

How to Apply your Tree!

BEFORE YOU START

Look over your order to make sure you are happy with the color, letter style, and size.

Hold it up to the area you have chosen to make sure it will fit.

Avoid applying the vinyl lettering onto freshly painted walls. Let paint 'cure' for 3-4 weeks.

Doing this will make it easier to remove the letters in the future without damage to the paint. When you do wish to remove the vinyl letters—use a hairdryer to 'warm' up the vinyl and it should come off easily.

YOU WILL NEED:

- masking tape (scotch or other types of tape may damage painted walls)
- a credit card / plastic scraper (for applying pressure to the letters)
- a LEVEL or measuring tape to make sure your words are straight



YOUR LETTERS come on a sheet made up of three layers.

- **Top Layer** = masking paper (through which you can see your letters)
- **Middle Layer**=the vinyl design
- **Bottom Layer**=white, shiny backing paper

STEP 1: Hold up the **main section** of the tree in the desired location and **tape it in place** with masking tape.

STEP 2: Once the tree is in place, apply a long piece (or two) of masking tape **HORIZONTALLY** across the centre of the tree—about 1/2 way down—to hold it in place. (It may help to have another person there to help you!)

STEP 3: Flip down the top 1/2 of the tree, and **carefully peel off** the white backing paper up to the point of tape. (Watch closely as you peel off the backing that the vinyl pieces are not being peeled off with it!) Tear or cut that portion of the backing paper off, and carefully smooth down the vinyl design onto the wall—starting from the middle-upward.

STEP 4: Lift up the remaining tree half and remove all of the remaining backing paper—starting from the top edge—pull the paper down, away from the vinyl. Smooth down the exposed vinyl as you go.

STEP 5: Using a plastic scraper, rub firmly over the entire image to smooth out any bubbles and adhere the vinyl to the wall.

STEP 6: **Carefully** peel off the top masking layer to reveal your tree. Pull at an angle and watch closely that the vinyl pieces are sticking to the wall and not the paper. If any pieces are pulling up, re-rub onto the wall, or help pull it off with your fingers. The tape does not like 'letting go'!

TIP: If the vinyl really does not want to stick to the wall—use your fingers to get it separated from the tape and once the pieces are on the wall—use a hairdryer to help the pieces stick firmly. If any pieces are bubbling or lifting, use the hairdryer to help to activate the adhesive and encourage it to stick well.

Repeat steps 1-6 for remaining sections (right and left) of the tree—being careful to line up each section with the previous one! You'll notice that the adjoining sections are trimmed close to the edge of the design, but when you line it up with the body of the tree—**try to overlap each section just a tiny bit**.