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Dear Crafters,

As I look back over the last two and a half years spent developing the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System®, I am truly amazed. As a crafter myself, I often find myself noticing intricacies of products that I think could be improved, but the biggest question I've evaluated is how do you reinvent the manual die cutting system which has been around for years? The answer, I found, is by listening. Throughout the entire development process, from ideation to production, we talked to crafters and incorporated their feedback to deliver a robust, quality product that crafters have come to expect from Fiskars.

We built our die cutting machine to provide a full 12" cutting width, hidden storage compartment, sturdy base that's not going to move around and a superior gear ratio in the manual crank to power through thick materials (with little effort!). My favorite feature is that it folds up for easy storage when it's not in use – even the handle locks into place to keep everything compact.

We also innovated our cutting dies so that you could expand your creativity. Not only can you die cut the shape, but we added coordinating letterpress plates to add ink and texture. With the Fiskars dies and letterpress plates, you can choose to only cut the shape, add ink to the plates (or not) and even just impress the design into your material. In fact, it's possible to create five different types of embellishments from only one die and one plate! The letterpress feature is amazing and I love being able to make cards, invitations, home decor and gift boxes that look like they were professionally made, but come from the heart.

Like me, you may already have a plethora of dies from other companies and I love that I can still use those in my Fiskars Fuse. With so many options, I really am in control of my creative destiny. I am so passionate about creating and hope that you find that passion in your crafting adventures. The following projects were made using the Fuse Creativity System® and I hope they inspire your creativity. To learn more about the Fiskars Fuse and for even more project ideas, stop by [Fiskars.com](http://Fiskars.com).

Happy crafting!



Lisa Keepers  
Fiskars Senior Product Manager

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## Handmade Card Designs



### Hi Friend Card

By: [Kim Garner](#)

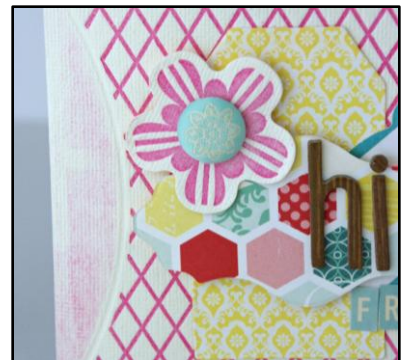
Here is an “out of the pillowbox” way of using the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System® Large Design Sets for something other than a box! Creating letterpressed cards is easy with the Fuse Creativity System®. Instead of creating a pillowbox with my large die, I chose to create a letterpressed card!

#### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Large Expansion Pack- Pillowbox](#)
- Alphabet stickers – American Crafts and October Afternoon
- Cardstock – Bazzill
- Decorative brad – American Crafts
- Ink – Colorbox
- Patterned paper – Echo Park

#### Instructions:

1. Trim cardstock to 4” x 12”. Fold it in half so the dimension of your card is 4” x 6”.
2. Apply your desired ink color to the letterpress plate on the Pillowbox Design Set. (shown)
3. Place the folded edge of your card just outside the letterpress plate area, face down. Pass the cardstock through the Fuse.
4. Choose three different, yet coordinating, patterned papers and trim them to 3” x 12”. Place all three pieces over the embellishment tags on the Pillowbox Design Set and pass the patterned paper through the Fuse. Choose one of each tag design to use on this card. (shown)
5. Trim two coordinating patterned paper pieces to 4” x 6”. Glue one piece of patterned paper to the back of the cardstock base and the other patterned paper to the inside back flap of the cardstock base.
6. Using the Flower Mini Design Set, ink the letterpress plate and cut a flower to embellish the front of your card. Place a large fabric brad in the center of the flower. (shown)
7. Arrange the three tag embellishments and adhere them to the front of the card. Add the cardstock flower as shown in the photo. Finally, add a sentiment to the card using alphabet stickers.







## [Life You've Imagined Card](#)

By: [Kim Garner](#)

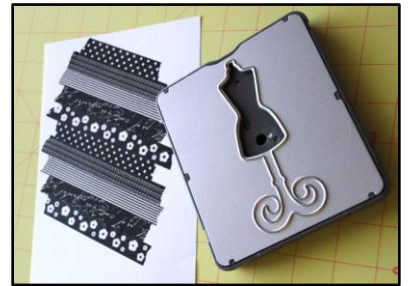
Did you know you can create any style or pattern just by layering washi tape onto cardstock? You can! Once you create a pattern with washi tape, you can use the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System® to create a fabulous embellishment for a card or any crafting project.

### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Medium Design Set--Dressform](#)
- [Teresa Collins Maison Simple Stick™ Stamps](#)
- [Teresa Collins Moments Simple Stick™ Stamps](#)
- Cardstock – Bazzill
- Glass glitter – Melissa Frances
- Tulle/trim
- Washi tape—Queen & Co.

### Instructions:

1. Cut a 4" x 6" piece of cardstock.
2. Choose approximately five different designs of washi tape within a complimentary color scheme.
3. Place the washi tape on the cardstock in a desired pattern or design. (shown)
4. Place the cardstock covered in washi tape face down on your die, and run it through the Fuse machine. The die will cut out a shape, even through the Washi tape! (shown)
5. Stamp card base with desired stamps and sentiments.
6. Add ribbon to your Washi tape die cut and attach to the card with a few foam dots.
7. Add glitter as a final touch.



## Letterpressed Leaves Card

By: [Smitha Katti](#)



Make a fun and colorful letterpressed card! This adorable button card is perfect for any occasion. Create your own sentiment and personalize it with a message inside for a card that anyone is sure to appreciate.

### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Circle](#)
- [Easy Action™ Micro-Tip® Scissors](#)
- Buttons
- Cardstock
- Ink

### Instructions:

1. First, use the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System® and the Medium Circle Design Set to letterpress a leaf design onto white cardstock using some green ink. Next, punch or cut around the leaves using a pair of scissors to form a square. Make three leaf squares. (shown)
2. Adhere the leaves onto the card front. Add some colorful buttons in different sizes as flowers.
3. Stamp on a sentiment, add on some other embellishments, and you've already completed your card! (shown)



## Butterfly Card

By: [Tania Willis](#)



As paper crafters, we all like to save every last scrap of paper because surely they can be used on something else we'll be creating in the near future. So, why not save the negative space from our die cuts, too! In fact, this project has you using both the die cut and the negative space on the same project.

### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Medium Design Set – Butterfly](#)
- [Craft Scissors](#)
- [Paper Trimmer](#)
- Adhesive - Mini Glue Dots®
- Brads
- Cardstock - Bazzill Basics Paper
- Foam dimensional tape
- Ink – Tsukineko StazOn
- Patterned paper
- Sentiment sticker from Echo Park Paper

### Instructions:

1. Cut a piece of cardstock to 7" x 10" and fold in half to create a 7" x 5" card base.
2. Use the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System® to die cut and letterpress a single butterfly with the Medium Design Set – Butterfly. Do not discard the negative cardstock butterfly. (shown)
3. Cut several thin strips of patterned paper and cardstock that are long enough to hang over both sides of the negative cardstock butterfly. Place the adhesive along the right and left sides of the butterfly shape. (shown)
4. Layer the strips of patterned paper and cardstock until the entire negative space of the butterfly shape is filled up with a pattern. (shown)





- Place foam dimensional tape strips on the back of the die cut wings. If you want more dimension, you can add a double layer of the foam tape. (shown)



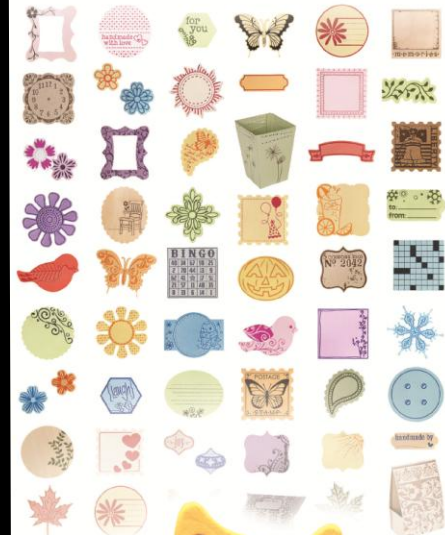
- Adhere the butterfly's body to the card using Glue Dots®. Remove the protective layer from the foam tape and adhere the wings to the strips of patterned paper and cardstock. Cut notches on the ends of some of the patterned paper and cardstock strips to resemble banners. Embellish the butterfly's body and wings with adhesive-backed rhinestones. (shown)



- Scrape the top and bottom edges of the negative butterfly cardstock with an open blade of your scissors to distress the paper. Embellish the lower left corner with a few brads and add a sentiment sticker to the lower right corner. Adhere the entire piece to your card base. (shown)



Add a pinch  
of **pizzazz**,  
a dash of  
**whimsy** & stir



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## Climbing Bouquet Tri-Fold Card

By: [Tania Willis](#)

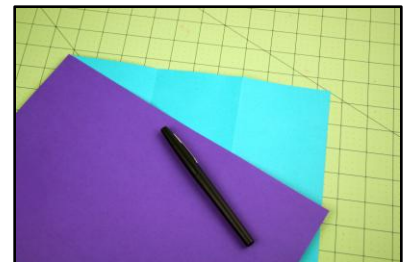
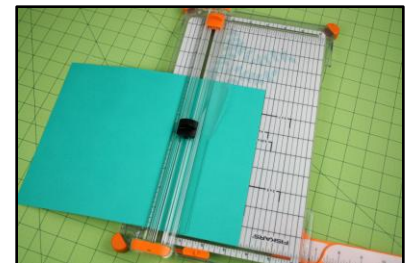
Who doesn't like to receive happy mail in the form of a handmade card? This unique climbing floral bouquet is perfect for just about any occasion and is sure to make your recipient smile.

### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Mini Design Set - Flower](#)
- [Mini Expansion Pack - Flower](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Bird](#)
- [Medium Expansion Pack - Bird](#)
- [Paper Trimmer](#)
- [Scoring Blade](#)
- Adhesive – Mini Glue Dots®
- Baby powder
- Buttons
- Cardstock - Bazzill Basics
- Fabric covered brad
- Ink - StazOn Tsukineko
- Mini paper flowers - Prima
- Stickers - Echo Park Paper
- Wooden icon bird – Prima

### Instructions:

1. Cut a piece of cardstock to 7 ½" x 10 ½". Use your paper trimmer and scoring blade to make vertical score lines along the 10 ½" measurement to divide your paper into three equal sections. So, you'll be making score lines at 3 ½" and 7". (shown)
2. Lay your scored cardstock in front of you in a landscape orientation. Make a mark 3" up from the bottom on the right side. Use a piece of scrap cardstock to connect the point between the 3" mark and the upper left corner of your scored cardstock. Draw a line with a pen or pencil connecting those two points. Then, cut along that line and fold along the scored lines to end up with your tri-folded card base. (shown)
3. Use the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System® to die cut, die cut and emboss, and die cut and letterpress four large flowers and two smaller flowers using a variety of cardstock colors with the Mini Design Set – Flower. Do the same with green cardstock and the Medium Design Set – Bird to create leaves for your climbing floral bouquet. (shown)



