



We could all use a little inspiration every once in a while. This monthly newsletter includes 3 project ideas using a featured Accucut die available for your use while you stay at The Hobby Home. Check out this month's featured die, and feel free to try these ideas and any of your own during your next visit!

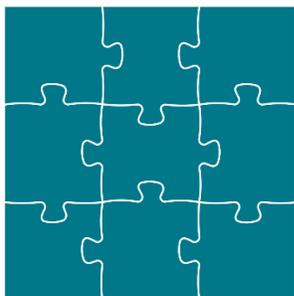
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Puzzle Die - 12"

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## Featured Accucut Die

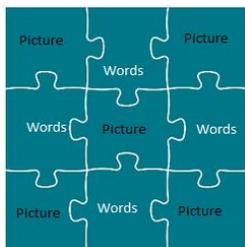
Puzzle Die – 12" X 12"



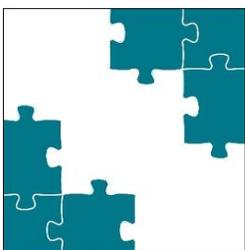
Each puzzle piece is approximately 4" X 4".

## Scrapbook Sketches

Alternate pictures with text on scrapbook paper:



Create borders - try going off the edge with the pieces and trimming off the extras:



## Project 1 – Scrapbook Page



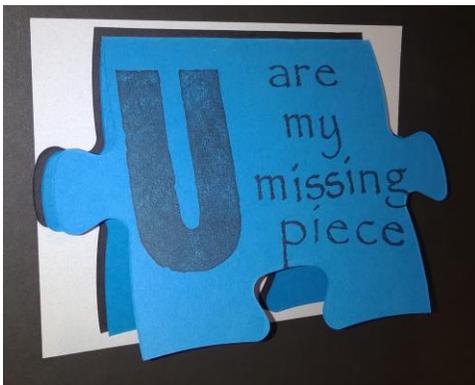
This project uses the Puzzle die in 2 ways, and both add their own interest to the page.

1. The puzzle die was run through the Accucut machine with several sheets of colored paper. For this project, we used dark brown and cream.
  - o **Note:** Since we weren't going to use all the pieces of each color, we didn't have to start with 12x12 sheets. Instead, any scrap big enough to achieve the piece you want is big enough.
2. The cream and brown puzzle pieces were assembled in by alternating colors and taping the seams in the back. Each border piece is 3 puzzle pieces.

### Project 1 – Scrapbook Page (Continued)

3. The border pieces were glued to the large light brown paper with some of the pieces hanging over the edge. This extra was trimmed off using a rotary cutter. This gives us more space in the middle of the page than we would have had if we'd lined up the puzzle piece edges with the edge of our main page.
4. Pictures were placed carefully on the puzzle die to make sure the shapes didn't cut off the important parts of the pictures (those adorable boys!). For this part, you can run it through with a few scattered pictures over the blades. Don't worry about covering the whole die.
5. The pictures were attached to the page using glue and mounting tape to create a few different depths. After adding some writing, this page is done!

### Project 2 – Puzzle Card



This project uses the only part of the Puzzle die to make a card.

