

# Instructions for Shrink Paper

1. Print Shrink paper using normal settings. It is best to lighten your images because when they shrink the colours intensify. You can print on both sides of the shrink **Create you shape twice the size as you want it, as it will shrink by at least half (this is trial and error)**



2. Leave the paper to dry for about 1/2 an hour before cutting out your images. You can leave a white border around your images as this will greatly reduce when the paper has shrunk.

**NB if making earrings or keyrings use a paper punch to put holes in at this stage**



3. Place the cut out shapes onto a piece of baking parchment which has been placed into a baking tray. Pre-heat your oven to a moderate set-



4. Before you put the baking tray into the oven place a piece of plain paper over the top of the shapes. Put the baking tray in a moderate to hot oven for approximately 2 minutes. You will have to test at this stage as all ovens are different. It is a good idea to print off and cut out more shapes than you need so you can do a few test runs first to get the idea of how it all works. If they come out curly you have not put them in the oven for long enough. Put them back in and wait another minute or so. When you take them out of the oven and they are still hot, quickly press them down this the back of a wooden spoon to flatten them further.



5. NB. You can use a hot air gun to shrink the shapes so you don't have to put them in the oven at all. Use a stick to secure them and heat up watching them shrink before your eyes. They will curl dramatically to start with then flatten down. The advantage of using the oven is you can shrink many shapes at one time.



6. . When they have cooled down and they are cold you can spray or paint them with any kind of varnish to protect them further. Use strong glue like UHU or Bostic to stick on any attachments. When sticking to cards any type of glue can be used.



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