

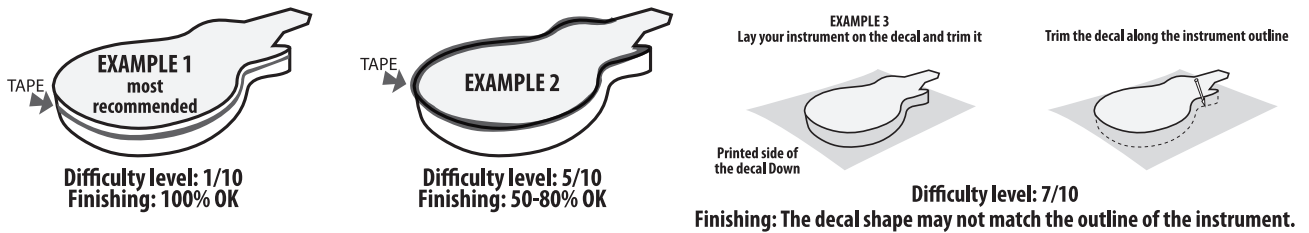
Attention: Read this whole manual before applying.

## 1 Materials Needed

- Decal and squeegee
- Adhesive tape or Craft tape
- Hairdryer
- Neutral Dish detergent
- Flannel cloth
- Box cutter or scalpel

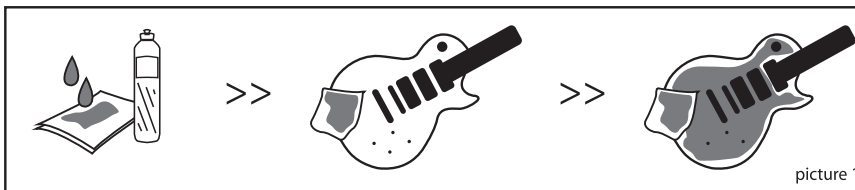
## 2 Define How to Trim your Decal

- Remove the chords, the pickguard and any other parts that may obstruct the sticking of your decal to the instrument's surface.
- Block the knob holes with the adhesive or craft tape from the inside of the electric part hole.
- On the instrument's body, delimitate your decal trimming, by using the adhesive or craft tape. See some examples below:

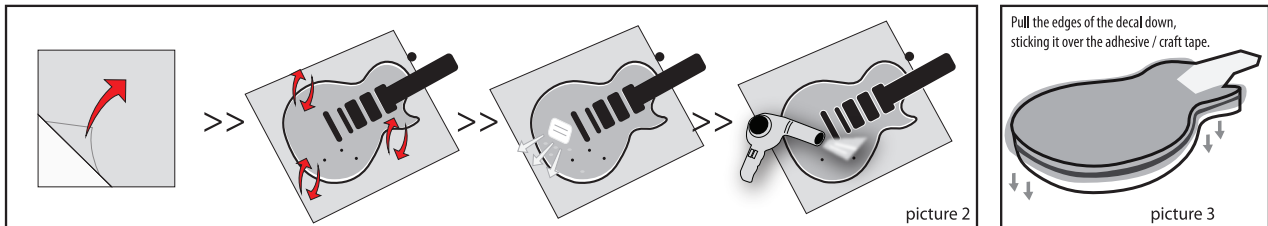


## 3 Sticking

- Put some neutral dish detergent and water on a clean flannel cloth - Neutral dish detergent will NOT damage varnish or painting.
- Moisten the instrument body. (Picture 1)



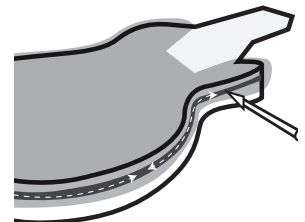
- Remove an edge of the decal and position it according to your preference.
  - While the surface of your instrument is still wet, you will be able to adjust the decal to it easily (Picture 2).
  - Go over the printed side of your decal with the wet flannel cloth. This will keep your decal from being risked or damaged by the squeegee.
  - Get the squeegee and gently lead the remaining air bubbles out of the decal.
  - Use a hot aired hairdryer to reactivate the decal's glue. This will eliminate the water and dish detergent you had used on your instrument.
- OR Leave your instrument get dried by itself – This may take a few hours until its total drying.



- If you still find air bubbles under the decal, slightly pull the area up moisten it with the wet flannel cloth and go over it once again with the squeegee.
- If you chose the adhesive / craft tape method, use the hot aired hairdryer on the outline of your instrument, and fold the decal until its whole surface be in touch with the adhesive / craft tape, covering it (Picture 3).

## 4 Trimming

- If you chose methods 1 or 2 (adhesive / craft tape sticking):  
There might be a bump left where the adhesive / craft tape was. Use the scalpel or the box cutter along the instrument's body, then remove the cut out excess. Remove the adhesive / craft tape.
- Stick the edges back to the instrument's body and – There you go! It's done.
- Finally, go over the decal outline with the wet flannel cloth, removing the glue that might have got stuck to the body.



## 5

- Don't use any sharp object on your instrument and don't pull the decal roughly out – This would probably distort or damage it. No decal will be reimbursed in case of misuse.
  - The varnish of your instrument will NOT be damaged, but actually PROTECTED by the decal. Keep it away from the sun, to avoid it from having different tones, what will occasionally cause the removal of your decal.
  - To remove your decal, slowly take it off and wipe it with alcohol, if there is any glue stuck.
  - Please send us a photo of your decal on the instrument: [customgw@gmail.com](mailto:customgw@gmail.com) or [facebook.com/CustomGuitarWear](https://www.facebook.com/CustomGuitarWear)
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