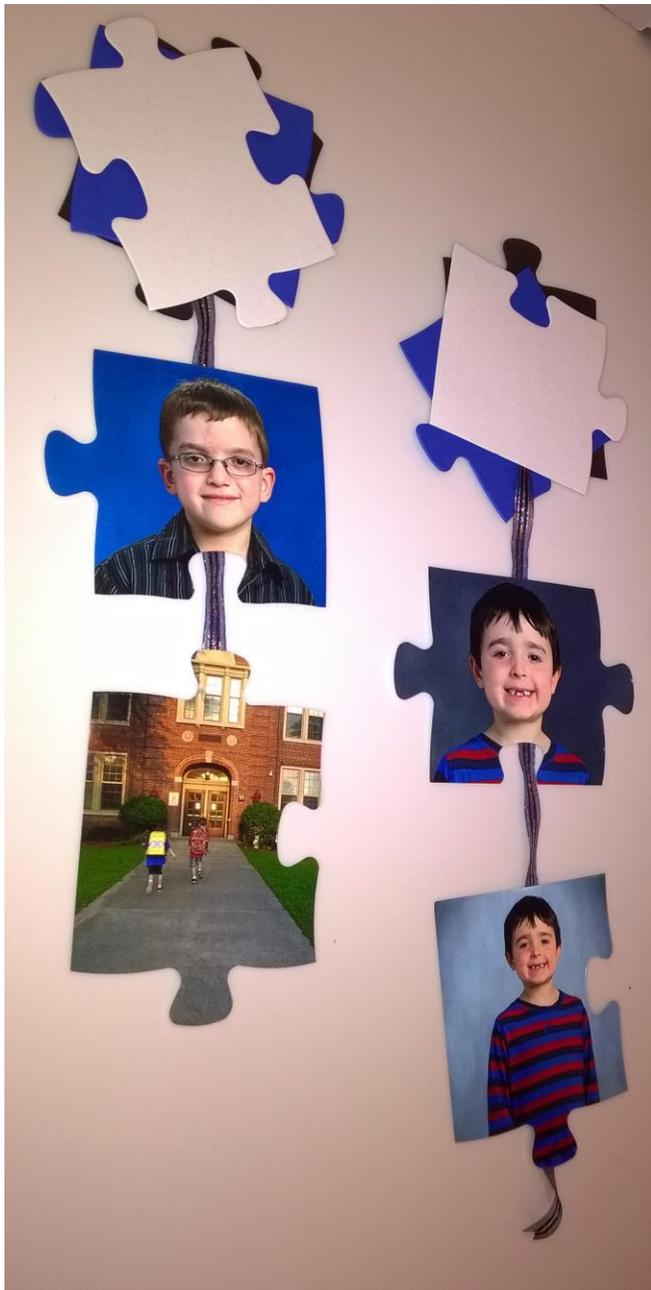
1. A piece of light grey cardstock (4 1/4" x 5 1/2") is the base of your card. This is just a flat piece with no fold.

### Project 2 – Puzzle Card (Continued)

2. After determining which puzzle piece will make up the shape of your card, cut one full piece out of black cardstock. That will be glued to the front of your card base, creating a "shadow" for the folded puzzle piece.

**Note:** It might be easier to pick a piece along the edge. These work best with the cutting technique for the folded part of the card.

3. For the actual folded part of the card, which is glued on the front of our base, we used a piece of folded blue. After folding, make sure the paper completely covers the puzzle piece (just checking for size).
4. Line up the folded blue cardstock such that the folded edge does NOT cover the steel blade in the die - it should get close to it while covering the rest of the puzzle piece shape.
5. When you run the die through the machine, you should end up with a folded card, with the front and back each in the shape of your puzzle piece. You can do this with any die or punch - turn any shape into a card by "not quite" cutting it out all the way.
6. Stamp your chosen message. I always stamp before I glue in case I mess up the stamping.
7. Mount it the blue folded puzzle card onto the black puzzle piece, slightly to the left or right, in order to create the shadow effect.



## Project 3 – Wall Hanging

This project uses several pieces of Puzzle die to make a wall hanging.

1. Several pieces of cardstock were run through the Accucut using the puzzle die (blue, black, and light grey). Because we aren't using the pieces to create a full page background, you don't have to start with 12x12 cardstock. Use whatever scraps will cover the desired individual puzzle pieces of the die.
2. Cut out your pictures by lining up the pictures on the die so they create individual pieces.
3. For the top of the wall hanging, layer 3 puzzle pieces joined by mounting foam or glue.
4. Use ribbon and more tape or glue to attach the pictures to the ribbon.

You can also use this technique to create perpetual calendars, or wall hangings showing a year's worth of pics. Add words or dates to the blank puzzle pieces at the top, or even add puzzle pieces in line with the pictures to add additional information.

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