

EDGE-PRINTED GRAPHICS MASTERING THE GERBER SUITE

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Constantly brimming with ideas, RJ Timmerman of Timmerman Specialty Signs Company in Lincoln Nebraska uses Gerber materials and Gerber equipment in such varied and innovative ways that it was hard for us to decide what to feature here. We have chosen one of his great designs to tell you how he created it and how he's adapted it for different applications.

An avid scuba diver when he's on vacation, RJ was asked to design a logo for Banda Dive Shop. He started with Ulano Rubyolith from which he hand cut the figure of the diver, the graphics and the rope edging; he then scanned them and imported them into Gerber OMEGA™ software for the basis of his design. Next he assigned the colors using a fade to surround the diver, enlarging the dot pattern for a bubbly underwater effect.

Once he completed his design, RJ used it to make an assortment of 3" x 4 1/4" decals printing them with his EDGE® on Gerber Deluxe Silver, Gerber 280 Reflective and Gerber-Glow for night diving visibility, and cutting them on his Gerber plotter.

Next he had the idea of using the Banda logo on a smaller scale. He made 1 1/2' long key chains reverse printing the design on clear vinyl and adhering it to 1/16" non-glare acrylic which he had cut with his Gerber Dimension 200® router.

RJ's showstopper is the 17" x 14" back lighted sign he created using again Gerber Omega, Edge, plotter and router. The case is made of birch and maple wood and the raised letters and flags are cut from plexiglass with a 1/16 bottom lip to secure them to the inside back of the face so that no light would seep through. The background graphics were printed on Gerber 220 vinyl but by manipulating the dot pattern (a technique he learned in an Omega seminar) RJ was able to achieve a translucent effect.

RJ says he really enjoys Gerber products and has been using them for years. We will be featuring more of his work here in the future.



EDGE printed on 280 Reflective

EDGE printed on Deluxe Silver



Picture above, right, back-lit sign created using OMEGA, EDGE and D200 router. This image is the same sign, illuminated

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