

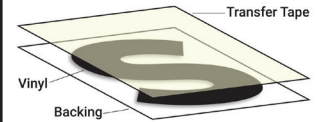
Vinyl Application How-to: THE CENTER HINGE METHOD

Supplies/Tools:

- Cleaning Solution
- Clean Cloth or Paper Towels
- Masking Tape
- Measuring Tape or Ruler
- Scissors
- Squeegee or Stiff Card



Vinyl Decals are built of 3 Layers



1. Prepare the Surface

Clean surface with appropriate cleaning solution. Dry surface with clean cloth or paper towels. Go over with rubbing alcohol before applying decal to remove any film or residue. This ensures the adhesive attaches firmly.

2. Position the Decal

Apply masking tape on the corners or sides of the decal to help in placement while measuring. Take your measuring tape or ruler and measure from side to side to ensure decal is centered on your surface. Measure from the bottom of the surface to a straight area on the decal.

Always measure from the edges of the actual decal, not the edge of the paper. Separate tape from the surface as needed until decal is in position. Check your measurements once more before moving to Step 3.

3. Tape in Place

Once decal is in position, place a line of masking tape down the center of the decal. This acts as a hinge so that you can fold back the decal on one side only.

4. Remove the Backing

Fold back one side of the decal. Peel decal from backing. Using scissors, cut away the backing.

If any part of the decal remains stuck to the backing, use pressure to push it back down until it cooperates.

5. Apply the Decal

Using a squeegee or a stiff card, smooth decal onto surface using long vertical strokes. Remove masking tape and repeat Steps 4 and 5 with the opposite side.

Go over the decal a final time using your squeegee to ensure the decal is firmly adhered to the surface.

6. Remove Transfer Tape

Peel the transfer tape layer off at a 90 degree angle starting in the top corner. Peel smooth and slow.

If any part of the decal wants to peel away from the surface with the transfer tape layer, push it back down until it properly adheres to the surface.

You may see small bubbles in the decal, do not worry. They will disappear with time due to temperature fluctuations and sun exposure. Any large bubbles can be popped with a pin.

7. Stand back and admire your work!

