d-c-fix®

sticky back plastic

What tools do I need to apply sticky back plastic?

You will need scissors, d-c-fix® application kit (containing craft knife and smoother with a felt edge), tape measure, pencil & possibly screwdriver or drill (if taking doors off), hairdryer (for curved edges) and water bottle (helps reduce the air bubbles and makes the application easier).



Can I use the product outdoors?

Yes it will last a few years in the elements before you need to replace.



Can the product be removed?

Yes just peel back and remove, any adhesive can be removed using ethanol or warm soapy water. If the vinyl is stubborn, then heat first using a hairdryer and it should remove much more easily.



Can I clean the product?

Yes using regular household cleaners are fine.



Is sticky back plastic water resistant?

Yes but remember to seal any edges using silicone sealant if used on a worktop or in a bathroom.



What surfaces can I apply it to?

Thoroughly clean the surface, it must be clean and flat, sand off any lumps or bumps. Any surface like glass, painted wood or laminate furniture are fine, some surfaces such as unpainted MDF will need a primer first. The product can be applied to walls, but this all depends on the condition of the wall, the adhesive bonds to whichever surface it's applied to.



How do I apply the product without any air bubbles?

The best way is to apply about 10cm at a time, so gently release the backing paper and smooth as you go. The vinyl has a water based adhesive so can be removed fully and reapplied if you mess up. Just push out the air bubbles using the smoother or squeegee. If you apply to a smooth surface like a fridge, then spray water lightly over the surface first, then glide the film into place smoothing out excess water as you go. Small air bubbles can be pricked with a pin and smoothed out.



Can I apply to bevelled doors or round edges?

Yes using a hairdryer to heat the vinyl first, this will make it more pliable and can then be smoothed using a cloth into the grooves, the best method is to completely cover the surface first, then prick holes where the grooves are to allow air to escape before heat is applied.



Is sticky back plastic heat resistant?

Yes to 75°C (167°F), use work top savers to protect from hot pans, but hot plates and cups should be fine. Sticky back plastic can withstand temperatures from -10°C to +50°C (14°F to 122°F).

