



LARK JEWELRY
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SHRINK! SHRANK! SHRUNK!

MAKE STYLISH SHRINK
PLASTIC JEWELRY



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ORIGAMI PLANE

Earrings

designer **TONIA MO**



Template (page 113)

Basic shrink kit (page 12)

Matte shrink plastic

Black ultra-fine permanent marker

Earring backs

Jewelry adhesive



TIP Be careful not to get the glue on the front of the earrings—some glues react with the permanent marker's ink and will cause images to run.

Okay, this is my idea of origami—tracing instead of folding. Who doesn't want cute little paper airplane earrings?

- 1 Use the template and the black ultra-fine permanent marker to trace two origami plane designs onto the shrink plastic. Cut both earrings from the plastic, taking care to leave just a slight border of plastic around the entire design.
- 2 Preheat the oven according to the shrink plastic manufacturer's directions. (Tonia bakes her earrings at 300°F [150°C].)
- 3 Place both pieces between two sheets of parchment paper on a baking sheet. Follow the shrink plastic manufacturer's instructions to bake and shrink the earrings. (Tonia bakes her earrings for 4 to 5 minutes.) Meanwhile, have something flat and smooth, such as a hardcover book, ready nearby to use as a flattener.
- 4 When the pieces are shrunk and flat, carefully remove the baking sheet from the oven, and press down on the parchment-covered pieces with your flattener.
- 5 After the pieces are cool, sand the edges if needed. Because these earrings are decorated with permanent markers, you can skip the sealer or add a coat of sealer if desired. If you add sealer, let it dry completely before moving on to the next step.
- 6 Use sandpaper to roughen the back of each earring slightly—the sanding will create tiny grooves that will help the jewelry adhesive grab ahold. Wipe off any sanding residue, and place a small dot of the jewelry adhesive in the middle of each earring back. Attach the back of an earring stud to each and let the glue dry completely.

Basic Shrink Tool Kit

Straightedge or ruler

Sandpaper (300 to 400 grit)

Scissors

Small curved scissors

Hole punches (in various sizes)

Oven or toaster oven

Parchment paper

Baking sheet

Potholder or oven mitt

Flattener (smooth heavy object)

Sealer

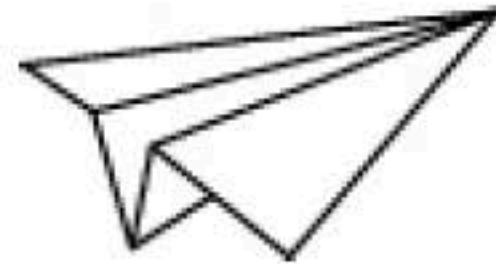
Round-nose pliers

Flat-nose pliers

Chain-nose pliers

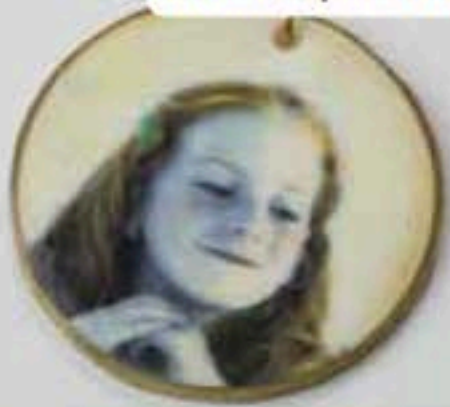
Wire cutters or flush cutters

SHRINK PLASTIC TEMPLATE



ORIGAMI PLANE EARRINGS

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FAST, FRESH, AND FUN SHRINK PLASTIC JEWELRY!

Popular with kids for decades, shrink plastic is back and all grown up as an exciting trend in jewelry making. You can now buy many types of shrink plastic in craft stores and online. Best-selling craft author Kathy Sheldon teaches you to draw, color, stamp, and even print designs and photos onto the plastic, cut or punch it into various shapes, and then shrink it in an oven, toaster oven, or with a heat gun. Add some basic findings, such as jump rings or ear wires, to make your own stylish jewelry. Sixteen leading jewelry designers and crafters present instructions for more than 30 gorgeous and inspiring projects—from fantastic necklaces and bracelets to cute brooches and rings—so you can take shrink plastic to a whole new level!

“Shrink! Shrank! Shrunk!” provides all kinds of creative jewelry from shrink plastic that everyone will enjoy making and sharing!”

—Betty J. Morris, Inventor of Shrinky Dinks

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