

MAGICAL KITTY MINIS

A DIY COLOR-AND-COOK KIT

Ready to create color-and-cook minis featuring your kitty krew's custom portraits? Here's how it works:

SHRINKABLE PLASTIC

For this project you'll need a pack of special shrinkable plastic sheets made of "biaxially stretched polystyrene." That's a mouthful, but it's available in most crafting stores, or search online for "white shrinky dink sheets." Be sure to get the opaque white sheets, not transparent. When heated in the oven, the plastic will shrink down to a third its original size, while getting 9x thicker.

PRINT

Put the plastic sheets into your printer just like paper, and print the included PDF templates onto them at 100% size, centered. (Test with plain paper first!) The templates feature portrait borders plus kitty art from *Magical Kitties Save the Day*. You'll want to double side them with the same template, which is why we've included a reverse image for the kitty illustrations. Your printer doesn't need to be color, and in fact the kitties are greyscale to make them easier to color!

COLOR

Color your kitty's illustration with markers however you like, or draw your own using a blank portrait border. Then write the kitty's name on the blue plaque below. Pretty much any marker will work since the ink sets when baked, but be careful not to smudge it when drawing.



CUT

Cut them out on the dotted black lines, not the solid blue border, so there's a little bit of a white edge left.

COOK

Line a baking tray with the brown paper from a grocery bag, and place your not-yet-minis on top of it. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 to 3 minutes, with the oven light on and someone watching! The plastic will curl up as it shrinks. Be ready to take it from the oven when the plastic lays back mostly flat again. Let it cool, and use as-is for flat minis tokens that work great for marking your spot on your hometown's poster map.



STANDUPS

For stand-up figures, place one in the slot of a plastic minis base. Apply a dab of hot glue on the bottom to secure it, and you're ready to play *Magical Kitties Save the Day* in 3D!

EVEN MORE FUN

You can use the extra plastic sheet bits to make custom Kitty Treats, or whatever other add-ons you can imagine. Draw critters, thingamajigs, aliens, and all the rest using blank portrait borders. We've even included borders in large sizes, too, so you can add your humans to the game!



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