

July Craft Kit: Shrinky-Dink Alpaca Keychain

(Caution: Craft requires adult supervision. Not suitable for those 4 and younger.)

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To Make a Key Chain, You'll Need:

- 1 sheet clear shrink film (Shrinky-Dink)
- 1 split metal keychain ring
- 1 jump ring connector
- Permanent markers (Crayons or water based markers will not stick to shrink film.)
- Scissors
- Oven or toaster oven
- Baking tray lined with foil, parchment paper, or brown paper bag or an aluminum foil "tray"
- Potholders, oven mitts, or something else protect your hands
- Tape
- Hole punch (optional)
- Pliers (optional)

Steps:

1. With adult supervision, preheat the oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Tape your Shrinky-Dink sheet to the animal template to keep it from sliding around.
3. Trace and color the image on the sheet using permanent markers. If making your own design, be aware it will shrink down to 20% of your image.
4. Remove the tape and paper, then cut out your design with scissors. If you want to make this a keychain, punch or cut a hole somewhere on the design.
5. While the oven pre-heats, put your Shrinky-Dink design color side up on a baking tray lined with foil or parchment paper; this will protect your tray if the colors bleed. Don't have a baking tray? Create a small one out of aluminum foil.
6. Put the tray in the oven and bake for 1 to 3 minutes. Your design will curl up at first- this is normal, and it should flatten back out shortly.
7. When the design has shrunk to roughly $\frac{1}{3}$ its size and is flat once again in about 30 seconds, remove the tray from the oven using potholders. Let cool for at least 5 minutes.
8. Gently open your extra keychain ring using your fingers or pliers. Thread it through the hole in your Shrinky-Dink design, then through the bottom ring on the keychain. Press the extra keychain ring closed using your fingers or pliers.