Inkjet Shrink Film ID Tags

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Use Grafix Ink Jet Shrink Film to make these easy ID tags that can be added to backpacks, lunch boxes, suitcases, or coat zippers. Free printable!

Supplies:

Grafix Ink Jet Shrink Film (white) <u>Free ID Tag printable</u> (click here) Ink jet printer Scissors & hole punch Permanent marker or pen Oven Baking sheet Parchment paper Key rings or jump rings



Directions:

1. You'll need Grafix Shrink Film for Ink Jet Printers. You can print on either side, so you can't really go wrong. If you'd like, you can even print it again on the opposite side so that your ID tags are two-sided.

2. Cut out the tags along the black lines. Use a standard single-hole punch to punch out the black circle. (When using Shrink Film, it's important to punch any holes before baking, as it will be too thick for most punches afterward.)

3. Use a permanent marker or pen to fill in your personal information. Remember that these tags will shrink to about half their original size, so make your letters large. (I'm choosing to leave my phone number off this time to protect my privacy online.)

4. Preheat your oven to about 325 degrees. (Please remember, only an adult should use the oven.)

5. Protect a baking sheet with a piece of parchment paper (not wax paper). Lay the tags down so they aren't touching. Cover with another piece of parchment paper. This will prevent your tags from sticking to themselves as they curl and shrink.

6. The amount of time you'll need to bake your items can vary. It may be as few as two minutes and as many as 7. As the item bakes, it will curl up. This is normal. Soon the film will begin to flatten again. Once the item is completely flat, it's done baking and can be removed from the oven. Remember to use an oven mitt.

7. These will be hot, so let them cool before handling. You can see how they've transformed into hard, durable tags. You'll also notice that the colors intensify when the film shrinks, so keep that in mind when designing your projects.

8. Add a key ring or jump ring to your ID tag and clip it to your item.



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