



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!

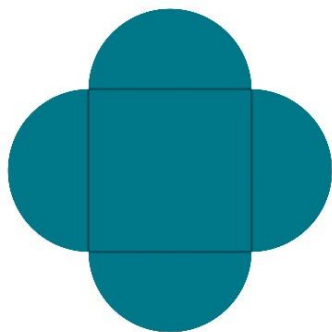
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Note Card Petal

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Featured Accucut Die

Note Card – Petal #1



This creates a note card, with four flaps or petals that overlap when folded in. Folded, it's 5 X 5 in.

Oops! We're Late!

Because we enjoyed working with last month's card so much, we decided to move to a similar shape. Of course, just because we were inspired, doesn't mean we got our newsletter out on time.

As our apology, we'd like to offer a **discount** for any June - September booking at The Hobby Home. Go to our website and use the Contact Us link to get more information!

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Project 1 – Alternating Petals Card

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For this particular card shape, you can add a lot of interest by using 2 different types of paper/cardstock. We chose coordinating paper for the outside of the card and then made an insert, as well. This can just be a decorative element, or, as we did, you can use it to hold a gift card.



1. First, we cut the card shape out twice, once with each color paper. Because you will only be using two opposing flaps, you will cut off two of the flaps. Do this with both colors, so you are left with two identical pieces – each with two flaps and the center.
2. Glue these pieces together so that the card shape is recreated but with different color flaps.

Project 1 – Alternating Petals Card (Con't)

3. We used a circle punch and another 5" X 5" piece of the patterned paper to make the inside of the card.



4. We glued around all the edges, leaving the border around the circle loose to hold our gift card.



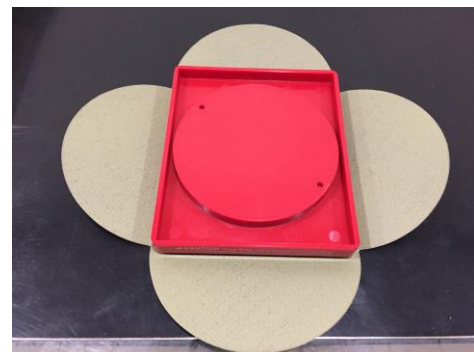
5. There's still room to stamp if you'd like. We chose to leave ours blank until we knew when we were going to use it.
6. When you fold it closed, you can choose to close each flap as you go around the card, which results in the "box flap" fold we show in our sample. This will keep the card shut on its own. Otherwise, you can fold the opposing flaps closed as pairs and hold them closed with a sticker. Each provides a different look.

Project 2 – Nested Circles

We love it when our beautiful paper does all the work. For this one, we started with a floral cardstock for the card body and cut out circle shapes to get this nested look on the back.



1. Start with either a 12 X 12 inch piece of cardstock. In this case, a beautiful patterned piece will work perfectly.
2. Leave the card unfolded and use a circle die to cut out a large circle in the 5 X 5 center square portion of the card. For this project, having a 12 X 12 die cutting machine is critical. This wouldn't fit through a Big Shot. Using the black adaptor tray and a combination of any of the other plates, you can run a wafer die, a sizzix die, or any embossing folder through the Accucut.



Project 2 – Nested Circles (Con't)

- After you run it through the Accucut machine, keep the circle that is cut out of the back. You'll make it into a smaller circle and reuse it.



- Glue a brown 5" X 5" piece of cardstock into the inside of the petal card. This will cover your hole and make it so you can't see it from the inside.
- Fold a 9" X 4.5" piece of ivory paper to make a 4.5" X 4.5" folded card. Glue that centered onto the brown cardstock inside the petal card.



- Use a smaller circle die to make the originally removed patterned circle about a half inch smaller. Finish the card by gluing that circle back into its "original" position on the back of the card.



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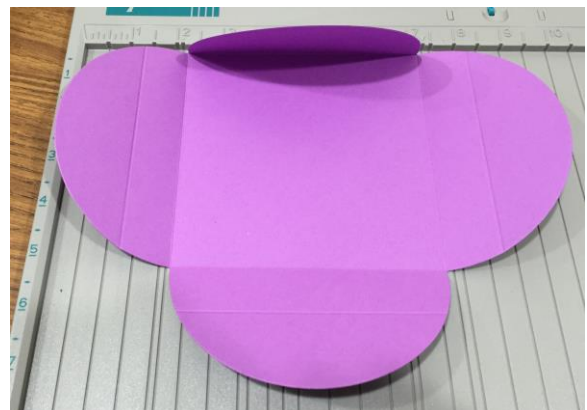
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Project 3 – Petal Frame

Often, it's difficult for me to imagine a card shape used on a scrapbook page. However, they can be a fantastic way to add writing space or interest to a page. In this case, we decided to make frames for our photos. These frames add depth, but compress nicely when the book is closed.



- We started by running two pieces of paper through the Accucut machine with our petal card die – one purple and one blue, to match our background cardstock.
- On each petal of each card, we scored at 1 ½ inches from the edge of the circle. The measurement is easy if you fold down the top flap while scoring. Rotate the card and score all four petals of each card.



3. For the frames, we will each petal toward the center and then fold the outer section of the petal back outward. There are two ways to do this:

For the purple card, we folded opposing petals first. In other words, the top and bottom petals were folded and secured, and then the left and right petals were folded and secured.



For the blue card, we folded each petal as we rotated the card. So, top, then left, then bottom, then right. We secured them as we went around.



Choose the look that works for you! For both frames, we made sure the picture was placed inside the frame before we secured each petal – just to make sure we didn't glue the frame closed so that the picture wouldn't slide in.

Check out our gallery for more cards with this die.

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