

How to use your new Pintoid pinhole camera:

This should be titled "How I use my Pintoid camera"
-instructions are flexible! Use your imagination.



Puzzle pieces in a box.

Be certain the black tape (the shutter) is covering the pinhole. (In the future, you may want to replace this tape with a magnet.) In a completely dark room or film changing bag, cut a strip of 35mm film to fit the inside of the tin. With the film's emulsion side facing the pinhole, tape the film into the tin's lid with black masking tape. You can also use photo paper. *Better yet, try some direct positive paper! Available through online outlets such as www.freestylephoto.biz, direct positive paper is easy to process at home and renders a positive image on the paper.* Tape the outside of the tin, all the way around the seam, with black electrical tape to seal any light leaks.

To expose the film [or paper], simply remove the tape that is covering the pinhole. To end exposure, replace the tape. I generally use 400 speed black and white film. Exposure is completely dependent upon the available light. Outside, in direct sunlight, I'd start with an exposure of 4 seconds. Cloudy days might be 10-30 seconds. Indoors can be a few minutes to a few hours, depending upon the desired result. Experiment!

You'll need to keep your Pintoid steady during exposure. I use the rubber bands that come with broccoli to attach my Pintoid to my tripod. You should be eating more broccoli anyway. Either rubber band it to a tripod, set it on a surface, or tape it to something. I often jam my Pintoid into the sand to keep it steady.

NOTES:

You may cut larger size film to the size of the tin. It doesn't necessarily have to be 35mm.

Do not touch the pinhole.

The Pintoids.com business card included in this kit contains a spare pinhole.

My pinholes are approximately $f258$.

Process film or paper per the manufacturer's instruction or follow your better judgment.

More Pintoid info (and a selection of Pintoid images) is available at:

Pintoids.com

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