

Creative Uses with Rub-Onz

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Today I'm playing with Rub-Onz, a printable transfer film made by Grafix. I'll show you how to design your own rub-on, as well as a variety of projects you can use them on.

Supplies:

Grafix Rub-Onz transfer film
Printer
Scissors
Wood frame
Acrylic paint (optional)
Foam brushes
Plastic bins
Metal pails
Patterned paper
Cardstock
Glue Dots
Baker's twine
Rocks
Mod Podge (glossy)
Foam brush



Directions:

First you need to prepare your document. I'll show you how to do this in Microsoft Word.

1. You'll need to create a text box so we can reverse the text later. Change the size and style of your font as desired.
2. If you don't see an option for "print mirror image" in your printer settings, you'll need to reverse the text box instead. Select the text box and click format > shape > 3D rotation. Change the X number to 180 and click ok. Now your text should be backwards.
3. You will need to reverse all text when making Rub-Onz. When you're ready to print, change your media settings to "photo paper."

Now we're ready to print. There are two parts to Rub-Onz. The first is the film you print on. The second is the adhesive film, set that aside for now.

1. Feed the printing film into your printer so that the ink will be printed on the matte side.
2. Cut the excess off both film pieces. Carefully peel the white backing from the adhesive film. I like to lay the adhesive film sticky-side up on the table, and then slowly layer the printed film on top, with the inked side touching the adhesive.
3. Rub with the included stick to fully adhere both films, and then cut closely around the individual shapes.



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Wood Frame

1. For this first project, I'm painting a thrifted wood frame with acrylic paint. Allow the paint to dry completely.
2. Now carefully peel the CLEAR FILM from the cut-out shape. Sometimes the matte film wants to come off instead, but right now you need to only remove the clear film.
3. Place the Rub-Onz shape to the frame, then rub the film on top lightly with the stick. Remove the film. I like to rub again lightly with my finger, as I've found this eliminates any tiny wrinkles.



Plastic Bins

1. Let's test these out on plastic. I have tons of plastic storage containers in my craft room, so I'd like to add labels to some.
2. Repeat the previous steps to adhere to the plastic bin.

Paper Cards

1. I love using Rub-Onz for paper crafting... it's like being able to create a stamp of anything you want! Print a whole page of sentiments, and you can make cards quickly. These are also great for crops... no need to pack your stamps, ink pads, and stamping blocks!



Metal Pails

1. I store all of my buttons in little metal pails, sorted by color. I did try sticker labels on these, but they were always peeling off. So I'm trying Rub-Onz instead. I think these will work much better!



Rocks

1. Finally, I'm trying something a little unusual... rocks from my yard. Wash and dry very well.
2. The Rub-Onz worked surprisingly well on this uneven surface. I really love the way these look, but I think they'd look even nicer with a coat of glossy Mod Podge. Add with a foam brush. These rocks would look beautiful as table scatter at an outdoor wedding!



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