

How to clear vinyl Snap Tab



1. Hoop yourself some stabilizer. Any stabilizer will work. I'm using a piece of medium weight tear away for this one.



2. Run the first step of the pattern. This is usually the outline of the design so you can align the vinyl.



3. load your vinyl. DON'T hoop it! Float it. Some people use 505 or other basting spray but I just lay it in there and watch to make sure it doesn't "catch"



4. Run all the next color changes ***EXCEPT the last four steps!!!!***



5. The next color stop should be a PARTIAL outline of the main design with about a 1" gap somewhere in the outline. BEFORE YOU RUN this color stop, float a piece of clear vinyl over your design. The clear vinyl piece should

be large enough to cover the WHOLE design with at least ½" "slop" all the way around.



6. After you have run the partial outline, you will have about a 1" inch gap in the outline. This is where/how you will add your glitter / salt / trinket/ etc.



7. If you have a tiny funnel, you are awesome and way more prepared than I am. If not, you can rig up a homebrew funnel by rolling a piece of paper into a thin cone, leaving both the bottom and top open, and taping it to keep it from unrolling.



8. CAREFULLY insert some tweezers, a pen, something thin and stiff, to open up the gap enough to not squeeze your paper funnel all the way shut.



9. Brace your hoop upright and carefully pour your glitter / sand / salt/ trinkets into the gap. YOU WILL NEED A LOT LESS GLITTER / SAND / SALT than you think!!! Seriously, a tiny bit goes a LONG way. If you add too much, you can tap some excess out over the sink (which I had to do like twice and now my bathroom sink looks like Tinkerbell hoarked in it)



10. Reinsert in the machine and run the color stop that completes the outline bean stitch.



11. Carefully trim away the excess CLEAR vinyl where the tab for the snap tab will sew out.. Trim to about 1/4" from the bean stitch. CAREFUL not to cut the bean stitch





12. Attach the back vinyl and secure with tape.

Run the last step(s) the tab and the final outline.



14. get your lobster claw or slip ring, slip it on and bend your tab over to measure and align.



13. Voila! Now we're ready to snap that tab ...

You need snap tab pliers and some plastic snaps for this next part ...



15. You'll need two spikey thingies (yeah, I know, highly technical language I'm all about here) and one each of the "butt ends" (at least that's what I call them.) They are DIFFERENT! Be careful when picking them out of the pile.



16. Use one of the spikey bits to check your alignment and placement. (ignore the hideously un-manicured hands from here on, please)



17. Here comes the fun part – stab it good. Stab it real good. But carefully! Use an awl to puncture through all 4 layers of vinyl.



18. make sure the hole goes all the way through!



19. Slide one of the spikey bits through one hole.



20. Seat one of the butt ends on the spikey bit. Make sure it's the narrow side down one.



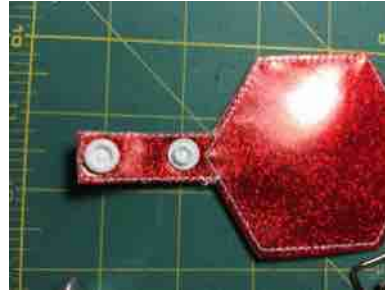
21. Grab your pliers and carefully smash it all together.



22. Thread the other spikey bit through the other hole and seat the "fat side down" but end on this one.



23. *smoosh* part two



24. Almost done!



25. loop your lobster claw or slip ring and then SNAP your tab!

DONE!