

FREE THE STATES

ABOLITIONIST GEAR AND RESOURCES

SIGN-MAKING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Purchase your sign backing. We recommend using 8-10mm corrugated plastic. You can find this online from [Box For Less](#), [Amazon](#), [Grimco](#), or from a local store like [Lowe's](#) or [Home Depot](#). Corrugated plastic is usually sold as 4' X 8' sheets which need to be cut down to 31" X 48", though you may be able to order custom 31" X 48" sheet from some businesses.
2. Before applying the self-adhesive vinyl sign to the corrugated plastic board, you must wipe clean the corrugated plastic board and remove any dirt, lint, or dust.
3. Fill a spray bottle with 50% water and 50% Windex or window cleaner.
4. Once the corrugated plastic board is clean, without removing the back of the vinyl sticker, align the vinyl sticker on top of the plastic sign backing. Using painter's tape or masking tape, tape the sticker down in the middle of the sign on both sides.
5. Pull the bottom half of the vinyl up and lay it against the top half of the sign. Peel the back of the vinyl sticker off from the bottom half of the sticker. Very carefully, using scissors so as not to risk cutting the actual vinyl sticker, cut off the bottom half of the back of the vinyl sticker.
6. Wipe off the plastic once more to remove any particles that may have landed on the corrugated plastic sign backing.
7. Spray the cleaner solution evenly across the corrugated plastic sign and the sticky part of the bottom half of the vinyl. Make sure that the entire surface is wet. Holding the outside corners of the vinyl, slowly lower the wet vinyl onto the corrugated plastic board in a "V" pattern, letting the middle of the vinyl down first and the sides down afterwards. If bubbles appear, pick the vinyl up and reapply more slowly.
8. Starting in the center and moving out to the edges, use a sponge or towel to push the liquid, bubbles, and wrinkles out to the edges of the sign. Be thorough in making sure that all the bubbles and wrinkles are completely removed from between the corrugated plastic backing and the vinyl sticker.
9. Repeat steps 5-8 for the top half of the sign.
10. Remove the tape from the sign.
11. Starting in the center and working out, go over the plastic with a squeegee or a folded piece of cardboard to remove the last of the cleaner and any remaining bubbles from between the plastic backing and the vinyl sticker.
12. Once all the liquid cleaner is removed, let the sign dry for 24 hours. Do not dry in a cold place. If needed, place heavy objects on sign edges to help them stick down.