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Applying Large Vinyl Stickers or Wall Art Transfers

Please read all of the following instructions before applying your vinyl sticker.

Tools/items required:

- ✓ Squeegee (a credit or bank card will do)
- ✓ Masking tape
- ✓ Dry cloth
- ✓ A pin or needle

Vinyl will stick to many dry non-porous surfaces such as glass, smooth plastic, smooth glossed wooden doors/cupboards, refrigerators, mirrors, bathroom/kitchen tiles, windows, smooth painted walls, etc. Once in place vinyl will withstand all weathers, the vinyl we use can last in outdoor conditions for up to 7 years!

If you have purchased your large sticker from us online it will arrive rolled in a cardboard tube. Once you remove it from the tube the application tape or paper may look slightly creased, don't worry this is normal and should not damage the vinyl itself. Simply unroll and lay the sticker on a flat surface and using a squeegee or bank card wipe the surface of the entire sticker to remove any folds or creases.



Using the squeegee or card, work from the centre of the sticker to 'push' any creases out.

Apply a strip of masking tape along the top edge of the sticker. The purpose of this is to ensure you are happy with the position of your sticker on your chosen surface and helps the sticker remain in position when removing the backing paper.



The entire sticker can now be applied to your choice of surface. Fix the sticker to the surface using the masking tape.



Once you are happy with the position of your sticker, it might be useful to apply a couple of vertical strips of masking tape (as shown in the photograph below). This will ensure the sticker stays secure in place whilst the application tape is removed. The backing paper can now be removed and discarded. It might be useful to have another person help with this task but it is not necessary. The backing paper can be removed from either the top or bottom. Remove the paper slowly ensuring all the vinyl sticker parts remain on the tape. If any of the vinyl remains on the backing paper, push the tape back over it and rub with your fingers until it comes free.



Once all the paper has been removed, the sticker can now be applied to your surface. From the top, using the squeegee or card, slowly but firmly press on the surface of the application tape. If any large creases appear, slowly lift the tape/sticker and retry. When the entire tape/sticker has been pressed on to the surface, use the squeegee or card and press firmly over the entire sticker concentrating on the parts where the vinyl is.



The application tape can now be removed and discarded which should leave just the vinyl parts on the surface. The tape can be removed from the top or bottom but we advise customers to remove it from the top and pull to the bottom in a diagonal fashion. Pull the tape off slowly. If any of the vinyl parts remain on the tape, simply push them back on to the surface and rub firmly with a finger until they come off the tape.



Once the application tape has been removed use a dry cloth and firmly wipe over the vinyl sticker to ensure it is firmly stuck in place.



If there are any large bubbles in your sticker, use a pin or needle to pop them and use a finger to push the air out. Any tiny bubbles should disappear over a few days.



If your vinyl sticker requires cleaning at any point, simply wipe over with a damp cloth.

Vinyl stickers can be removed fairly easy. On painted surfaces, the vinyl may pull paint off in places but this does not always happen. It is more likely to occur on surfaces painted with emulsion type paints. On glass, mirror or plastic surfaces a little heat may be required to help removal – this just makes removal a bit easier. A hair dryer is perfect for this – simply use the hair dryer to warm the vinyl slightly, and then pull the vinyl off the surface. Long nails may be required!

If you require any advice on applying or removing vinyl stickers please email us at nik@decarama.co.uk