



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!

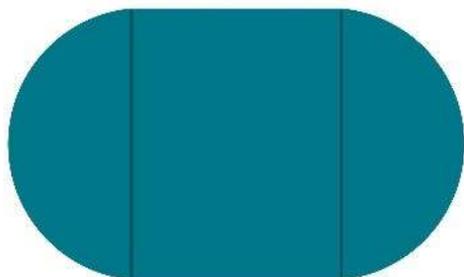
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A2 Card Foldout

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Featured Accucut Die

A2 Card Foldout – Petal Card



This creates a gate fold or tri-fold card, depending on your favorite term. Folded, it's 4 ¼ X 5 ½ in.

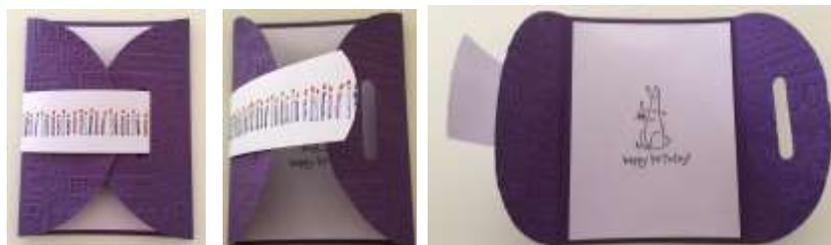
Inside Scoop

This die is actually one of our favorites at The Hobby Home. A quick browse through our gallery will show you that we love making cards for all occasions with this die. For our samples this month, we decided to also include at least one other punch or die in our design... just to keep it interesting. This simple die can be "dressed up" with fancy cardstock or kept casual with simple color patterns and bold stamps. Also, you can use any orientation, so it opens with top and bottom flaps or with side flaps. Your choices are endless with this die.

Project 1 – Buckle Card

Full Tutorial also at

<http://www.thehobbyhome.com/accucutdies/accucutofthemoth.html>



For this particular card shape, when you emboss both flaps, you also have a choice about using the same folder on both flaps or using different folders on each one. For our sample, we not only used the same folder on both flaps, but we wanted to make sure it lined up perfectly.



1. We folded the flaps of the card along the score lines. Then, we placed the folder carefully inside the card with both flaps inside the embossing folder. It's a tight fit when we close the embossing folder, so be careful. Then, we ran it through the machine to emboss. This resulted in a perfectly lined up embossed front, even where the flaps overlap. Also, the back was still plain - which is exactly what we were hoping for.

Project 1 – Buckle Card (Con't)

- We used a slot punch (*not available at the house*) to make the hole into which our "belt" will insert. This one makes a slot about 2 3/4 inches tall, making our 2 1/2 inch band fit easily inside.
- You'll want to make sure that the hole is slightly bigger than the belt, just to make the card easy to open and reclose. We placed the slot centered on the flap, both top to bottom and left to right.



- At this point, it's just about assembly and stamping. So, we glued the light purple rectangle into the inside of the card. If you make the light purple exactly 4 1/4 X 5 1/2, it makes it hard to close the flaps. So, we went just a tiny bit smaller than that.



- Then, we stamped the inside of the card and the candles on the front of "belt." (We rounded the edge of the belt with a circle punch).



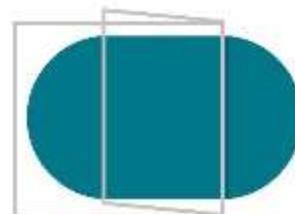
- Glue the belt onto the back of the card, leaving the front portion loose.
- Now, add glitter!

Project 2 – Fun with Foldouts!

Using our "[Punch to a Card](#)" technique, we turned this card from a 2-petal fold out to a 1-petal and 1 full flap fold out. We also added punch art to this one, because.. well... why not? Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there! This one is for you!



- Start with either a 6 X 12 inch piece of cardstock or a regular piece of 8.5 X 11 cardstock.
- Score at 4 inches and fold it. When placing it on the die, notice that the folded edge is placed so that it doesn't quite reach the score blade, and it doesn't go into the other petal at all.



Project 2 – Foldouts (Con't)

3. Run it through the Accucut machine. You'll end up with a tri-fold card with one petal and panel that open.

The cardstock we chose for this card did a lot of the work for us. The script was already on it, and so was the dark shading along the top edge. So, when folded, this card is already gorgeous.



4. We were still feeling very excited about punch art from last month's newsletter, so we carried it through into this month. The stem of the flower is green cardstock and our parenthesis die.
5. The flower petals are an oval punch and yellow vellum. We added yellow stickles to the edge when it was all assembled.
6. The brown center of the flower is the same oval punch as the petal. This time, we used it on textured brown cardstock.
7. The Moms! stamp is part of a stamp in our library. We masked the rest of the words to keep them off the front. Instead, those words ended up on the inside of the card.

Full Tutorial also at

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Project 3 – Sympathy Card

I find that I can be inspired to make a card at almost any moment... except when I'm feeling loss. In those moments, when I am very likely to need a handmade card, I am the least capable of making one. For that reason, when I've got some extra time and inspiration, I make a few sympathy cards to keep on-hand.



1. Again, for this card, we let the cardstock do most of the work. It's a grey and black embossed cardstock, and we ran it through the Accucut die in the normal way.
2. To make our center oval match the style of the rest of the card, we used Versamark ink and a sponge along the outside edge and the same ink for the words in the center. With clear embossing powder, the black paper allows us to achieve a similar look to the rest of the card.



- The inside of this card has a little bit of magic, though. Instead of leaving the inside just the white of the cardstock, we inserted another folded card using black paper and white panels. Make sure the measurements of these stay less than 5 1/2 X 4 1/4, as you'll want it to fold nicely. Reduce by about 1/8 or 1/4 of an inch.
- As you can see from the pictures below, when the card opens, we have a black panel with embossed lilies. That is the front of our folded card.



- When you fold up that panel, you see the inside of the card. We glued two white panels to the inside of it and stamped on the lower one.



- The entire folded black and white card is glued to the inside of our petal card. This gives our sympathy card some "wow" on the inside, as well as more room to write without having the words be visible when our card is closed.

Check out our gallery for more sympathy cards (and lots of other occasions) with this die.

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