

SHRINKY DINK BRACELETS

MATERIALS:

- Shrinky Dink Paper (sketched and hole punched)
- Banner and lettering template
- Foil sheet
- Embroidery floss
- A felt-tip pen, acrylic paint, or colored pencils (I used a fine tip Sharpie)*
- Scissors
- Oven*

**You will need to provide these materials yourself!*

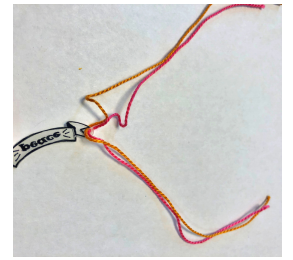
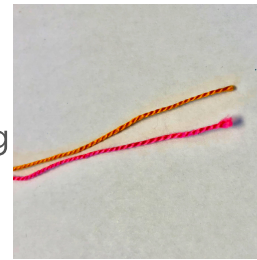
INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat your oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Start by tracing over the pre-sketched banner design with your marker, paint, or colored pencils. If the sketched design is too faint, you can line the page up with the template so that you have a bolder design to trace over.
3. Once you have the banner drawn, lay the transparent Shrinky Dink paper over the lettering on the template and trace on the letters of whatever phrase you want inside of the banner. Go letter by letter. It might work best to trace this out with a pencil first so that you can make sure your phrase will fit.
4. Cut out the banner, making sure that you cut around the holes, leaving some space.
5. Lay the cut out Shrinky Dink pieces on a cookie sheet or on the piece of foil and put into the preheated oven.

6. Bake the Shrinky Dinks for 1 to 3 minutes. Watch them as they bake; the shapes will first soften and curl up at the edges, and then settle back down as they shrink. Once the pieces flatten out again, let them bake for another 30 seconds.

7. When they have shrunk and flattened out, remove the Shrinky Dinks and let cool.

8. Take two strands of the embroidery floss in the colors that you want for one of the bracelet, and line them up before threading them both through one of the holes in the Shrinky Dink.



9. Once through, line the ends up, hold them, then tie a knot up at the top, near the hole.



10. Repeat on the other side.

11. Repeat these steps with the second bracelet, as well.

12. To wear these bracelets, wrap the bracelet around your wrist and tie the two ends. It may help to have someone help you out, either with holding the bracelet steady or with tying.

13. Once the bracelet is on, you can trim the extra string to where you want it.

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