

# A Tradition: “Creative Living”



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Crafts - Section I

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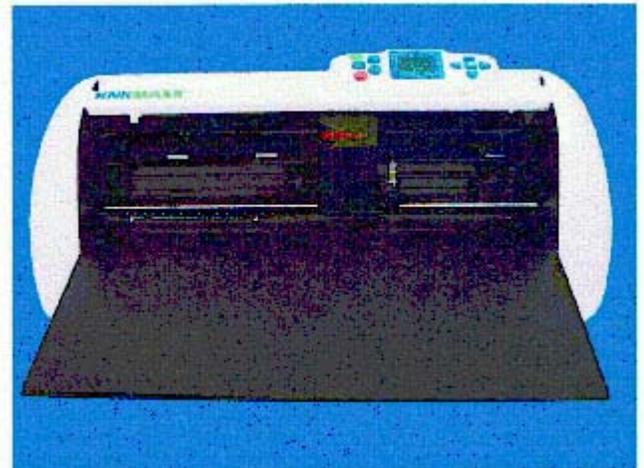
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# 101 Uses for a Klic-N-Kut Digital Die Cutter

The Klic-N-Kut Digital Die Cutter has opened up a world of possibilities, not only for those who do scrapbooking and card making, but also for hobbyists interested in building models, cutting vinyl, or just wanting to create unique decorations and gifts. The Klic-N-Kut will cut a wide range of materials from paper to chipboard, from fabric to balsa wood, from vinyl to styrene. The list below presents 101 ideas for using the Klic-N-Kut, but owners are only limited by the number of hours in a day and their own imagination!

## Cut shapes and letters from any of the following materials:

- 1 Paper
- 2 Cardstock
- 3 Chipboard
- 4 Vellum
- 5 Poster Board
- 6 Craft Foam
- 7 Styrene
- 8 Balsa Wood
- 9 Birch Wood
- 10 Fabric
- 11 Felt
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## Hobbyists use the Klic-N-Kut for the following applications:

- 29 3-D Shadowing on Shapes and Titles
- 30 Blocking Templates for Layouts and Cards
- 31 Borders for Scrapbook Pages
- 32 Dashed Lines Inside the Edges of Die Cuts
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- 45 Perfect-Sized Mats for Photos and Journaling
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- 49 Punching Holes for Dutch Paper Crafting
- 50 Punching Holes for Paper Embroidery
- 51 Railroad Modeling
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- 53 Scan, Trace, and Cut Rubber Stamp Designs
- 54 Sewing/Quilting Templates
- 55 Shaker Boxes in Any Shape

- 56 Shaped Greeting Cards
- 57 Shaped Mini-Albums
- 58 Silhouettes from Photos
- 59 Simulated Lace
- 60 Tags
- 61 Titles for Scrapbook Pages with Outline Mats
- 62 Titles Written with Gel Pens
- 63 Trace-Your-Own Punches
- 64 Window Cards
- 65 Word Books

**The Klic-N-Kut provides many gift-giving and entertainment applications:**

- 66 Cupcake Wrappers
- 67 Custom Shaped Confetti
- 68 Holiday Decorations
- 69 Invitations for Weddings, Birthdays, etc.
- 70 Large Letters/  
Numbers for Party Decorations
- 71 Linked Shapes to Make a Banner
- 72 Centerpieces for Tables
- 73 Party Favor Boxes
- 74 Party Hats
- 75 Stencils for the Tops of Baked Goods
- 76 Altered Paint Can Templates
- 77 Bookmarks
- 78 Customized Labels for Jars
- 79 Cutting Vinyl for Etching Glass, Crystal, Mirrors, etc.
- 80 Custom-Sized Envelopes
- 81 Fold-up Boxes
- 82 Fold-up Gift Bags
- 83 Fold-up Money Cards
- 84 Personalized Name Tags
- 85 Placecards for Dinner Parties
- 86 Vinyl for Decorating Dishes and Cups
- 87 Frames for Photos
- 88 Gift Tags
- 89 Items for Shadowboxes



**And, finally, some great ideas for kids and teenagers:**

- 90 Engraving on Trophy Plates
- 91 Monograms or Other Personalization
- 92 Stencils for Painting
- 93 Custom Stickers
- 94 Cut Outs for School Projects
- 95 Paper Dolls and Clothes
- 96 Jigsaw Puzzles from Photos
- 97 Tangrams
- 98 T-Shirt Transfer Vinyl for Decorating Clothes
- 99 Vinyl for Suntan Tattoos
- 100 Vinyl for Decorating Flip-Flops, Sun Visors, etc.
- 101 Door Hangers

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# The Art of Pressing Flowers

Why press flowers? Have you ever wanted beautiful flowers that would last forever? Using pressed flowers to express how one feels artistically is what pressed flower art is all about. The pressed flowers shown on this page are in their natural colors. Without any artificial paints or chemicals, pressed flower art presents the beauty of nature. This art form combines floral design with drawing and painting, allowing individuals to express themselves with the beauty from nature. Utilizing modern drying technology and flower pressing techniques, the life of the flowers is extended for years of enjoyment. Pressed flowers offer the individual the "magic paint of nature" for creating the most extraordinary art works. The possibilities of this art form are endless. With a little patience and imagination, anyone at any age, with or without previous art training, can learn and master the art of pressed flowers.

