

HOW TO APPLY MURALS & MULTI-PART DECALS

Thank you for purchasing a Retro Planet graphic decal. If you have any questions about applying your decal, give us a call at 888-242-6633 or 603-318-7200. We'll be glad to help. For more info and helpful tips, be sure to check our informative videos and FAQ section on www.retroplanet.com/wall-decals-info.html



We recommend these tools.



Painter's Tape

Scissors/Utility Knife



Measuring Tape

Squeegee/Credit Card



Level

Ladder/Step-stool



Before applying :

Our wall graphics feature a low-tack adhesive that makes them very easy to apply and reposition, however due to the large size of these graphics and multiple pieces that need to be aligned, we're offering a number of tips to help with your application.

- Lay your graphic on a flat surface overnight to straighten out any curl that occurred in the shipping tube.
- Be sure to wipe your wall surface with a dust cloth to remove any dust or dirt on the wall.
- Allow newly painted walls to completely dry before applying any decals (3-6 months - See FAQ)

Decal Application Instructions :

These wall filling decals are large so it's best to have a helper during the application.

- We've included about 1/2" of overlap built in to each tile of the graphic. This eliminates any gaps when applying each part of the graphic on your wall.

Tape Alignment Guides : It's much easier to re-arrange and align the individual tiles on a **table or the floor** before trying to line everything up on the wall. This is very easily done by setting up some temporary tape alignment guides with low-tack painters tape as shown to the right.

- Lay tiles over each other paying careful attention to exactly align the overlapping image at the seam.
- Once you've lined up the graphics, place a small strip of painters tape across the seam.
- * We're showing a dashed yellow line in the picture for emphasis of where the seam between the tiles is.
- We suggest using 4 to 5 tape guides along the entire seam between the tiles.
- Once you have all your tape guides in place and are happy with the alignment of the graphic, carefully cut the tape down the center at the seam.
- Repeat this process of creating alignment guides for each overlapping tile.
- These tape halves are your easy re-alignment guides that will make lining things up much easier when you apply the graphic to your wall.



Applying the graphics to your wall :

- For these large multi-piece graphics it's often easiest to work with the center most tile first. This part is applied just like any of our standard wall decals...
- Before applying, flip the graphic face down and peel back 4-5" of the backing from the graphic. This exposed adhesive will be used to hold the graphic in place on your wall as you roll off the backing layer as you work your way down the graphic.
- Use a squeegee or credit card to flatten the graphic to the wall as you go along. Work from the top down and flatten out toward the sides to work any bubbles out past the edges.
- Once this section is applied to the wall do NOT remove the tape guides. These will be important to help match up the the image as you apply the other tiles of the graphic.
- When lining up and applying larger sections we recommend first removing a small strip of 4-5" along the entire inner edge of the graphic. This allows you to line up the edges along the seam without the entire adhesive side of the graphic being exposed and sticking to itself or the wall.
- Use the tape guides you set up earlier to help properly align each tile of the graphic along the seam.
- Gently flatten the decal section to the wall with a squeegee or credit card by working from the seam outward. Don't press the decal hard to the wall at this point as you may need to lift and reposition the tile slightly to get the alignment correct all the way down the seam. To do this, gently peeling it back from the wall. The low-tack adhesive of our graphics makes this easy to do as many times as needed.
- Once all the tiles are in place, remove the tape guides and flatten the entire graphic to the wall to work out any bubbles.

