



THREE CREATIVE USES FOR DIES

SUPPLIES & TOOLS

- Papercrafting Dies - shapes
- Stencil Blank Plastic - 8 x 10 #30205016
- Vinyl - assorted colors, your choice
- Shrink Plastic #30003145
- Big Shot Die Cutting Machine system
- 1/8-in. Hole Punch #77178541
- Colored Pencils
- Sanding Pad

Optional:

- Transfer Tape Vinyl
- Die Pick

NOTE: The sample used: Spellbinders Sakura Blossoms #30224178, Bubblegum Pink Vinyl #30201183

Other items used: Clear Glass Block, dye inks and blending daubers



INSTRUCTIONS



1. Creating Vinyl Stickers -
Set up your Big Shot die cutting machine with your die. Place a piece of colored adhesive vinyl where you would normally put cardstock. Use the vinyl side as the right side.

Depending on how intricate the die is, you may have to do more than one cutting pass through the machine.



3. Creating Stencils -
Set up your Big Shot die cutting machine with your die. Instead of using cardstock, place a sheet of Stencil Blank plastic.

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5. You can use the die piece that comes out from the plastic as a traceable stencil.

Or, pop it back into the plastic and use as a two-part stencil.

Here, the stencil cut-out has been popped back in to ink the center details.



7. Color the shrink plastic as desired.

Shrink the plastic according to the directions using either a toaster oven or heat tool. The pieces will shrink in size and get thicker.



2. Remove the paper backing and use as a sticker.

If you are using individual alphabets to spell out a word, you may want to line up your letters first and apply transfer tape vinyl to the whole piece. Then, you can transfer the whole design to the surface and adhere the words at one time.

Here are some stickers on a glass block.



4. You can make individual stencils of just one design. Or, place the dies in a desired design arrangement to make one large stencil.

Here the stencil is being colored in by ink blending.



6. Creating Shrink Art -

TIP: Sanding your shrink plastic surface allows for mediums like colored pencils to be more vibrant.

Die cut shrink plastic.

If you are planning to hang this item, punch a small hole at the top with a 1/8-in. hole punch.



8. Here is a coordinated gift using the same die with all three techniques used. The Glass block can be a gift or centerpiece. The shrink art charm is tied to the glass jar. The gift tag is stenciled with the same design as well.