

Using **Decorative Tapes** to Finish **your Lures**

For the 3" Floating Minnow

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About The Tapes

You can use decorative tapes to make your lures even more life like.

There are a few manufactures of decorative tapes that sell adhesive tapes that simulate "scale" patterns of bait fishes (like a minnow).

One of these tape manufactures is:

Witchcraft Tape Products, Inc
PO Box 937
Coloma, MI 49038
1-800-521-0731
<http://www.wtp-inc.com>

You can usually find a few of the Witchcraft Tape products in the Cabela's or Bass Pro Fish mail order catalogs. They are usually sold to anglers that want to add some pizzazz to their spinner baits. You can also use these same tapes to add some pizzazz to the crankbaits that you make.



Here's a picture of a few of the decorative tapes that are available from Witchcraft. From left to right: glow in the dark w/ silver background, silver scale, green crawdad, gold scale, and red crawdad patterns are available.

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How To Use Them

Step 1 - Apply a base color coat to the lure.

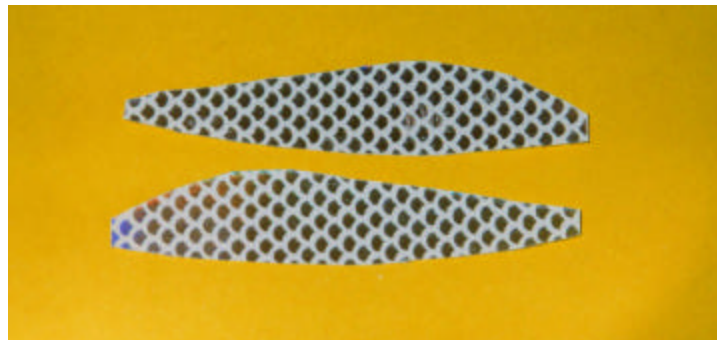
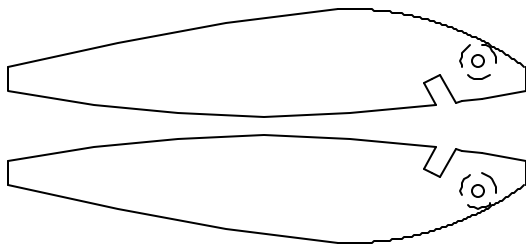
After you have sealed and primed your lure, apply two coats of a base color coat. (i.e. usually a white, silver, or gold is used for simulating minnows, and red or brown can be used for simulating crawdads)

Step 2 - Make some "Skins" for the Lure using the Patterns.

Once the paint is dry get some scissors and cut out a Right and Left "skin" from the decorative tape using these patterns below:

Note: Definition of "Skins" - adhesive tape that has been cut to match the profile of the lure.

Here are the patterns for the 3" Floating Minnow Skins:



Picture of a right and left "skins" ready to apply to the body of the lure.

This is a Silver Scale pattern from Witchcraft

Part # 036-521 Holoform Tape

Photographed on a yellow background

Step 3 - Apply the "Skins" to the sides of the lures body.

Remove the protective backing from the tape (skins) and apply to the right and left side of the lures body

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Step 4 - Paint the Belly and Back of the Lure

Apply a color coat on the back or belly of the lure if desired

(The lure below has a transparent blue metallic paint from Testors paints, applied to it's back)

Step 5 - Apply some Eyes

A selection of eyes is also available from Witchcraft products.

The ones shown below on the finished sample are Silver ¼" 3-D molded eyes, part # 4MEY

Step 6 - Apply a Protective Finish

Apply a High Gloss Spar Polyurethane to seal and protect the surface of the lure.

Step 7 - Go!

Let the lure dry for 72 hours. Add Hooks. Tune the lure, and go fishing!

Here's an Example

Here's an example of a 3" Floating Minnow configured as a Top Water lure with no Diving plane, that has been decorated using some Witchcraft Holoform Decorative Tape.



Give it a Try!
Good Luck!

Please feel free to contact info@umakelures.com if you have any questions or problems.