4. Start building your climbing bouquet by adhering a large and small flower to the first section, then a large flower in the middle section, and a large and small flower layered to the back section. (shown)



5. Begin filling in the remaining areas with the leaves and additional sticker embellishments. You can remove the stickiness from any part of the stickers that overhang the edge of the card by dusting the sticky layer with baby powder. (shown)



6. Continue adding smaller brads and paper flower embellishments in between until you have achieved the dimension and texture of the floral bouquet you desire. (shown)



7. When you open your tri-fold card, you'll notice that the middle section on the inside is left unembellished. To give it a cohesive look, simply mirror the design here on the inside by layering an additional die cut letterpressed piece. (shown)



8. Embellish the far left and far right flaps with sentiment stickers and other small miscellaneous embellishments that fit your theme. Adhere border punched strips or border stickers along the bottom edge of the card. (shown)



9. Write your message in the first two sections leaving the third (front) section simply embellished with your sentiment stickers. Before mailing, be sure to take into consideration the lumpy embellishments and be prepared to pay extra for postage due to the thickness and rigidity of this greeting card. (shown)





# Scrapbook Layouts



## Three Rainbows Layout

By: [Kim Garner](#)

Using several different Design Sets from the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System®, you can create a collage-style layout that is beautiful, creative, and fun!

### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Scalloped Square](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Curvy Square](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Frame](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Tag](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Stamp](#)
- [Mini Design Set - Flower](#)
- Cardstock – Bazzill
- Digital printable – Laina Lamb for Cocoa Daisy
- Alphabet stickers from:
  - American Crafts
  - Jilibean Soup
- Embellishments from:
  - American Crafts
  - Maya Road
  - Pebbles
- Patterned paper from:
  - October Afternoon
  - Elle's Studio
  - My Mind's Eye
  - Crate Paper
  - Studio Calico
  - Jenni Bowlin
- Spray ink – Tattered Angels
- Tin foil
- Twine – My Mind's Eye

### Instructions:

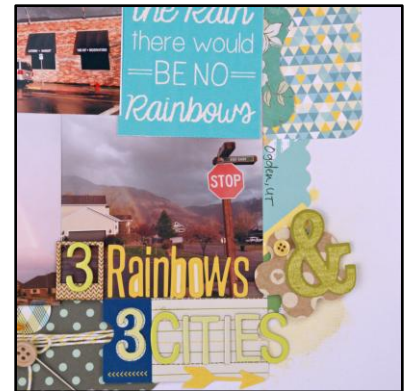
1. Using the Stamp Design Set, cut a stamp from tin foil. Spray ink medium onto the tin foil stamp and place it face down on the outer edges of a piece of cardstock that you want to be your layout background. Spray some ink onto the cardstock in a few quick sprays. Let it dry fully for a distressed look. (shown)



- Choose several pieces of coordinating patterned paper. Take several different square-shaped Design Sets, layer your paper in these dies, and pass the dies through the Fuse machine. The Design Sets used in this sample layout included the Scalloped Square, Curvy Square, Frame, Tag, and Stamp Design Sets. Arrange your pieces as shown in the photo, or any way that you would prefer! (shown)



- Arrange a few photos over the layered squares – I chose to use three or four in my layout. Add a title with alphabet stickers. (shown)



- Add embellishments as desired. Finally, the Flower Mini Design Set is cut from coordinating patterned paper and arranged near the layout title, to add a bit dimension to the layout. (shown)







## [Letterpressing with Watercolors Layout](#)

By: [Smitha Katti](#)

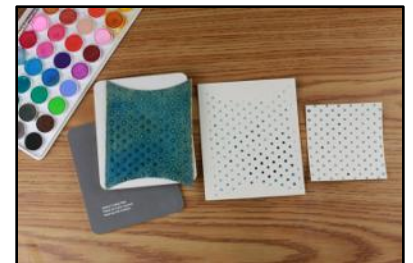
Use watercolors instead of ink to give your letterpressed layouts an extra pop! Letterpressing with watercolors gives a much softer look than letterpressing with ink. To try this, liberally paint the entire letterpress plate with some watercolors using a paint brush. You can mix two or three different colors of paint directly on the plate if you want. Then letterpress and die cut the image using the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System®.

### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Large Expansion Pack - Pillowbox](#)
- [Easy Action™ Micro-Tip Scissors](#)
- Adhesive - Glue Dots®
- Alphabet stickers - Thickers
- Cardstock
- Paint brush
- Photo
- Ribbon bits
- Tag
- Twine
- Watercolors

### Instructions:

1. To try this, liberally paint the entire letterpress plate with some watercolors using a paint brush. You can mix two or three different colors of paint directly on the plate if you want. Then letterpress and die cut the image using the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System®.
2. For this layout, I letterpressed the tiny dots using a plate from the Large Pillowbox Design Set. This is a great way to use different letterpress plates.
3. Simply wipe the letterpress plate clean with a damp towel after each use. I chose to letterpress the small dots using pink, yellow and blue watercolor paints. (shown)
4. Next, trim the boxes to form squares. Adhere the squares onto cardstock to form the background. (shown)
5. The rest is up to you! I layered patterned papers beneath my photo and adhered them together. I also added a title using Thickers, added journaling onto the tag and adhered them both. Finally, I topped the layout with some twine bows, and I was finished! (shown)



## Fall in a Small Town Layout

By: [Kim Garner](#)



The Fiskars Fuse Creativity System® allows any crafter to pass a 12" x 12" sheet of scrapbooking paper through the machine, with a Design Set placed anywhere on the paper. This creative technique gives endless ideas for your scrapbooking layout designs. I chose to experiment with this technique by using the negative space of my die cut in a 12" by 12" sheet of scrapbooking paper. The effect was awesome!

