

Digi-Scrap Crafts – Part I

{waterslide inkjet decals}

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OK guys...it's time to really put that inkjet printer to WORK. The craft applications using digi-scrap sets are virtually limitless. In this craft installment, I'm going to show you some fantastic things you can do with your sets OTHER than scrapbook pages!

First I'm going to introduce you to Waterslide Decal Paper...the most fantastic substance next to chocolate (and that's saying a lot!) You can get it at www.dickblick.com (Lazertran Waterslide Decal Paper for Inkjet Printers) or directly through Lazertran at <http://www.lazertran.com/lazertran.htm> . I'm also experimenting with a more 'generic' version of the paper so I'll let you know how that turns out.

The beauty of Lazertran is that your decal can be either eggshell white background ~OR~ after a quick spray of clear acrylic gloss – transparent!!

The paper itself is in 3 layers – the top is the white printable part that will become the decal. The middle layer is a layer of glue. The bottom layer is the light blue backing that is slid off after the decal has been soaked in warm water and is ready to apply.

Some tips and tricks:

- ~Make sure to print on the cream (not light blue) side of the paper
- ~Keep the quality setting on normal (not 'best') because too much ink may make your decal smeary
- ~Allow ink to dry for at least 30 minutes

- If you are spraying the acrylic gloss on the paper – spray in several light coats instead of a lot all at once or it will create a crazed-type surface on your decal
- When all is dry, cut out and soak decals AS you are ready to apply them not all at once) in warm water.
The directions on the paper say to soak for 1 minute but I've found that to be excessively long for smaller decals – they'll float up off the backing paper and become VERY hard if not impossible to apply.
- The larger the decal, the more tricky it is to get it on without getting it wrinkled. I would suggest allowing yourself a few 'dry runs' to get the hang of the way the paper reacts.
- Once the decal is where you want it- dab at it and dry it with a clean/dry cloth to 'set' it. It still needs to dry overnight though.

Here are a few examples of some crafts I've done with the Lazertran paper:

~Spooky Candles~ (very cool cause they're semi-transparent and the candle flickering is a great effect!)



~Shabby Salt and Pepper Shakers~

I left one empty to highlight how a white vs. transparent background will change the look of your item.

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~Country Cherry Kitchen Accents~

Ceramic and metal applications. And isn't that little butter dish adorable?! I'd never seen one that tiny before!

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