

CREATING A PLATE WITH TEXT & LOGO

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DRAW A BOX THE SIZE OF YOUR PLATE

Click on the rectangle tool on the left side of the screen. Move your cursor over the page and hold down the left mouse button and drag a box. Click on the Arrange menu and then click Transform--Size. Double click in the H box and type in the horizontal size of your plate. Double click in the V box and type in the vertical size of your plate. Click on Apply. Get your cursor over the X in the center of the rectangle, hold down your left mouse button and drag to the top left corner of the page.

PLACE YOUR TEXT

Click on the text tool on the left side of the screen. Move your cursor over the plate and click the left mouse button. Start typing your text, to go to second line press Enter and so. You can change the font style or size for some or all of the text by moving the cursor in front of the first letter of the line, hold down and swipe across the line. Now it is highlighted in gray. You can change the font style and/or size on the tool bar at the top.

IMPORT LOGO FROM CLIPART

Click on the FILE menu and click Import. Click on the Look In, change to the drive with the CD-Rom. Double click on Clipart and then go to the category you want and double click on it. Click on the logo you want and click OK. Your cursor will now have the logo name with it. Click on the plate where you want the logo. You will probably need to resize it. Put your cursor over the node at the lower left corner of the logo. Hold down the left mouse button and drag it up and to the left to the correct size. If you want a specific size, go to the Transform dialogue box. At Size, click on the box that says Proportional. Double click in the V box and enter the height you want the logo to be. Click Apply.

CENTERING YOUR TEXT & LOGO ON THE PLATE

Click on the pick tool on the left side of the screen. Click on your logo if it does not already have nodes around it. Hold the shift key down and click your left mouse button on text and still holding the shift key click the rectangle last. Release the shift key. Click on Arrange--Align. Click on the center (left to right). Click OK.

LASERING YOUR PLATE

Turn on the laser. Click on File--Print. Make sure that the laser is the selected printer driver. Click on Properties. Look in the Laser manual to select the correct power and speed settings for the material you are lasering. Since your text was displayed in black, click on the black line. Now that it is selected, double click in the Power box and type in the Power Setting. Double click in the Speed box and type in the Speed Setting. Change PPI if needed. If you do not want to cut the red outline of the box, click in the box to the left of the red line. Click 3 times until SKIP appears. Click OK. Click Print. Your job has been sent to the laser.

PREPARING THE LASER

Put your plate into the laser. With AutoFocus ON, press the Z button. The table will move to focus on your material. Click Z button again to get rid of the Z menu. Close the lid. Turn on the exhaust. Press the start button. If this is not the first job of the day, press the Next File button to the job you want to laser. Press START.