### Materials:

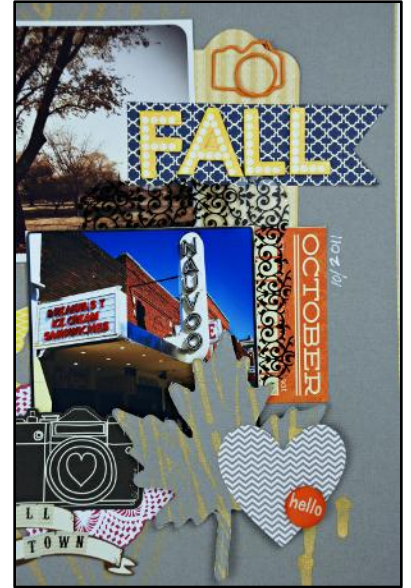
- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Tag](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Curvy Square](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Leaf](#)
- Alphabet stickers – American Crafts/Glitz Design/Heidi Swapp
- Cardstock – Bazill
- Embellishments – American Crafts
- Patterned paper – Jillibean Soup/Jenni Bowlin/Elle's Studio
- Spray ink – Heidi Swapp
- Stencil – Prima

### Instructions:

1. Choose a sheet of cardstock for your background paper. Using the spray ink and stencil, spray a pattern onto the background paper. Let it dry fully.
2. Arrange a Design Set onto your cardstock where desired and pass the paper through the machine. (I chose to use the Leaf Design Set in my layout.) Then adhere a coordinating patterned paper to the back of your cardstock base, so the pattern shows through the negative space of your shape that was cut from the cardstock. (shown)
3. Arrange your photos near the cutout shape on the cardstock. Layer with the Tag and Curvy Square die cuts also created by the Fuse. To give your layout a little more texture, you can use different mediums when creating die cuts with the Fuse. The Curvy Square die cut was created by passing a piece of acetate through the machine; this adds a bit of creativity and some different layers to your scrapbooking layout design.



4. Arrange your paper embellishments as shown in the photo. Remember when you die cut a shape out of your original cardstock base? You can use that shape as part of the arrangement on your scrapbooking layout, so that you're highlighting both the negative space and the shape itself. Use foam dots to adhere the leaf for added dimension. (shown)



5. Add your title with alphabet stickers. Arrange any other embellishments as you see needed to complete your scrapbooking layout. Then you're finished! (shown)



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## Enlarged Photo Layout

By: [Smitha Katti](#)

Die cut flowers to make garland for your next layout!

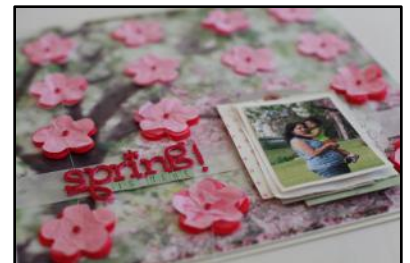
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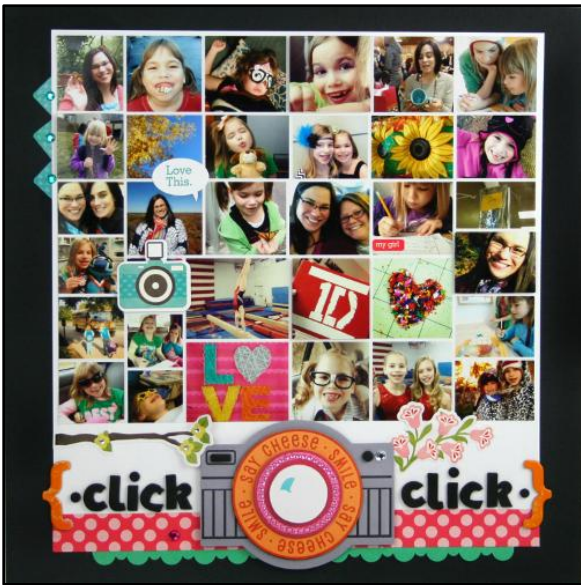
- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Mini Design Set - Flower](#)
- [Easy Action™ Micro-Tip® Scissors](#)
- Adhesive - Glue Dots®
- Alphabet stickers
- Enlarged photo
- Fabric
- Felt
- Thread



### Instructions:

1. Using the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System®, die cut flower shapes from various materials like tissue paper, fabric and felt. You can easily die cut three or four felt sheets at once, all in one pass through the machine! (shown)
2. Next, form flowers by layering the tissue paper shapes on top of the fabric and felt shapes. Adhere these onto a strand of thread to form strands of garland with four flowers each. (shown)
3. To build the scrapbook layout, use an enlarged photo as your background instead of regular cardstock. This adds a huge pop of color and pattern in the background. Adhere the flower garlands directly onto the enlarged photo. Add a smaller photo on top and finish off with a title. It's that simple – then you're done! (shown)





## [Click Click Layout](#)

By: [Tania Willis](#)

Making a custom embellishment to adorn your layouts has never been easier! Many of the design sets lend themselves well to the layered technique used to create this custom camera embellishment at the bottom center of the layout.

### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Medium Design Set – Marquis](#)
- [Medium Expansion Pack - Marquis](#)
- [Interchangeable Border Punch Starter Set](#)
- [Up In The Clouds Border Punch Cartridge](#)
- [Detail Scissors](#)
- Alphabet stickers – Thickers by American Crafts
- Cardstock - Bazzill Basics Paper
- Foam dimensional tape
- Jewel stickers - Little Yellow Bicycle
- Patterned paper - Echo Park Paper
- Stickers - Echo Park Paper

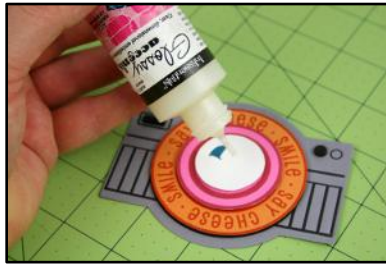
### Instructions:

1. First, make four different die cut and letterpressed passes using the Medium Design Set – Marquis along with the camera letterpress plate from the Medium Expansion Pack – Marquis. (shown)
2. Keep one of the die cuts completely intact, while cutting apart the other three to give you the pieces shown. (shown)
3. Rebuild the image by layering the pieces using foam dimensional tape between each layer. Use extra pieces from your foam alphabet set to add black foam embellishments to add more dimension to the camera's features. (shown)





4. Add a layer of glossy accents to the camera lens. Set aside and allow to dry completely before handling any further. You can use a pin to pop any bubbles that may develop during dry time. (shown)



5. Once the camera lens is dry, you can further embellish the ring around the lens with a strip of adhesive-backed rhinestones in a coordinating color. Add a clear adhesive-backed rhinestone to the open circle on the die-cut to give the piece more character. (shown)



6. Use the new layered, embellished and letterpressed die cut to embellish the title portion of a “click click” layout. The layout simply consists of an 8” x 10” collage of small instagram photos with a small strip of patterned paper and a decorative border punched strip allowing the fun, layered letterpressed die cut to take center stage.

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# DIY Party Decorations

## Owl Themed Party Decor

By: [Emma Jeffery](#)



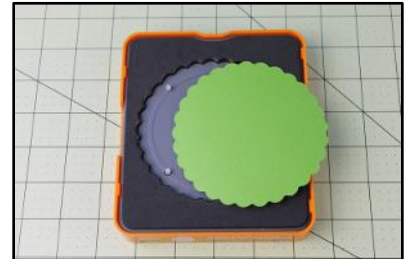
I don't think I'll ever tire of the owl trend that is so popular at the moment! Using the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System®, there are many ways to create some owl cuteness in time for your next party or fun event. I think they would be great for a children's party, baby shower or even a more grown-up event. Cute owls aren't just for children, right? I began by making these owl party boxes, which could be used as treat boxes to hand out or as adorable gift packaging. Use the Pillowbox Design Set to cut your boxes with the Fuse. I used cream cardstock, but by picking your colors carefully, you can tie them in with any party color scheme.

### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Rubber Mat and Cutting Plate \(Large\)](#)
- [Large Design Set - Pillowbox](#)
- [Large Expansion Pack– Pillowbox](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Oval](#)
- [That's Amore Squeeze Punch \(Large\)](#)
- [Micro-Tip® Scissors \(No. 5\)](#)
- [Round 'n Round Squeeze Punch \(Medium\)](#)
- [Round 'n Round Squeeze Punch \(Large\)](#)
- [Round 'n Round Squeeze Punch \(Extra-Large\)](#)
- Adhesive
- Cardstock

### Instructions:

1. To create the owl wings, I used the Scalloped Circle Design Set. (shown)



2. After running the die through the Fuse machine, I cut my scalloped circle shape in half and adhered each piece to the sides of the pillowbox. (shown)



3. I then used a variety of different sized circle punches to create a layered look to the owl's eyes. (shown)



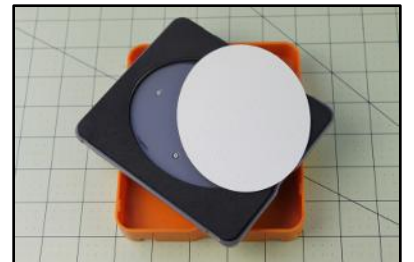
4. A heart punch is the perfect shape to create a little beak, and when upturned and adhered to the bottom of the box, you can easily create two little feet. (shown)



5. I also created a fun owl banner. This can be personalized and decorated by adhering letter stickers to each owl, spelling a word or phrase. (shown)



6. I made the owls by cutting cardstock with my Oval Design Set. Remember, you can cut up to 10 sheets of cardstock in one pass through the Fuse machine, so this banner will take no time to create! (shown)



7. I trimmed the oval shape along one short end, using the discarded cardstock as a template. This gave me a neat way to create the owl's head/ears. (shown)



8. I then finished the owls in the same way that I decorated the pillowboxes. (shown)



9. You might want to use smaller circles and a smaller heart for the eyes and beak. I used the cut pieces of cardstock I had leftover from cutting the owl's head as a layer for the wings. (shown)



10. One last idea for a children's owl-themed party is to create an owl mask for the children to have fun with. (shown)



11. I used my Oval Design Set again, but instead of cutting out a shape on the short end, I cut out the top of one long end. I layered up the eyes with my circle punches, but also punched a circle shape through the mask, for the children's eyes to peek through. You could either attach elastic at the edges, so they could be worn on the face, glue a wooden stick to the side like I did, or the masks could simply be held in place. (shown)







## Cute as a Button Party Decor

By: [Lisa Storms](#)

The Button Design Set for the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System® makes a “cute as a button” party not only cute, but so easy!

