SIGN-MAKING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Purchase your sign backing. We use – and recommend – 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 often 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" sheets from some businesses.

2. Watch our video demonstration of how to mount a sign.

3. With a sharp utility knife or box cutter, cut along the sides of the plastic, removing dangling pieces of plastic to make the surface and sides of the sign smooth and free of debris.

4. Wipe the sign with a damp rag, removing any dirt or remaining bits of plastic. Wash the plastic with cleaner or just regular soap and water. Carefully wipe down once more with clean rag or paper towel, being sure to remove any dirt, lint, or dust.

5. Without removing the back of the vinyl sticker, align the vinyl sticker on top of the plastic sign backing. Be sure if your sign is double-sided that you place your vinyl on the sign right side up.

6. Using painter's tape or masking tape, tape the vinyl down at the top of the sign in the middle and on both top corners. Be as precise as possible here and retape if needed to reset the vinyl and make sure it lays straight along the top and sides of the sign.

7. Leaving the tape connecting the vinyl to the sign, pull the vinyl up and lay it above the sign. Wipe off the plastic once more with a clean rag to remove any particles that may have landed on the corrugated plastic sign backing. Peel the back of the vinyl sticker off.

8. Spray cleaning solution (50% water and 50% glass cleaner, or water with several drops of dish soap) evenly across the corrugated plastic sign and the sticky part 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 large bubbles appear, pick the vinyl up and reapply more slowly.

9. Starting in the center and moving towards the edges, use a sponge or towel to push the liquid, bubbles, and wrinkles out to the edges of the sign. Do this at least twice. Be thorough in making sure that all the bubbles and wrinkles are completely removed from between the corrugated plastic backing and the vinyl sticker.

10. Again 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. Remove the tape from the sign.

11. Let the sign dry for 24 hours, preferably in a warm area. If the vinyl edges curl up, place heavy objects on the sign to help it stay down.