



NAME TAGS

Comments are by CruiseCritic.com members & friends collected by 'DarryDFL' & 'PegEggFL'. Names in single quotes are alias.

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WHY A NAME TAG?

We participated in an informal Meet & Mingle on the *Grandeur of the Seas* on 9 Jan 2009. Our meeting did not go well for a variety of reasons. See "[M&M Lessons](#)" [<http://DarryD.com/CC>].



The second reason it failed was that only PegEgg and I wore name tags. Everyone realized that name tags would have reduced the first three questions one always asks:

- 1 What's your name?
- 2 Where are you from?
- 3 What's your CruiseCritic name?



RECOMMENDATIONS

Although we no longer provide free name tags for CruiseCritic members, we'll share some lessons learned.

1. Make the name tag **3"x5" in size**. Remember that it must be seen — at a distance — in a large crowd.

People will see your name & come to talk with you. These samples are reduced in size.

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2. Include the **First name** or **nickname**.
3. **City & State** (or equivalent if non-U.S.)
4. **CC Name** if the person has one. Rather than CC name, you can specify DW, DH, DD, DS or others; see "[Terms](http://darryd.com/CC)" fact sheet at <http://darryd.com/CC>.
5. **Logo**. A logo, favorite character, cartoon, occupation, college, or sports team name helps people remember you.

PRINT

The name tags appear best if printed on card stock rather than paper. We print ours on 'Image Plus Card Stock' (figure) which you can buy at Staples, Costco, Sam's Club, Walmart and other stores. NOTE: 3"x5" name tags are what you want when you're moving in a large group like a Meet & Mingle.



LAMINATE SLEEVES

Laminate the name tags to make them waterproof. Trials with stick-on labels and those inclosed in open-ended laminate covers failed because of drinks being spilled on them.

You can buy "laminating sleeves" at these stores. (Stores are listed alphabetically. Prices are as of 1 Sep 2009.)

- **K-mart:** Scotch Self-Sealing Laminating Pouches, 4" x 6," 5 pouches Item # 025V044659961000 Model# MMMPL900G
- **Office Depot:** Office Depot Brand Clear Laminating Pouches, Photo Size, 5 Mil, 4" x 6," Pack Of 25 Item, # 243984 \$7.59
- **Staples:** 'Staples Hot Laminating Pouches, Index Card Size, 25 pouches, 3.5" x 5.5", UPC 71810307046, Item # 489534 — \$9.95
- **Staples:** Staples Photo Size Laminating Pouches, 4-1/4" x 6-5/16", 5 Mils, 25/Pack — \$14.95
- **Target:** Scotch Photo Laminating Sheets, 4" x 6"; Five 4x6" pouches per pack; 3 packs; Catalog #: 10148828, \$12.99
- **Walmart:** Scotch Thermal Laminating Pouches for items up to 4"x6", \$2.44 on 19 Sep 2011 (**Figure**)
- ➔ DarryDFL, 19 Sep 2011, this is the brand we use.



Walmart

ATTACHMENT

➔ 'DarryDFL': We attach our name tags using "Badge ID Clips" that you can buy (12-per-pkg) at most large stores and office supply stores. In the Walmart stationery department, they are: 2" Badge ID Clips by TYS, UPC 27755015264, \$1.64 per package on September 19, 2011.



➔ 'Dopey1956', Sep/27/09: It's called Nicole Crafts Pin Back Adhesive 1.5" 6 PK Product Code: JFD 3021 — not available from the site, but the site will search for a store near you. <http://bit.ly/rdp808>



➔ '2Dogs', Sep/27/09: Walmart has "Xyron Adhesive-Back Magnetic Tape Dispenser," \$9.88, Quickly and efficiently makes any lightweight item adhere as a magnet. Thin, magnet tape is dispensed like tape. Only available online, but free shipping to the Walmart nearest you. See <http://bit.ly/rdp808>.