Without any artificial coloring or chemicals, and using only "nature's magic paint." the most extraordinary art works can be created. Pressed flower art can combine floral design with drawing and/or painting, and the possibilities for creativity are endless. Utilizing modern drying technology and flower pressing techniques, the life of the floral art work can be extended for years of enjoyment.



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## CUFF BRACELETS



**SUPPLIES:**  
Simplicity Rotary Cutting Machine  
Simplicity Studio Leftie Rightie Rulers  
Rulers  
Magnetic closure  
Hand rotary cutter  
Cutting mat  
Decorative brads of your choice  
Fabric-Tac  
Marking Pen  
Pen knife

a mark where you would like each brad to be placed. Cut small slit with pen knife. Flip to right side and insert brads, turn over and fold out brad stems to secure in place. Following diagram provided, mark for magnetic clasp and follow manufacturers instructions to attach. Apply FabricTac to one side, fold over and press gently. Apply pressure every few minutes to adhere.

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Cut one, 2" strip of vinyl. Measure your wrist plus 1 1/2" for length times 2. Fold in half and mark half-way with a marker on back side. On one side, make

## How to Make an Inkblot Butterfly

**C**ut or tear the paper into the sizes you wish your butterflies to be, maybe four to six inches square (You can make giant butterflies as well, of course. The largest one in the world can be as large as twelve inches across!), and prefold the paper. Apply a little ink and a little water on one side of the fold in a butterfly wing shape. These are going to be totally made up butterflies, so don't get too hung up on making a monarch or something.

Maybe add a dot or two on the wing, and put a tiny bit in the fold crease to squish out to be the body. Fold gently, pressing the ink down uniformly with the palm of your hand. and unfold. If this doesn't look like a butterfly, try some more!

After your butterflies are dry, you can color them in, add antennae and legs if you wish. You can cut them out, pin them into a box, and label them with made up names as if they were butterfly specimens and you had collected them from the deepest jungle, or you can cut them out, fold them slightly, and glue them to a branch as if they had lit there and were going to flutter off in a moment.

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## RUCHEB BIAS TAPE FLOWER PIN

### SUPPLIES:

- 1 yard printed bias tape
- 1 button for flower center embellishment

Simplicity Bias Tape Maker or your favorite method of making bias tape

Simplicity Studio bias Tape Ruler  
Cutting Mat  
Hand rotary cutter  
Scissors, needle, and thread



### INSTRUCTIONS:

Make all bias tape needed for project. If using the Simplicity Bias Tape Maker, read all of the manufacturer's instructions prior to beginning. With needle and thread (knot at beginning end), sew a running stitch in a zig zag pattern on single fold bias tape for your flower. Gently pull needle and thread and begin to gather. Continue until the full length is gathered and tack in place but do not cut off thread. Begin rolling gathered tape flat and tack with needle and thread as you go along from the back. Fold under raw edge end under the flower and sew down to complete flower. Sew button to center of flower. Sew on or glue pin back to the back of flower. **Hint:** the more bias tape you use, the larger the flower. Experiment with different lengths and widths to make different sizes.

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# Gift Baskets For Crafters

**G**ift baskets are great to give for any occasion: all holidays, birthdays, or just a general "I'm thinking of you!"

Baskets can be easily customized for any recipients' area of interest and the giver's budget. A knitter's basket might contain everything needed to work a pair of socks: sock yarn, needles, stitch markers, point protectors, and a pattern. An art basket could include brushes, paints, brush cleaners, pencils, a travel palette, and something to paint or draw on. For people who like to cook (or just eat), collect small bottles of favored oils, specialty coffees or chocolate, and a decorated journal to use for favorite recipes. You can buy a few items at a time in order to spread the cost out over a few weeks if you plan ahead. Ask the person what they like to do or maybe what they would like to learn. Then spend time browsing in the local craft store. Don't be afraid to ask a clerk for suggestions. Most of the time it doesn't matter if you happen to buy a duplicate of something the person already has in their supplies. Paints get used up and a knitter can always use more yarn and needles.

Choose a pretty basket, or flower pot to hold the supplies. Add filler such as excelsior or shredded paper to the bottom. Arrange your items so that things show all around the edge. If you want to add shrink wrap to make the basket look fancy, set your basket inside a sleeve of shrink wrap. These come in different sizes so you can choose the one closest to your basket. Use a blow dryer to mold the plastic around the basket. Start at the bottom and work slowly upwards. Take



your time and it will look professional! Gather the top of the wrap with ribbon. Make a bow from ribbon that matches the theme (red for the holidays, pink for a baby girl).

Polypropylene ribbon is the kind that is used outdoors. It tears easily so you can make streamers out of the ends of your bow and then curl them with scissors. Or make a flat bow by making a stack of ribbon loops. Attach a gift card and you're done!

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## Modern Surrealist

Modern Surrealist has been providing individualized, fantastical and customizable gifts which enrich the lives of our many customers all around the globe since 2005. Featuring eclectic collections of inspired handmade giftware that celebrate your individuality with humor and heart!

How did you come up with that idea?

"Some ideas are expansions of previous ideas, others just come out of the blue or are inspired by looking at random everyday things in a different way. One idea leads to the next, so the collection seems to be ever expanding! I get inspired by requests from customers too! Looking for a custom creation? I invite your inspiration."

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