

Drafting Tape and Low-Tack Masking Tape

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Drafting tape is low-tack tape that holds paper to drawing boards without tearing or leaving residue, while low-tack masking tape protects surfaces during painting. Both release cleanly, keeping drawings and finishes unmarked.

Key Features

- Low-tack adhesive
- Easy release without residue
- Paper and film backings
- Widths from 12 to 50 mm
- Craft and decorator grades

Typical Uses in the Workshop

- Fix drawing paper to boards
- Mask edges before painting
- Hold templates and patterns
- Protect surfaces during finishing

Safe Operation

1. Tear a piece and press the ends down
2. Tape the corners of paper flat
3. Run tape along the mask line and press
4. Remove by pulling back on itself
5. Replace when the tack weakens

SAFETY NOTES

- Keep tape out of young children's mouths
- Do not use drafting tape for heavy loads
- Do not tape over important markings
- Remove promptly to avoid adhesion build-up
- Store away from heat

Maintenance & Consumables

- Keep rolls in a dry drawer
- Check the tack with age and heat
- Store flat or on the dispenser
- Replace old tape that tears
- Keep a dispenser at each board

Specification & Buying Notes

Drafting tape in a few widths plus quality low-tack masking tape covers studio and finishing work. Good tape releases cleanly - cheap tape tears paper.