

# Is Your Artwork Ready for Vinyl Production?

## File formats supported by Sign Wizards for vinyl cutting:

Adobe Illustrator versions 8 - CS 1, PDF (with files exported as Encapsulated Postscript file format [EPS]).

## File formats NOT supported for vinyl cutting: All bit map based files:

JPG, GIF, BMP, Photoshop EPS, PICT, TIFF, or CAD Based file formats.

## File formats supported for 4 color or gray scale Edge Prints:

Tiff (200 dpi max)

## Artwork created in these programs are not supported by Sign Wizards:

Microsoft Word, Power Point, Corel Draw, AutoCad, Freehand, Pagemaker, InDesign.

Your original artwork may look good on the computer screen, (figure 1) but it must be prepared in specific ways for us to use. Our Gerber vinyl & Edge Print cutters "see" only the outlines of SHAPES. They do not see the affects of stroked lines, masks, compound paths, or gradients. Any overlapping shapes will be cut multiple times (figure 2).

Corrected artwork: All text must be converted to outlines or paths. Stroked lines need to be outlined and combined as shapes. Each individual shape is "cookie cutter cut" from one another, to eliminate all overlapping shapes (figure 3). Finished artwork will look the same as before (figure 4) but is now ready for vinyl production.

We will be happy to convert your artwork at a fee of \$75 per hour with a 1 hour minimum. Freehand files rarely translate cleanly over to an eps format. Because of this fact (there is always some clean-up to do), we charge a \$30 minimum prep fee for all Freehand files (not including any other clean-up charges).



figure 1

Original artwork in preview mode- everything "looks" good but...

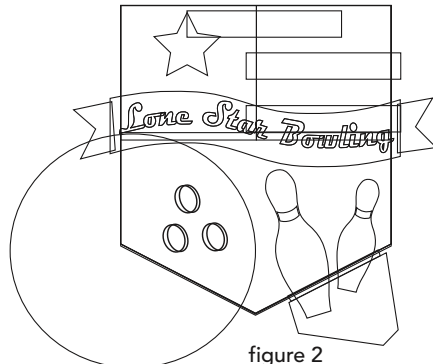


figure 2

Artwork seen in art mode- Designer used multiple compound paths, masks, stroked lines & patches to render the finished look of the design.

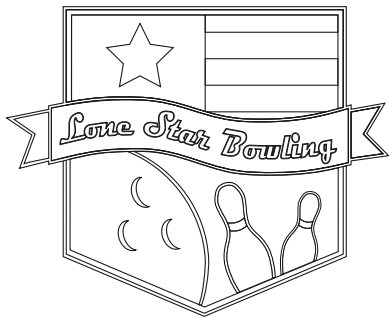


figure 3

Each separate shape now can now be filled or cut with its correct color. This example took over 3 hours to convert,



figure 4

Cleaned art work in preview mode.



figure 1



figure 2



figure 3



figure 4



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