



Risk Assessment for Decoupage Paper

Product Overview

- **Product Name:** Decoupage Paper
 - **Packaging:** Plastic bag with ventilation holes
 - **Intended Use:** Decorative crafting purposes
 - **Target Audience:** General public, including adult crafters and supervised children
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Step 1: Hazard Identification

1. Suffocation Hazard

- **Risk:** Plastic bag could pose a suffocation risk if misused, particularly by children.
- **Mitigation:** Ventilation holes are included in the packaging to reduce this risk.

2. Choking Hazard

- **Risk:** Small pieces of torn paper or packaging may present a choking hazard to young children.
- **Mitigation:** Clear warnings on the packaging to keep out of reach of children.

3. Allergic Reactions

- **Risk:** Some users may have allergies to chemicals used in printing or paper treatment.
- **Mitigation:** Use non-toxic and hypoallergenic materials, with clear labeling about the product's safety.

4. Fire Hazard

- **Risk:** Paper is flammable and could catch fire if exposed to open flames or heat sources.
- **Mitigation:** Include warnings about keeping the product away from fire and heat.

5. Improper Use

- **Risk:** Misuse (e.g., ingesting or using for unintended purposes) could lead to harm.
- **Mitigation:** Include usage instructions and warnings about improper use.

Step 2: Risk Evaluation

Hazard	Likelihood	Severity	Risk level	Control Method
Suffocation	Low	High	Medium	Ventilation holes in packaging
Choking	Low	Medium	Low	Keep out of reach of children warning
Allergic	Very Low	Low	Low	Use hypoallergenic materials
Fire	Medium	High	Medium	Fire hazard warning on packaging
Improper Use	Low	Medium	Low	Clear usage instructions

Step 3: Control Implementation

- **Packaging Design:** Ensure all plastic bags include ventilation holes.
 - **Labeling:**
 - Add clear warnings such as:
 - “Keep packaging away from children.”
 - “This product is flammable – keep away from open flames.”
 - Provide instructions for intended use in multiple languages if distributed internationally.
 - **Material Safety:** Use non-toxic materials for both the paper and any coatings or inks.
 - **Supply Chain Monitoring:** Perform regular checks on raw materials and packaging suppliers to ensure ongoing compliance with safety standards.
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Step 4: Monitoring and Review

- **Customer Feedback:** Regularly collect feedback to identify any unanticipated risks.
- **Incident Reporting:** Implement a system to track and respond to safety incidents promptly.
- **Periodic Review:** Update the risk assessment annually or whenever significant changes are made to the product or packaging.