

Hazard Cup / Black Vinyl, Broken Borders

EXP-CUP-STICKERS-001 / REV A / 2026.09.15

The starting point was a pair of ordinary yellow warning signs and a request to make them different. The color came away, the symbols got bolder, and the frames opened up so the artwork could break through. Three photographs now show the four main designs cut in black vinyl and applied around a pale green Owala cup, with the cup itself supplying every open space in the design.

STATUS	CUT, APPLIED / PHOTOGRAPHED
CLASSIFICATION	EXP
MATERIAL	BLACK ADHESIVE VINYL / REUSABLE CUP
DISPOSITION	PUBLIC BUILD / PHOTOS + SVG CUT FILES
CATEGORY	Making / Vinyl and Everyday Objects
RECORD TYPE	build-post

TECHNICAL NOTES

A water cup covered in custom black vinyl warning symbols. Lightning, a gas pump, corrosive liquid, and a dead tree and fish became a matching set with broken borders. Finished-cup photos and Cricut SVG files included.

GOAL

Give an everyday water cup a coordinated set of black vinyl decals, and keep the usable cut files with the finished result.

BUILD STORY

A small decoration project moved from reference signs to design choices, then from images to actual cut paths. The useful part was keeping the same visual rule across every symbol while allowing the cup color to show through.

Start with familiar shapes. The first references were a lightning bolt inside a yellow warning triangle and a gas pump inside a yellow road-sign diamond. The request was for something creative in black vinyl, so the silhouettes had to do the work that color had been doing.

Choose one visual rule. Three directions were explored: Industrial, Retro Garage, and Refuel. The Industrial pair won. Its bolt interrupted the triangle, and its pump hose reached through the diamond. Those intentional breaks made the signs feel like a coordinated design rather than stock labels.

Make the family larger. The corrosive hand and the dead-tree-and-fish symbol followed the same rule. Broad black shapes, open spaces, and selected breaks in the frame kept the more detailed subjects readable beside the original pair.

Turn the artwork into something a cutter can follow. The selected images became closed vector paths with real holes. The four-design file keeps each sticker as a separate black layer; individual SVGs make it easy to use one design at a time. Black is the vinyl and every opening reveals the cup. The files can be resized without depending on a font or tracing a screenshot again.

Keep the extra ideas. A later snake-and-staff design was taken from a shared cup mockup, with small gaps and the tongue adjusted for cutting. A simple rectangular CAUTION label added outlined lettering and a warning triangle. Both are included as additional files rather than being presented as decals visible in the finished photographs.

Record the object. The photographs show the gas pump around one side, the tree-and-fish below it, and the corrosive symbol above the lightning bolt on another face. Black against pale green gives the set its contrast. The design experiment made it onto the cup; how the edges hold up over time is still an open question.

RESULT / WHERE THIS STANDS

The four main decals are cut and applied: gas pump, corrosive, lightning, and environmental hazard. Three photographs show their placement around the cup. Snake-and-staff and CAUTION SVGs are also released, but their application is not documented in these photographs.

SPECIFICATION

OBJECT	Pale green Owala water cup
MATERIAL	Black adhesive vinyl; no printed white or yellow background
MAIN SET	Lightning / gas pump / corrosive / environmental hazard
DESIGN RULE	Heavy silhouettes and deliberately interrupted borders
CUT FILES	True vector outlines with transparent openings; no fonts required
MAIN SVG SIZE	Each design is 2.5 in wide in the files; applied sizes were not recorded
ADDITIONAL DESIGNS	Snake and staff: 5 in tall / CAUTION label: 4 in wide
EVIDENCE	Three supplied photographs of the four main decals on the cup
PHOTO PREPARATION	Tighter cup framing, upright orientation, web resizing, and metadata removal
STILL TO OBSERVE	Long-term adhesion, edge wear, and washing performance

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

2026.09.13 / CONCEPT

Started with lightning-warning and gas-pump signs. Compared industrial, retro-garage, and hydration-themed directions.

