

Adhesive Vinyl

DIGITAL OUTPUT CENTRE

Things you need to know When Cutting Vinyl at the DOC:

Turn around time

- 2 to 4 days depending on work load and other factors.

Roll size

- It is important to check the sizes available for the different vinyl colours stocked at the DOC before committing to a document size.
- You will be charged for the full roll width of the chosen colour (minimum length charge is 8").

Software

- For vinyl cutting, you should use *Adobe Illustrator* to set up your file. **There is no printing in vinyl cutting.** The cutter requires closed vector paths (shapes) for the knife to follow.

Colour fill

- All shapes should be filled with 100% Black.
- Only one vinyl colour per file.

Stroke

- Do not apply stroke to Fonts or Shapes in your file.

Cuttable shapes

- The DOC recommends making Fonts 1/2" or larger (use the capital letter "I" as a reference). Although it is possible to cut Fonts as small as 0.25", it will greatly increase your chance of error in the weeding process.
- Avoid the use of thin scrolled fonts and do not make shapes thinner than 1/16".

Outlines

- Before submitting your file, you must have all fonts and lines converted to shapes (outlines).

Proofing

- You must proof your file in Outline View and make sure that only the shapes that you want are on display.
- Check that all crossing shapes have been united.
- Check that all lines have been converted to shapes and that there are no strokes.
- Check that the file is at cutting size.

How to save your files

- Save the file to be submitted in *AI format* and in the file name, make sure to add the vinyl colour to be cut.

Weeding

- Weeding is the process of separating the cut shapes in your file from the rest of the vinyl that is to be thrown away. The DOC recommends that you do your own weeding in order to save time and money.

Transfer tape

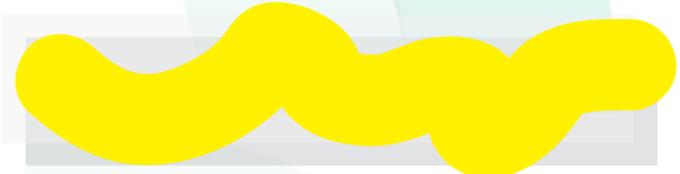
- After the cut vinyl has been weeded, the work has to be returned to the DOC in order to get the transfer tape. Transfer Tape will keep all the shapes together when they are applied on to their final surface.



Blue (22" wide)



Cyan (22" wide)



Yellow (22" wide)



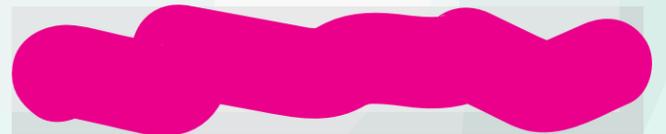
Green (22" wide)



Orange (22" wide)



Warm Red (22" wide)



Magenta (22" wide)



Black (46" & 22" wide)



Dark Grey (22" wide)



Medium Grey (22" wide)



White (46" & 22" wide)



Etched Glass (28" wide)