

# DIY Stickers (using tape and paper)

Who doesn't love stickers? With just some tape and paper, you can create your very own custom stickers! Draw, color, and turn any of your favorite designs into stickers that you can use to decorate notebooks, water bottles, or anything else you like. This DIY sticker craft is easy, mess-free, and a ton of fun for kids and grown-ups alike!



## Materials List:

- **White or colored paper** (for drawing your designs)
- **Clear tape** (the wider, the better!)
- **Markers, crayons, or colored pencils** (for decorating)
- **Scissors** (adult help recommended for little ones)
- **Wax paper or parchment paper** (for easy peeling)
- **Acrylic paint or stickers** (optional for extra decorations)

## **Instructions: Let's Get Crafting!**

1. **Draw Your Designs:** Use markers, crayons, or colored pencils to draw fun shapes, doodles, or characters on the paper. Make anything you like—stars, animals, hearts, or your favorite characters!
2. **Cut Out Your Designs:** Carefully cut out each design using scissors. Try to keep the shapes simple so they're easy to cut!
3. **Tape the Front:** Place a piece of clear tape over the front of each cut-out design. This will give it a shiny, protective layer, just like a real sticker! Make sure the tape covers the entire design with no gaps.
4. **Tape the Back:** Place a second piece of tape over the back of your design, with the sticky side facing down onto the wax paper. This creates a backing that can be peeled off when you're ready to stick it somewhere.
5. **Cut Around the Design Again:** Cut around your design, leaving a small border of tape and wax paper around the edges. This will ensure that you have a sticky border for your sticker.
6. **Peel and Stick!** When you're ready to use your sticker, peel it off the wax paper backing, and the sticky tape will be exposed. Now, you can stick it onto a notebook, folder, or anywhere you want!

### **Craft Bonus: Add Some Flair!**

- **Glitter Stickers:** Add a little glitter to your designs before placing the tape over them. Your stickers will have a sparkly touch!
- **Create Sticker Packs:** Make a themed set of stickers like ocean animals, flowers, or space-themed designs, and give them as gifts to friends!
- **Waterproofing Tip:** If you want your stickers to last longer on things like water bottles, use wide packing tape for a stronger, more water-resistant seal.