Crystallizer Design[™] Swarovski® Hot Fix Instructions

Swarovski® Hot Fix Crystals are Austrian flat back crystal stones with high quality glue that activates with heat. The **Crystallizer DesignTM Applicator** wand allows for speed and accuracy as the tool picks up the individual crystals and allows placing them quickly to create your design. See Method A for details.

Hot fix crystals can also be set using medium to high dry iron (250-340 degrees setting). Using an iron is easier when setting larger transfer designs than small individual stones. See Method B for details.

Before you start:

- For the first time user, test on a piece of scrap fabric prior to applying to your garment.
- Place a piece of flat cardboard or "Teflon" sheet on the inside of thin cloth garments to protect it from excess glue during the melting process.

Tools you need:

- Hard Flat Pressing Surface (i.e.) wooden cutting board or mirror
- Bent Tweezers
- A straight Pin
- A paper clip
- Wax Paper or Teflon pressing sheet

Method A – Using the Crystallizer Design Wand:

- 1. With the "Crystallizer" wand **unplugged**, screw on the right size of tip.
- 2. Plug the Crystallizer Design wand into the power outlet and preheat for about 2 minutes. Rest the applicator wand on the stand provided during the preheat process. Caution: The tip will be hot.
- 3. Place the crystals right side up on the mirror.
- 4. Use wand to pick up and heat each crystal until the glue at the back of the crystal starts melting or bubbling. It takes about 3 20 seconds to melt depending on the size of the crystal. Affix crystal to garment.

Hint: If the crystal stone gets stuck in the wand tip, use a straight pin to release.

Hint: If you are using several size crystals, use one of the flat tips and place the crystal on your design area using the bent tweezers and press down for 10 - 30 seconds.

Method B: Using Crystallizer Designer Transfer Paper:

- 1. Peel off clear plastic with sticky side up over your design.
- 2. Put a paper clip to stabilize the transfer paper on your design.
- 3. Use the bent tweezers to place crystals right side down on sticky transfer paper to "trace" your design.
- 4. "Stick" transfer design on your garment.
- 5. Please a "Teflon" sheet or pressing cloth over the design
- 6. Set dry iron at medium to high heat setting (250-340 degrees) and use medium amount of pressure to press transfer in place for about 10-20 seconds depending on the fabric.
- 7. Allow the design to cool for about 2 mins.
- 8. Slowly peel away sticky transfer paper.
- 9. If any of the elements do not glue onto the garment, repeat the pressing process.
- 10. To securely set crystals, it is recommended turning the garment inside out and applying heat press on the opposite side of the design for 10-20 seconds.

Hint: Using wax paper/Teflon sheet between the iron and the backside of the design so not to get glue onto the soleplate of your iron.

<u>Washing Instructions:</u> Turn garment inside out when laundering/machine wash using cold water. Air-dry is recommended. Some dry cleaning chemicals may also affect the crystals during cleaning.

NOTE: This information is only a guide. Please always use caution when dealing with glues and electrical appliances.

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