



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!

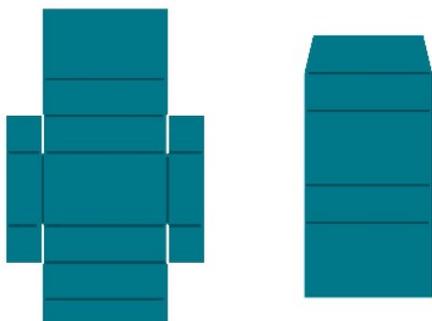
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Featured Accucut Die

Jumbo Matchbox



This creates matchbox with insert.



Once the pieces are folded and assembled, the completed box with slide out insert measures 2"w x 3 1/2"l x 1"h. This will fit a gift card if the gift card is slanted in the box.

Note: This die cuts both pieces at the same time. If you want 2 different cardstocks, place each over the applicable part of the die for cutting.

Also, work with a sturdy type of paper. Cardstock is great. Thin or regular paper will not work as well.

Project 1 – Countdown Calendar

We chose to do something Christmas related, but this countdown calendar can be used for anything! For example, imagine 20 boxes to countdown to someone's 20th (or other milestone) birthday. You could countdown to a trip with little clues or related treats. The possibilities are limitless. Just change the paper, and you've created a whole new calendar! (Credit to Kathy Tutchter for this awesome project!)



1. We used different papers for the outsides and the insides of the boxes for this project. For the outsides, we made 12 ivory and 12 dark green cases. We run the die through with either ivory or green paper over that part of the die, then folded and used one strip of glue to make the case.

Project 1 – Calendar (Con't)

- For the insides, we used the same patterned scrapbook paper for all of them. We simply ran a piece of scrapbook paper through over the applicable side of the die (at the same time we were cutting the ivory and green), and then folded. There is no glue needed to assemble these, as they tuck securely when folded.
- Once all 24 boxes were done, we glued them together in the cube shape. We just glued case to case, allowing each insert to slide in and out. Also, we alternated the ivory and green cases.



- For the numbers, we used small number dies and adhesive paper. The adhesive paper saves us the hassle of trying to get glue to stick effectively to the tiny parts of all those numbers. Stickers would work even better. Then, we filled the insides and put them back into the calendar!



Full Tutorial also at

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Project 2 – Gift Box

For this project, we decided to swap out normal cardstock for wrapping paper to create a shiny, reusable holiday or special event box. Switch out the wrapping paper to switch out the occasion. No need to add any extra wrapping to this box; just add a bow!



- First, we have to make the wrapping paper a little firmer. The insert requires no glue, so the stiffness of the paper or cardstock will determine how successfully the whole thing stays together once folded. When we work with wrapping paper, we place a whole sheet of sticker paper onto the backside of the wrapping paper. The sticker paper saves us from having to make sure the adhesive is even and smoothly applied. Just stick them together and you instantly have firmer wrapping paper.
- We used 2 kinds of coordinating wrapping paper to call attention to the slide-out. After we ran the paper through the Accucut with the die, we folded the insert to complete that portion. We used a small amount of glue to hold the wrapper closed.
- Lastly, we placed our gift card inside and completed the look with a bow.

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Project 3 – Embossed Note

Sometimes, it's nice to add a little "wow" to what would otherwise just be a regular notecard. We decided to step up the game on this romantic note by enclosing it in an embossed matchbox.



1. We used white cardstock for the case. Before folding and gluing it, we embossed it and punched a heart shape into the panel that we knew would be the front of the box.
2. We used white cardstock for the insert. For the insert, we just folded and tucked it to assemble, like normal. No extra work needed.
3. We made a small card out of burgundy cardstock that, when folded, would fit nicely into the insert. We stamped it and wrote our note on the inside. Then, we wrapped ribbon around the folded note and tied the key onto the front.
4. We assembled by putting the wrapped note inside the insert and sliding the insert into the embossed case. And, yes, there was some trial and error in figuring out whether or not the key would show through the heart.



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