAGE TRACED, you should simplify wherever possible and check for stray anchor points
- Images larger than 22" need to be divided into sections or rotated 90 degrees to fit the width of the vinyl

◀ HEAT PRESS VINYL ▶

- Same file preparation as wall vinyl except the cutting width is 14" maximum instead of 22"

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◀ WEEDING ▶

Weeding is the process of removing the excess vinyl from your cut design

- Don't try to remove all of the negative space in one piece. Use an X-acto knife to cut it into sections
- Cut through the vinyl only, not the backing paper
- When finished, apply the sticky side of the transfer paper over the vinyl and burnish it. For larger designs, work from the center out to avoid air bubbles
- Bubbles can be removed by poking with a pin too

◀ APPLICATION ▶

- Slowly remove the backing paper leaving the vinyl attached to the transfer paper
- Apply to desired location and burnish. Peel transfer paper away slowly to assure the vinyl is adhered properly
- If needed, push vinyl back and burnish again until it remains stuck to the desired location
- Try pulling the transfer paper down rather than away
- Surfaces with more texture will require more burnishing

Heat Press Vinyl does not require transfer paper. After weeding, you can apply to fabric using our heat press machine or an iron. If you use an iron, be sure to cover the vinyl with parchment paper first