

# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

## **How to Apply Vinyl Onto Canvas**

1. Paint canvas if desired, with craft paint or water-based paints. Let dry well. (preferable overnight)
2. When dry, apply a layer of “modge-podge” (this will help the vinyl to stick to the canvas—OR a water based varnish will work as well) Let dry well.
3. Position the vinyl onto the canvas (put something sturdy underneath the canvas to give you a firm surface to press on—such as books.)
  - first lightly tape the lettering in place using painters tape.(masking tape may be too sticky and peel paint off)
  - using a ruler, measure from a few different points on the lines of text to make sure the text is straight and centered on the canvas.
  - once you have it centered and level—apply a strip of painter’s tape across the center of the text HORIZONTALLY. This will help hold it in place and allow you to work with one half of the text at a time.
  - Flip one side of the lettering back, and **carefully peel off** the white backing paper to the center point. **Watch closely** as you peel off the backing that the vinyl letters are not being peeled off with it! Tear or cut that half of the backing paper off, and carefully smooth down the letters starting from center.
  - Then remove the other half of the backing paper and smooth out the rest of the letters.
  - Using a plastic scraper, rub over the entire image to smooth out any bubbles and adhere the letters to the canvas.
  - **Carefully** peel off the top masking layer to reveal your letters. Pull at an angle and watch closely that the letters are sticking to the canvas and not the paper. If any letters are pulling up, re-rub onto the canvas or help pull it off with your fingers.

\*\*NOTE: Vinyl adheres best to a hard smooth surface. Because the canvas is somewhat textured and ‘unstable’ - the vinyl does not stick as securely as it would to a smooth wall. The canvas application will be more delicate— we cannot guarantee the success of applying vinyl to canvas, nor the lifespan.



### **Supplies Needed:**

Canvas / Vinyl lettering / Craft paints / Modge podge or varnish / Paint brush or roller / Painter’s tape / Ruler / Squeegee or credit card / Hard surface object to put underneath the canvas such as a few large books.

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