### Materials:

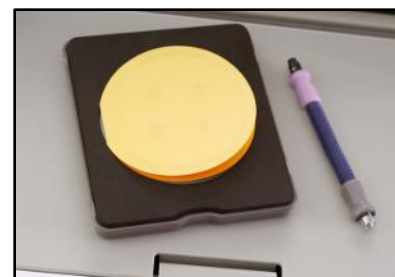
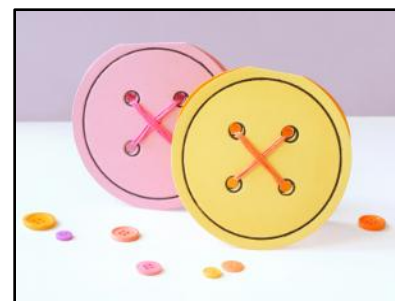
- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Medium Design Set– Circle](#)
- [Three-piece Eyelet Setter Set](#)
- [Micro-Tip Scissors \(No. 5\)](#)
- Cardstock
- Chipboard
- Embroidery floss
- Foam adhesive squares
- Low-temp hot glue gun
- Soup cans

### Instructions:

#### Invitation

The Fuse is great for making bulk invitations because you can die cut up to 10 pieces of cardstock, all in one pass through the machine!

1. Fold a piece of cardstock in half. Place the folded edge just inside of the inked button die and run it through the Fuse. (shown)
2. Punch the button holes out using an eyelet setter on a protected surface.
3. Thread three cuts of embroidery floss through holes and knot inside.
4. Add text inside the invitation by hand or print out text from the computer, and cut out the message with the circle die to adhere inside.



#### Button Flower Background

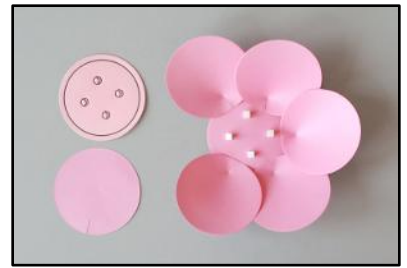
These large button flowers make a huge impact easily.

1. Run cardstock through the Fuse, sandwiched in the button die, to create a die cut and letterpressed center of the flower.
2. Run seven layers of a lighter or darker shade of cardstock through the Fuse with only the circle die (no letterpress plate).
3. Cut a small slit in six of the circles. Overlap the slits slightly and adhere to secure. I like to use a low temp glue gun for this since it dries quickly.





4. Adhere the six molded circles around the perimeter of the seventh circle. (shown)
5. Adhere the letterpressed button to the center of flower using a double layer of foam adhesive dots.



### **Thread Spool Stands**

1. Tape a strip of cardstock around a 15 ounce can of soup. You can just use unopened cans since the weight will keep the stand more stable anyway. Empty is fine, too.
2. Wrap a skein of embroidery floss around the covered can using the same color as the cardstock. This gives the appearance of a full spool of thread without having to use a ton of embroidery floss.
3. With the Fuse, cut out two chipboard circles for each spool using the circle die.
4. Using a large blob of low-temp hot glue to compensate for the rim of the can, adhere a chipboard circle to the top and bottom of can to complete stands. Be sure to allow glue to dry before handling.



### **Button Party Hat**

Spice up party hats with faux button medallions.

1. Create a letterpressed button from cardstock using the Fuse.
2. Cut two strips of coordinating cardstock and adhere to back of button hanging down.
3. Hot glue button medallion to party hat.



## Love Birds Party Decor

By: [Lisa Storms](#)



Love Birds is a sweet theme for a wedding, bridal shower, engagement or anniversary party. The Fiskars Fuse Creativity System® can create beautiful party decorations using unexpected items such as balsa wood, chalkboard, and tissue paper.

### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Medium Design Set– Bird](#)
- [Medium Design Set– Frame](#)
- [1/4" Heart Hand Punch](#)
- [Micro-Tip Scissors \(No. 5\)](#)
- Assorted tissue paper
- Bamboo skewer
- Chalk
- Chalkboard
- Chipboard
- Low-temp hot glue gun
- Self-adhesive chalkboard sheets
- String
- Thin balsa wood

### Instructions:

#### Love Birds Cake Topper

Wooden birds take seconds to make with the Fuse!

1. Run thin balsa wood through the Fuse using the Bird Design Set. Repeat for the second bird. (shown)
2. Glue bamboo skewers to the back of birds.
3. Create a tiny bunting for the birds to carry. I created simple squares with a heart punched at the center. Hot glue string to back of each bird at beak.



### **Chalkboard Labels**

Chalkboard bird labels are not only decorative, they are useful for helping guests keep track of their drink!

1. Run self-adhesive chalkboard sheets through the Fuse using the Bird Design Set.
2. Peel off the backing and apply the label to a mason jar.



### **Tissue Paper Heart**

A large heart in the background is both dramatic and super easy to make!

