

VAN-PROOFING

Use this time to learn how you work together as a team – who’s the planner – who’s the leader – the creative one? Quick tip: it’s better to discuss how you’re going to do it first, before you start papering – it’s no fun for anyone to have to van-proof twice! Don’t rush but don’t waste time either. Focus your energy on helping each other be more efficient.

Supplies

These supplies will van-proof a seven-passenger mini-van.

- One – 8’ x 12’ plastic with paper backed drop cloth
- One – 4’ x 10’ plastic with paper backed drop cloth
- 30 gallon size trash bags – one for each captain’s chair
- Two rolls 2” masking tape
- Scissors

Van-Proofing Tips

- Wrap each seat separately. Run tape around seats up and from the back to the front. Do not pull the tape too tight; it tears through the paper.
- Leave space under the seats clear to store long tools.
- Cut small slits for the seat belts to fit through them, then put tape around them.
- **DO NOT USE DUCT TAPE** – the glue will ruin vehicle surfaces!
- Be careful where you put the tape in/on your car. **DO NOT** put it on the outside – the glue will melt and will leave marks on the car.
- *No vans should have writing or tape on the outside of the vehicle. This includes window paints or painter’s tape and messages such as “Crew Number Awesome!”, “Yay Jesus!”, or anything of the like – those are great messages to keep in your heart, not on your van ☺
- Push the long piece of drop cloth under the seats from the back of the car and then unfold it.
- Always have a pair of scissors ready and pieces of tape ripped to pass off.
- Make sure you have cut seatbelt holes in each seat – you’ll have a daily seatbelt check from your inspector.
- Secure the floor coverage as best as possible – remember you’ll be getting in and out of this van all week with increasing dirtiness, ensure your van stays protected!
- ***Do a practice run of fitting everyone in the car to make sure everything is proofed well and will last all week. Try sitting down and buckling seat belts to make sure all drop cloths and tape are secure.***

Van-Proofing Video

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