2026.09.13 / SELECTED

Chose the industrial pair: the bolt and hose break through their surrounding frames.

2026.09.13 / EXPANDED

Added corrosive and tree-and-fish symbols with the same black shapes and interrupted borders.

2026.09.13 / CUT FILES

Converted the approved designs to closed vector paths and supplied combined and individual Cricut SVGs. Developed a snake-and-staff motif and a rectangular CAUTION label as additional files.

2026.09.13 / RESULT

The supplied photographs document all four main hazard decals applied around the cup.

2026.09.15 / ARCHIVED

Published the project story, the three finished-cup photographs, and the downloadable cut files.

2026.10.10 / PROJECT UPDATE

Connected the newer project records: ART-JASON-DECAL-001, ART-PRIUS-001. Existing test limitations remain in place.

RELEASED MATERIAL / SOURCE LINKS

cup-stickers-corrosive-lightning.jpg

CORROSIVE + LIGHTNING / Finished-cup photograph; cropped to focus on the cup.

<https://u225x.com/uploads/cup-stickers/cup-stickers-corrosive-lightning.jpg>

cup-stickers-gas.jpg

GAS PUMP / Finished-cup photograph; cropped to focus on the cup.

<https://u225x.com/uploads/cup-stickers/cup-stickers-gas.jpg>

cup-stickers-environment.jpg

TREE + FISH / Environmental-hazard decal beneath the gas pump; cropped to focus on the cup.

<https://u225x.com/uploads/cup-stickers/cup-stickers-environment.jpg>

cup-sticker-svg-pack.zip

SVG PACK / FOUR MAIN DESIGNS, INDIVIDUAL FILES, SNAKE, CAUTION, AND NOTES

<https://u225x.com/uploads/cup-stickers/cup-sticker-svg-pack.zip>

four-industrial-stickers.svg

MAIN SET / FOUR SEPARATE BLACK CUT LAYERS

<https://u225x.com/uploads/cup-stickers/four-industrial-stickers.svg>**lightning.svg**

INDIVIDUAL SVG / LIGHTNING

<https://u225x.com/uploads/cup-stickers/lightning.svg>**gas.svg**

INDIVIDUAL SVG / GAS PUMP

<https://u225x.com/uploads/cup-stickers/gas.svg>**corrosive.svg**

INDIVIDUAL SVG / CORROSIVE

<https://u225x.com/uploads/cup-stickers/corrosive.svg>**environment.svg**

INDIVIDUAL SVG / DEAD TREE AND FISH

<https://u225x.com/uploads/cup-stickers/environment.svg>**snake-and-staff.svg**

ADDITIONAL DESIGN / FIVE INCHES TALL; NOT SHOWN IN THE FINISHED PHOTOS

<https://u225x.com/uploads/cup-stickers/snake-and-staff.svg>**caution.svg**

ADDITIONAL DESIGN / FOUR INCHES WIDE; NOT SHOWN IN THE FINISHED PHOTOS

<https://u225x.com/uploads/cup-stickers/caution.svg>**cup-stickers-project-notes.txt**

PROJECT NOTES / DESIGN CHOICES, FILE GUIDE, AND PHOTO PROVENANCE

<https://u225x.com/uploads/cup-stickers/cup-stickers-project-notes.txt>**cup-stickers-field-report.pdf**

U225X FIELD REPORT / STORY, PHOTOGRAPHS, AND CUT-FILE GUIDE

<https://u225x.com/uploads/cup-stickers/cup-stickers-field-report.pdf>**Snake-and-staff cup mockup**

SOURCE / SHARED CHATGPT IMAGE USED FOR THE ADDITIONAL SNAKE DESIGN

https://chatgpt.com/s/m_6aa7237175488191991a71c495a7a3d1**CONNECTED RECORDS****EXP-CRICUT-SHIRT-001**<https://u225x.com/record/EXP-CRICUT-SHIRT-001>**ERR-STICKER-QR-001**<https://u225x.com/record/ERR-STICKER-QR-001>

MDL-BUBBLE-007

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ART-JASON-DECAL-001

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