1. Run assorted tissue paper through the Fuse using the scalloped circle die, which comes with the Starter Set. You can run a large amount of tissue through at once, so this step takes seconds!
2. Staple sets of eight layers of tissue circles together.
3. Crumple each layer toward the center one at a time as shown. Puff layers back out slightly for fullness. (shown)
4. Free-hand cut a large heart from cardboard.
5. Hot glue tissue paper flowers onto heart to cover completely.



### **Chalkboard Frames**

With chalkboards so trendy right now, they are fun to incorporate into party designs! Whenever I try to draw with chalk, it looks like a toddler did it. Thankfully, the Fuse is perfect for cutting out templates using thick materials.

1. Cut a frame with the Fuse using chipboard or thick cardstock and the Frame Design Set.
2. Place the frame template onto the chalkboard and trace with chalk.
3. Free-hand doodle inside the frames. If you don't like the design, smudge it with your finger for a cloudy effect as I did with one of my frames. (shown)
4. Print out 1.5 x 2.5 inch mini photos and tape inside frames.





## Eco-Friendly Party Decor

By: [Smitha Katti](#)

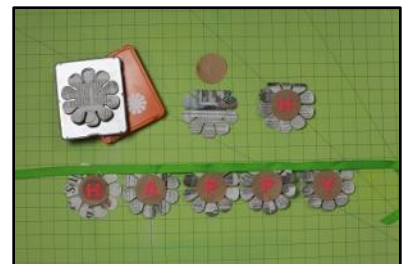
Go green and recycle to create party décor! It is really easy to make beautiful party decorations just using newspaper and the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System®. You can easily create everything in multiples in a short time.

### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Medium Design Set– Flower](#)
- [Large Design Set– Favor Wrap](#)
- [Large Expansion Pack– Favor Wrap](#)
- [Rubber Mat and Cutting Plate \(Large\)](#)
- [Border Design Set Burst](#)
- Alphabet letters
- Brown paper bags
- Ink
- Newspaper
- Ribbon

### Instructions:

1. To make an eco-friendly party banner, place about ten sheets of folded newspaper on the Fuse Flower die as seen, and die cut a shape using the Fuse. (shown)
2. Adhere or staple this die cut newspaper flower bundle onto a ribbon. Add a circle punched from a brown paper bag to the center of the flower. Add letters to spell "Happy Birthday!" (shown)



3. To make the treat boxes, trim a brown paper bag to about 12 by 14 inches. Ink the letterpress plates with dark brown ink, and letterpress and die cut the treat bag using the Fuse. Adhere and form the bags. (shown)



4. Similarly, letterpress and die cut a few flower borders to carry on the flower theme throughout your party. Scatter these borders on the table as décor. (shown)



5. And finally, you have party decorations, and all you needed were newspaper and paper bags. Thanks, Fuse Creativity System®! (shown)



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## Pizza Party Decor

By: [Valerie Salmon](#)

Who doesn't love a pizza party? This party ensemble comes with directions on how to create an invitation, a party favor, and even a fun photo booth prop!

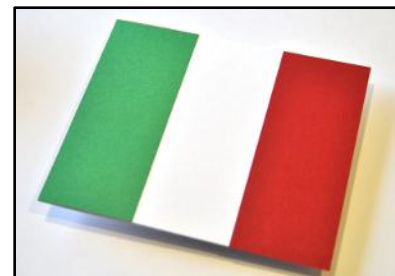
### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Circle](#)
- [Medium Expansion Pack – Circle](#)
- [Large Design Set – Favor Wrap](#)
- [Medium Design Set – Bird](#)
- [Apron Lace Border Punch](#)
- [¼" Circle Hand Punch](#)
- [Paper Trimmer](#)
- [Scissors](#)
- Adhesive – liquid glue, glue gun
- Baker's twine
- Cardstock – red, white, green, buff, black colored
- Felt – black
- Ink – brown
- Patterned paper - green
- Ink – brown
- Split chopsticks

### Instructions:

Let's start by making a card or invitation for your next pizza party! Trim white cardstock to measure 5" x 12". Fold in half to create a side-folded 5" x 6" card.

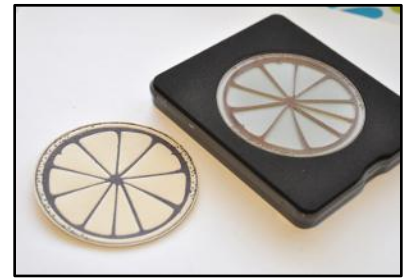
1. Cut a 2" x 5" piece of red cardstock and adhere it to the right edge of the card. Cut a 2" x 5" piece of green cardstock and adhere it to the left edge of the card. (shown)



2. Stamp brown ink over the Circle letterpress plate from the Medium Circle Expansion Pack. (shown)



3. Run the die and the inked letterpress plate through the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System® using a piece of buff-colored cardstock. This is the “pizza” base. (shown)



4. Create “pizza toppings” using a ¼” hole punch with red cardstock for the pepperoni. Use the negative punches of the Apron Lace Border Punch for the green peppers. (shown)



5. Individually attach the “pizza toppings” to the “pizza” using liquid glue with a fine tip applicator. (shown)



6. Separate a “slice” from the pizza by cutting it out, then adhere the pizza and slice to the center of the card. (shown)

7. Wrap baker’s twine along the right fold of the card and tie a bow. Print or stamp a sentiment on a strip of green cardstock. Cut a V-notch on the tip and wrap its left end around the baker’s twine.



