



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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Typewriter Punctuation

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Featured Accucut Die Typewriter Punctuation

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Each letter is approximately 3 in. tall. The punctuation is meant to coordinate with that size letter.

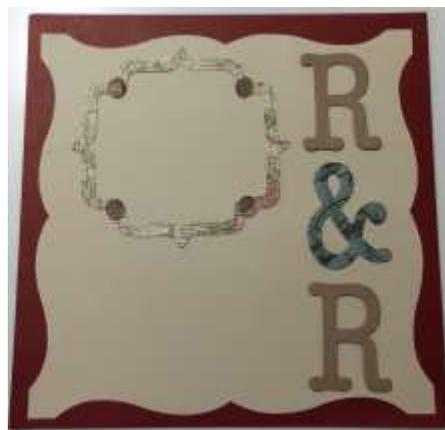
Inside Scoop

This month, even more than other months, I was wishing I chose my own "Die of the Month." Most folks don't know that these newsletters are actually a crafting challenge provided by Kathy Tutcher, one of the Founder's Club members of the Hobby Home. Kathy chooses the die each month, and she even puts restrictions on the projects. For example, "Use the Ornate Scrapbook page die, and only two projects can be a scrapbook page!" She wanted this month to be the hardest yet - Punctuation. She's mean, but we love her. And we thank her for helping to keep these newsletters interesting and challenging!

Project 1 – Brackets Scrapbook Page

Full Tutorial also at

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The punctuation has an obvious use for scrapbook pages. In this example, we used it in the phrase "R & R". However, brackets and other punctuation marks can also be used on the top/bottom or left/right of a photo, as photo corners, or to surround a picture. In this case, we used brackets and the "dots" from the Exclamation point and question mark to form a frame for a picture on the page.



Project 2 – Emoticon Cards

We use punctuation to put smiley faces in our emails and texts – why not do it on a card?



1. For the first card, we used two periods to make eyes and a parenthesis for the smile. We opted for “right side up” for this card, as the smiley worked just fine without looking like it came right off a text screen.
2. For the second card, we wanted something that looked more like what we see on our screens. So, just like we would in email or text, we created our winking smiley with a semi-colon created out of a period and a comma. The smile is the parenthesis again.

For extra effect on this, we embossed the white cardstock to look like a sheet of paper.

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Project 3 – Punch Art Scrapbook Pages!!

Once we started playing with the punctuation for the first couple projects, the rest of the ideas just started flowing. These scrapbook pages are the result.



1. Palm Trees! The Parentheses in two shades of green cardstock provide the tops for our trees. The coconuts are made from the dots from the exclamation point. Add them to some watery looking background paper, and you have a totally tropical page!

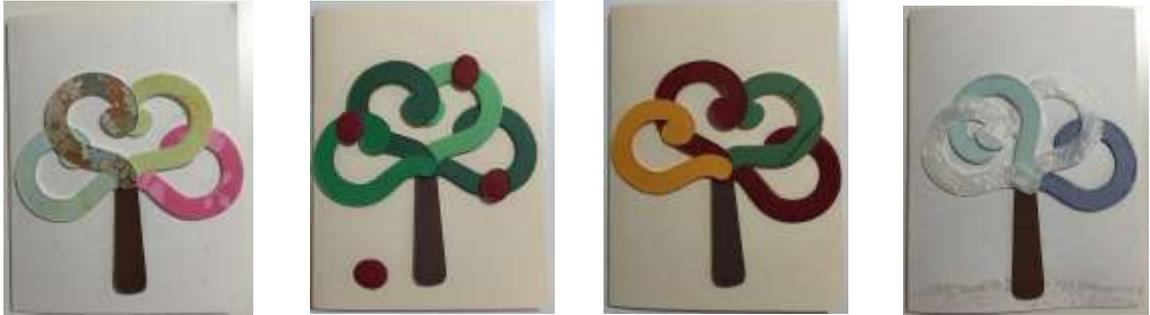


2. How about an apple tree? We used different shades of green and the question marks for tree top. The dots are our apples, and the exclamation is our trunk.

Bonus Projects

It's true. We just couldn't stop.

1. We took the tree idea from the apple tree page, and we decided to take it a little further. We used different color papers to imply the 4 different seasons, and then we put each one on a card.



2. Have a heart! We made a couple cards using the question marks to make hearts. For this, be aware that you'll want to turn one backwards, so keep that in mind when lining up any patterned paper on the die before cutting.



3. Lastly, we went *very* abstract with the question marks. Just by randomly placing them along the edge of this tri-fold card, we created a very interesting edge.

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