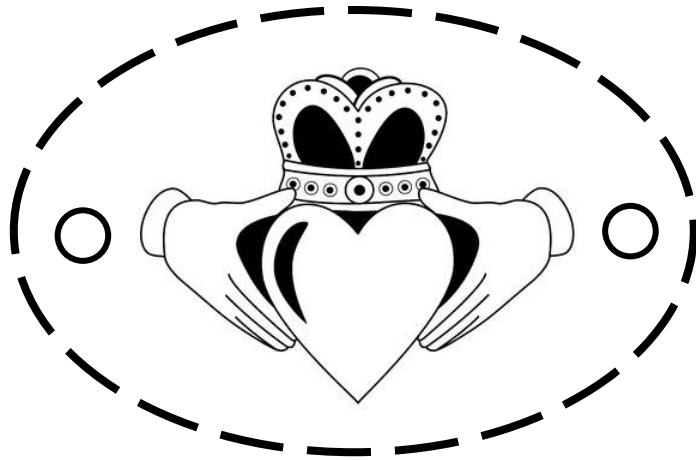


Shrinky Dink **Claddagh Ring**



How to Make a Shrinky Dink Ring

1. Trace the design on a piece of shrinky dink plastic. You can use regular or colored pencils to make the design. It's helpful to use a little piece of scotch tape to hold the plastic in place as you trace the outline of the art on to the rough side of the plastic.
2. Use colored pencils, acrylic paints, or permanent markers to add color to your design. Don't use crayons, oil paints, or non-permanent markers.
3. Add any bold outlines or marks with a black permanent pen.
4. Cut out your plastic around the outside tracing oval.
5. Use a hole punch to make two holes – one on each side where indicated. This is where you will use a piece of wire or pipe cleaner to go around your finger (later, not before you bake).
6. Cover a baking sheet with foil and put your creations on it, colored side up. Bake in a regular oven at 325 degrees F (160 degrees C). Watch it closely as it bakes for one to five minutes (depending on your oven and the thickness of your baking sheet) and you will see it shrink! First, it will curl up, then it will flatten out. After it flattens, give it another 30 seconds and then pull it out.
7. Use your shrinky dink piece to craft your ring!