**ALEX**

**Shrinky Dinks**

**Mermaids**

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**CAUTION:** Adult supervision is required to operate oven.

**BAKING:**

1. Preheat toaster oven (recommended) or conventional oven to **325°F (163°C)**.

2. Color your SHRINKY DINKS® shapes with the included ALEX® colored pencils.

3. Line a cookie sheet or tray with a piece of aluminum foil or baking parchment paper. Arrange shapes, **colored side up**, on foil. Leave about 3 inches (7.5cm) between shapes so they won’t stick together.

4. Always have an adult help to operate the oven. Bake in preheated oven for approximately **1 - 3 minutes**. Watch them shrink! At first the pieces will curl up, but then they will flatten out again. Once they lay flat, bake for **another 30 seconds**. Now they’re done!

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5. Have an adult carefully remove from oven using a potholder, then remove the foil or paper from the cookie sheet or tray. Lightly press the pieces flat with a folded paper or pad of paper until they are cool (about 15 seconds).

Now you’re ready to stand your SHRINKY DINKS® with the cardboard punchouts!

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

SHRINKY DINKS® will NOT work in a microwave oven! Use colored pencils only. Markers and crayons will not work.

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