

PROJECT:
REFRIGERATOR MAGNETS

Art Bites magnets are done in a flash and are so neat looking. Easily turn out several dozen, with little investment or difficulty. Makes a fast, unique gift for friends and family!

Carefully read and understand all instructions before beginning.



Recommended Supplies:

Find these items at www.jerrysartarama.com

- Art Bites 2x2" Canvas Boards (Jerry's #88326)
- Dahle Vantage Scissors, 6" Grip (Jerry's #65225)
- Acurit Precision Craft Knife (Jerry's #87301)
- Creative Mark Cutting Mat (Jerry's #53338)

- Mountain Peak Handmade Lokta Paper (Jerry's #86951)
- Beste One Stroke 1/2" Brush (Jerry's #72389)
- SoHo Acrylic Gloss Gel (Jerry's #87661)

Additional Supplies:

Find these items at your local craft store

- Adhesive backed magnet tape roll

These magnets make great gifts for friends, family, or co-workers. Personalize with photos or drawings to create a series of magnet sets. Create a project for children to do and spend quality time being creative together. You could even make small items to sell, for yourself or as a fundraiser. Most people enjoy being supportive of artists, students, or organizations, but get tapped out with the constant barrage of people selling things. Having low priced unique items like magnets becomes a way to create additional revenue without your customers breaking the bank. Patrons in today's economy will spend more buying multiple low cost artsy items. Be sure to package in Krystal Seal Bags (item #83801) with a business card so customers have your information!

STEP 1: Gather your supplies. Arrange Art Bites with corresponding decorative paper you plan to use, as paper will need to be applied immediately after covering each Art Bite with Gloss Gel. The paper will need to be slightly larger than the size of the Art Bite.

STEP 2: Paint a thick coat of SoHo Gloss Gel on the face of the Art Bite, being careful to cover all to edges thickly. Lay your chosen decorative paper over the gel on the Art Bite and press down from the center of the Bite out, smoothing carefully with your fingertips to get any trapped air bubbles removed. Pay close attention to rubbing fingertips along corners and edges to ensure paper adheres completely to entire Art Bite.



STEP 3: Turn Art Bite over and carefully wipe excess gel away from edges that have oozed out from under art bite. A separate, lightly dampened brush works well for this (just don't forget to rinse gel out in a cup of water, and blot brush gently with a paper towel). Leave Art Bite to fully dry. Repeat process with as many Art Bites as you desire to create. As this is a quick project other than the dry time, you can make several dozen magnets (or more!) for only a few minutes more work.

STEP 4: Once gel is fully dry, turn the Art Bite face down and carefully trim along edge with the craft knife on the self-healing cutting mat. Go slowly and carefully to avoid cutting the Art Bite edges themselves (and thus getting your finished product out of square).



STEP 5: Begin cutting pieces from the magnetic tape roll for your magnet backs. We recommend a 1/4" less length than the actual Art Bite, so there will be plenty of magnet to stick the Art Bite to metal. With longer or larger Art Bites, we recommend two pieces of magnet. Cut enough magnet pieces for each Art Bite you created.



STEP 6: Before removing the plastic backing from your magnets, slightly bend or flex your cut magnet pieces against the curve from the roll. This should discourage the magnet from curling back up after placement. Apply all magnets.



STEP 7: To protect the decorative paper face on your magnets, apply 1 to 2 thin coats of SoHo Gloss Gel to the top and sides of each magnet, even painting the gel around to the edge of the magnetic piece(s) adhered to the back. Besides protecting the magnet from dust and dirt, the gel will help protect them from humidity and oils from hands.

