

## WORKSHOP: DIY STICKERS

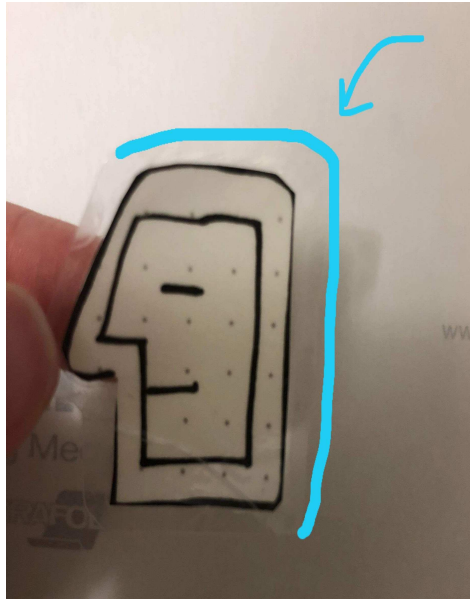
**Summary:** We will create stickers using parchment paper, paper, tape, a writing utensil of your choice and colours are optional. Participants will draw a sticker design on paper, and create layers that follow this order: parchment paper, tape, design, tape and then cut. Parchment paper can be peeled off when the stickers are ready to use.

### Materials and Equipment:

parchment paper	scissors
sheet of white paper	eraser
2 clear adhesive shipping labels or tape	pencil sharpener
pencil	coloured pencils - optional
acrylic paints, assorted colours – optional	3-4 permanent markers

### Class Plan: (Steps with \* are optional)

1. You can create a design for your sticker in whatever medium you prefer, such as pencil, pen, coloured pencils, markers or paints.
2. On a blank piece of paper, draw out and decorate the desired designs.
3. If anyone feels they can't draw, add a step by step instructor led drawing activity or following along on a drawing activity presented in a book.
  - a. Book reference to help with drawing: "How to Draw Almost Every Day", Author: Kamo, ISBN: 978-1-63159-377-2. A local library might have this. We purchased it for \$25.99 CDN in 2020.
4. Once finished, cut out your design.
5. Lay out parchment paper flat, then take the tape/adhesive label, peel off the adhesive backing and stick it on top of the parchment paper adhesive side down.
6. Place your cutout design on top of the tape/adhesive label that was just placed down. Make sure to leave space around each paper design.
7. Take a second piece of tape/adhesive label, peel off the adhesive backing and carefully stick it on top of your designs. Ensure there is clear label space all around each design.
8. Cut out your sticker designs. When cutting out the design, make sure you include a border of clear adhesive label around each sticker. The space between the black outline and the blue outline is the border that you need to help peel the sticker off.



9. When you want to place your stickers on a surface, peel the parchment paper off the back.

#### **Useful Information/Adaptations/Variations:**

- When cutting out your designs, having a white border is just a preference. You can cut it off if you prefer.
- When placing the stickers on top of the first tape/adhesive label layer, make sure they stay within the tape/label area. They cannot be outside the tape space because a border is needed on all sides. If your sticker comes apart, you can add another layer of tape/adhesive label on top to fix it.
- If you are unsure about how much space to leave in between, leave half a thumb in between each sticker to ensure enough space to do the cutouts.

#### **Troubleshooting:**

- Sometimes pressing on the tape can leave wrinkles. In order to avoid that, there are two options. First, make sure the designs are spaced far enough apart and cut the tape/adhesive label into smaller pieces. Second, while placing the tape down, slowly with a plastic card (e.g. debit card), place the edge on top of the tape and push the tape down in order to avoid wrinkles.
- The bigger the border around the sticker, the easier it is to peel. If you need measurements, we recommend a 5mm border.