



INSET PANEL WRAP GUIDE

For full-colour printed recessed panel wraps with knifeless tape

Tools You'll Need

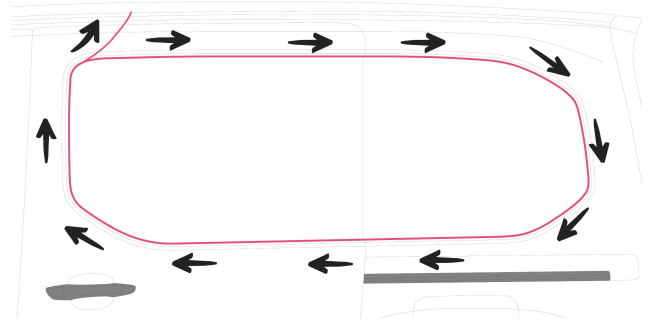
- Knifeless tape (included in kit)
- Squeegee (with felt edge recommended)
- Heat gun or hair dryer
- Magnets or masking tape
- Craft knife (for removing tape filament only)
- Isopropyl alcohol & lint-free cloths

Step 1: Surface Preparation

- Thoroughly clean the vehicle panels with isopropyl alcohol or a degreasing cleaner.
- Pay extra attention to the edges and recesses—dirt or wax here can prevent the wrap from bonding.
- Make sure the surface is completely dry before starting.

Step 2: Apply Knifeless Tape

- Begin applying the knifeless tape right into the crease where the recessed panel meets the outer step.
- Follow the full contour of the panel, keeping the tape as tight and flat as possible.
- Press the tape down firmly to prevent lifting during installation.
- When you return to your starting point, overlap the tape slightly and leave a small tab extending beyond the panel.
- This tab will be used later to access and pull the cutting filament.
- Tip: Double-check your tape line—it will define your final cut edge!



Step 3: Position the Wrap

- With the backing paper still attached, position the printed wrap over the panel.
- Align the design so it extends slightly past the edges of the recessed panel for trimming allowance.
- Use magnets (or masking tape) to hold the wrap in place while you check alignment.
- Once aligned, create a vertical centre hinge using tape or magnets to split the panel into two working halves.



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Step 4: Apply the First Half

- Fold one side of the wrap back on itself.
- Peel and remove the backing paper from that half.
- Starting from the centre hinge, use a squeegee to apply the wrap smoothly outward, working evenly to avoid bubbles or wrinkles.
- Apply light heat to soften the vinyl as needed, especially around the panel step.
- Make sure the vinyl is fully bonded over the knifeless tape area.

Step 5: Apply the Second Half

- Remove the centre hinge.
- Repeat the same process on the other side: peel, apply, and squeegee smoothly from the centre outward.
- Apply light heat to ensure the wrap sits snugly into the recess and around contours.

Step 6: Cut the Wrap Using Knifeless Tape

- Locate the tab of knifeless tape you left earlier.
- Use the tip of a craft knife to gently lift out the filament (avoid cutting the vinyl).
- Hold the vinyl edge down with one finger and pull the filament smoothly through the wrap.
- Continue pulling in one clean motion all the way around until the cut meets your starting point.
- Remove the excess vinyl outside the panel.
- Tip: If the wrap lifts slightly as you pull, pause and press it down again before continuing.

Step 7: Finishing Touches

- Peel away any remaining knifeless tape from beneath the wrap edges.
- Use your squeegee to press down the freshly cut edges firmly.
- Apply a gentle amount of heat around the entire edge to ensure full adhesion and seal the cut line.
- Inspect your work - your inset panel should now have a clean, professional-finish look.

Step 8: Repeat for Remaining Panels

- Repeat the same process for each recessed panel on the vehicle sides and rear.

Final Tips

- Avoid washing the vehicle for at least 48 hours after installation.
- If you spot air bubbles, use a squeegee or your thumb to push them out, the air should disperse through the air channels on the back of the vinyl wrap.
- Always store vinyl at room temperature before application for best performance.