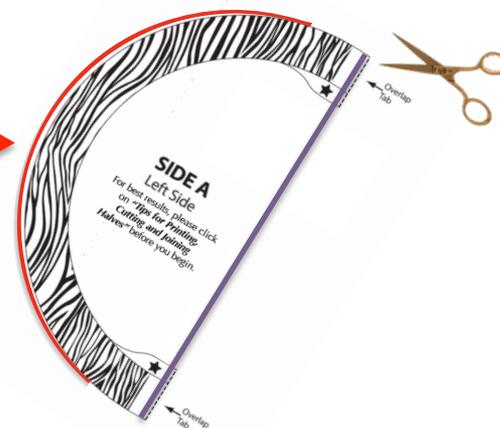


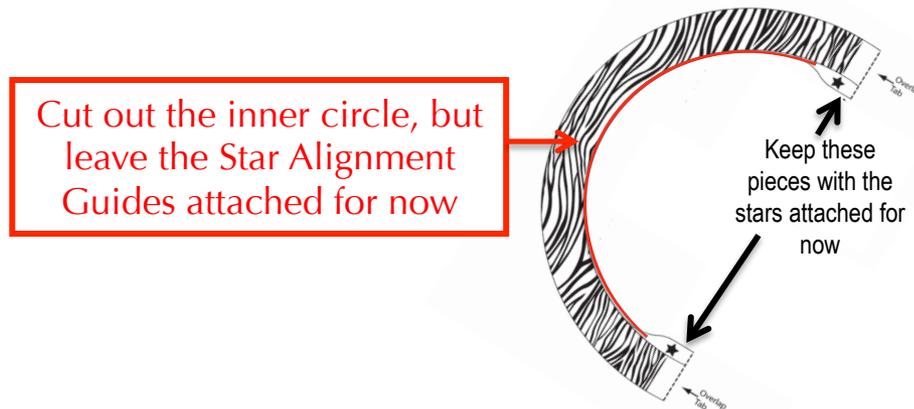
Tips for Joining Halves

- 1) First, print out both Side A (the left side) and Side B (the right side) for your chosen design.
- 2) **Before** doing any decorating or cutting, do a size check. Place each ring half on top of one of the full-sized Trim-A-Rim rings or the tracing template that came in the box, to confirm that the sizing matches up. Your Side A (left side) print-out will have a small extra tab at each end of the half-circle. This “Overlap Tab” will be helpful during a later joining step. (If anything seems incorrect, please refer to *Tips for Printing* for help with proper sizing.)
- 3) If you want to add color, stickers or other enhancements (which are thin enough to fit inside your Trim-A-Rim frame), we recommend doing so **before** you cut out the rings.
- 4) Here’s where we start the cutting... clean, sharp scissors with short to medium-length blades tend to work best for precision cutting. **Always handle scissors with care**, and if you are a less experienced scissors-user, please seek adult assistance. You will find that it is easier to handle the paper rings and then to join the two halves if you start out by cutting only the outside perimeter.

Carefully trim directly on top of the line to **cut out the outer perimeter first (marked here in red)** – and continue just inside the dashed lines (as marked here in purple) which create the outer border of the Overlap Tabs, **until you have cut out a half-circle.**
Do this for both Side A and Side B before making any other cuts.



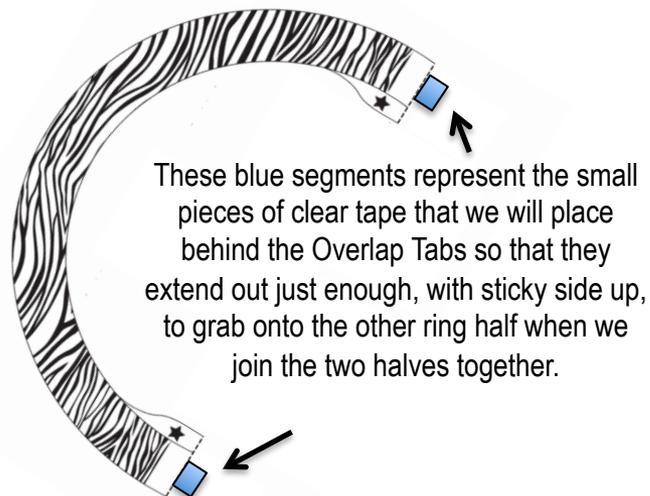
- 5) After you have cut Side A and Side B into half circles, it is time to cut out the centers, while being careful not to snip off the four Star Alignment Guides yet (there are two of these on each half-ring.)



TIP: Even though you've cut out the centers, which included the Side A and Side B labels, you can still easily tell the Side A (Left) from Side B (Right). Side A (Left) is the one with the Overlap Tabs and the full stars on the Alignment Guides. Side B (right) has no extra Overlap Tab portions and only has a half star on each Alignment Guide.

- 6) Now it's time to join the halves... the easiest way to do this is to start by laying the white plastic back support from your Trim-A-Rim in front of you on a table (or any flat surface). The four black hanging magnets will be underneath this white backer, resting against the table (i.e. the magnets will not be facing up at you.) We will be using this backer as our guide to help ensure we have joined the two halves together properly so that our design ring fits the Trim-A-Rim well.

- 7) With the ring design facing upwards, place a small piece of clear tape (less than an inch long is fine) behind both of the Overlap Tab portions of your Side A (Left), so that about half of the piece of tape extends out, with the sticky side facing up – we will be using this to hold the other half of the ring in place after we join them together.



- 8) We're almost done – now lay Side A (with the design still facing upwards and the tape sticking up) on top of the white plastic backer, lining it up correctly as if you were placing a design ring into your Trim-A-Rim.
- 9) Carefully lower Side B (the right half of your design ring) on top of Side A (the left half) -- it's easiest to do this by concentrating on the top portion first, using the Star Alignment Guides to gently lay the half star on the top end of Side B down onto the full star on Side A so that it forms one complete star. Do not press down on the tape yet, so that it's easier to move things around until you are satisfied with the result. Use the white backer to continue keeping everything aligned properly.

- 10) When both the top and bottom connections of the half-rings form neat complete stars on the Star Alignment Guides, your combined ring should fit the white plastic backer perfectly. (If your stars aren't lining up or the combination of the halves isn't fitting your backer perfectly, simply separate the halves gently and give it another try, also checking again to make sure that you have printed out each half to the correct size to fit your Trim-A-Rim.)
- 11) When you are satisfied with the results, press down on the taped area at top and bottom to secure your halves together, and then cut the Star Alignment Guides off of your ring.

VOILA! (pardon our French) Your design ring is now ready to use and enjoy.

The first time you go through this process, it might seem a little bit challenging, but don't get frustrated. Lining up two halves of anything made of paper requires some care and concentration, but hopefully you will find that this gets easier and easier as you get the hang of using the Overlap Tabs and Star Alignment Guides.

Of course, 11" x 17" paper and a large format printer make things even easier, if you have access to one, since you can then print out full-sized rings on one sheet. Or check out the additional Ring Packs (no cutting or joining required!) available for purchase at your favorite Trim-A-Rim retail outlet!