

Grafix Shrink Film Cherry Blossom Earrings

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Use Grafix Shrink Film combined with permanent markers to create custom lightweight earrings, perfect for use as a gift!

Supplies:

Matte Finish Grafix Shrink Film
Bic Permanent Markers
Crayola Colored Pencils
Scissors
Hole Punch
Jump Rings
Earring Hooks
Jewelry Pliers



Directions:

1. Begin by tracing your desired design onto the Grafix Shrink Film using a colored pencil. I hand drew some cherry blossoms, but you may also place your Shrink Film over a photograph and trace your design if you are not as confident in your drawing abilities. Make sure to enlarge your illustrations to allow for shrinkage in the final design.
2. Add a layer of permanent marker to your sketch, starting with a light color first. You can always build up the color, but it is much harder to take color away. This light color will serve as your base layer.
3. Once your base layer is down, add depth to your sketch by incorporating a few darker colors of permanent marker. Then, using a thick black permanent marker, outline your design.
4. Cut your design out with scissors, leaving a thin border around the outside. Then, using a small hole punch, add holes to allow you to assemble your earrings later. Here, I added a single hole to the larger flowers and two holes to the medium sized flowers.
5. Shrink your Grafix Shrink Film according to the instructions on the package. You might also consider baking a few test pieces before shrinking your actual illustrations, to ensure that your oven's settings are correct.
6. Once the Grafix Shrink Film has cooled completely, use some large jump rings to connect the smaller flowers to the larger flowers. Then, using a few more jump rings, connect the second hole in the smaller flowers to your earring hooks to finish off your earrings.



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