

# Shrinky Dink Key Chains And Pins

Draw, trace or copy an image onto a Shrinky Dinks plastic sheet. Use colored pencils or permanent markers. Use the colored pencil on the rough side of the sheets, and use Sharpie or permanent marker on the smooth side.

Cut a design or punch holes in the plastic. Use paper punches if you want holes in the plastic. You might want holes if you are making a key chain or just for decoration. Punch any holes and cut the plastic before you bake the Shrinky Dinks.

Line a cookie sheet tray with non-stick aluminum foil or baking paper. Place the Shrinky Dink cut-out designs on the tray, rough side up. Leave space between the Shrinky Dink plastic shapes or they might stick together.

Preheat the oven at 325 degrees Fahrenheit. You can use a toaster oven or a conventional oven. Once the oven is preheated, put the tray with the Shrinky Dinks into the oven. You only need to bake them for 1 to 3 minutes. At first the Shrinky Dinks will curl up, but they will flatten back out.

Using potholders, remove the tray from oven. You could flatten your Shrinky Dinks more by pressing them flat with folded paper. However, this step may not be necessary.

Let the Shrinky Dinks cool for a few minutes before handling them. The finished piece will shrink to 1/3 the original's size, but it will become 9 times thicker. The artwork will be brighter and bolder, and you can more easily preserve it.

Attach your key chain using the hole you punched in your work before cooking it. Or glue the pin onto the back of your work.

