

Image Transfer

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By now, most of us have tried the process of a tape image transfer; it's a great technique for creating artistic pieces, the only problem is that we have been limited to the width of packing tape-- Until now! Thanks to Purple Cows laminating pockets, transfers can be as large as 12" x 12"!

Supplies:

- Purple Cows Hot Laminating Kit
- Photo for transfer (Note: Must be printed from toner by a laser printer, inkjet will not transfer; also, the photo transfers best on plain printer, not photo paper)
- Scrap paper 1" larger than image
- Dish to fit image (glass casserole or cake dish) filled with warm water.



1. Trim the photo so that there is about 1/4" of white space around the edge.
2. Lay the photo into hot laminating pouch. Use the scrap paper to mask the back of the photo. Be sure that the scrap paper covers the entire photo with some overlap. This will make it easier to separate the pieces later.
3. Run laminating pocket through the hot laminator two times. This will ensure that the toner has completely transferred to the laminate.
4. Now separate the layers and discard the scrap paper. Place the photo into the glass dish of warm water, and allow to soak. Soak until the paper is completely saturated, this can take up to a half-hour.
5. Using a gentle, circular motion, rub off the paper pulp. The white paper will begin to shed away. Continue wetting and rubbing until you get to the plastic. Be careful not to scrape or rub too hard or you will lift the image from the plastic. Just use the tips of your fingers and work in one small area at a time.
6. As with all photo transfers, let dry completely. If you need to touch-up the piece, you can wet any areas that need additional rubbing.
7. Trim and apply to your project. We placed embellishments under ours for a fresh look.