Now that you've made your invitation, it's time to make some favors! (shown)

8. Here's how you can create a gift bag to go with your pizza theme. Run a 12" x 12" red cardstock through the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System® using the Large Favor Wrap die.

9. Assemble the favor bag with strong adhesive.

10. Insert a favor of choice inside the bag. Seal the top flap closed. (shown)

11. Wrap a 1 ¼" strip of green patterned paper around the favor bag. (shown)

12. Run two pieces of black felt material through the Fuse using the Bird Design Set. With the two bird shapes facing each other, draw a curved line as shown on each to mark the cutting line to create the mustache shape. (shown)

13. Cut on the lines. The mustache shape is now visible. (shown)

14. Join the two birds using fabric glue and have them slightly overlap. It's a mustache! (shown)

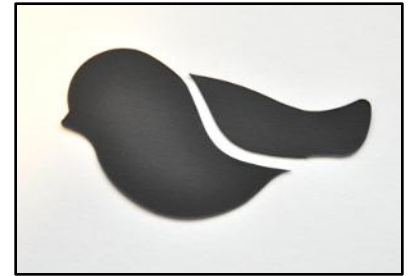
15. Attach the mustache to the favor bag and tie baker's twine around it. Print or stamp a sentiment on a strip of buff cardstock. Cut a v-notch on the tip and wrap its left end around the baker's twine. (shown)



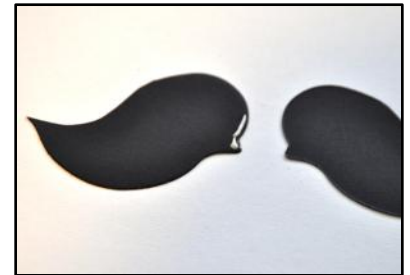
Finally, have some fun with the Fuse using the same techniques with different materials. Make your party even more of a hit by creating props for a fun photo booth!

16. Run two pieces of black cardstock through the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System® using the Bird Design Set.

17. Just like you did for the felt Bird die cuts on your favor bag, draw a curved line on each bird shape to make the cutting line and cut as shown to create the mustache shape. (shown)



18. Face the two shapes together and apply liquid glue. (shown)



19. Join the two birds using liquid glue and have them slightly overlap to create a fun mustache prop! (shown)



20. Hot glue a chopstick to the back of the mustache. (shown)



21. Tie a bow around the chopstick with baker's twine.







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## Home Décor



### Butterfly Mobile

By: [Lisa Storms](#)

Wax paper is the secret to creating these beautiful faux shell butterflies. The Fiskars Fuse Creativity System® makes these come together very quickly and easily. The results are stunning, and you would never guess these began as a kitchen staple.

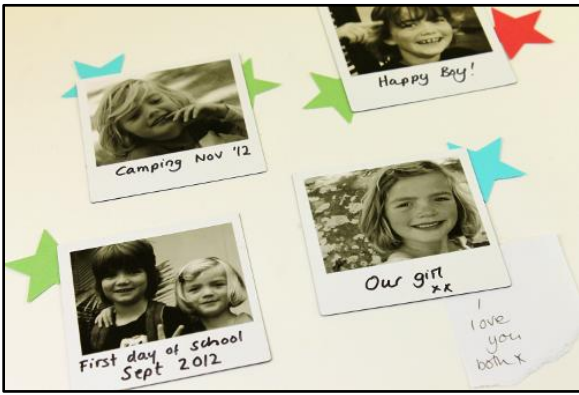
#### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Medium Design Set– Butterfly](#)
- [Micro-Tip Scissors \(No. 5\)](#)
- Embroidery Hoop
- Fabric
- Ribbon
- Thread
- Wax paper

#### Instructions:

1. Run four layers of wax paper through the Fuse using the Butterfly Design Set. I like to fold a piece in half twice to quickly get four layers. The wax paper layers fuse together without any adhesive. Create as many butterflies as you would like for your mobile. (shown)
2. Tie two or three (or more) butterflies onto a cut of thread by tying the thread at their neck. Continue until you have seven or more strands of butterflies.
3. Tie each string of butterflies evenly spaced along the inside ring of an embroidery hoop. (shown)
4. Tie four ribbons evenly spaced along the hoop and tie into a knot for hanging.
5. To finish off the mobile, tear or cut strips of fabric and wrap around the hoop. This will cover up all of your thread and ribbon knots as well as add a pop of gorgeous color. (shown)





## Polaroid Magnets

By: [Emma Jeffery](#)

Using the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System®, you can easily cut magnetic sheets found at your local craft store. These old-school Polaroid magnets bring a little retro style to your refrigerator or other kitchen appliances!

### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Medium Design Set– Square](#)
- [ProCision™ Rotary Bypass Trimmer \(12"\)](#)
- Adhesive
- Magnetic sheets
- Photos

### Instructions:

1. First, use the Square Design Set to cut shapes from your magnetic sheets. (shown)
2. Next, take some of your favorite photos and trim them to 3.25" by 2.5". (shown)
3. Using a permanent glue stick or tape runner, adhere the photos to the magnetic squares. (shown)
4. In the typical 'polaroid' style, you will have space at the bottom of the magnet to write a little note about the photo. Use a permanent marker or even a dry erase pen if you'd like to switch up the messages now and again. (shown)
5. That's it! They're all ready to decorate your fridge.





## Faux Mosaic Tile Frame

By: [Lisa Storms](#)



One of my favorite materials to use with the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System® is craft foam. I love how the textured foam looks when it's debossed or letterepressed. Here, I took advantage of that texture to create any easy mosaic frame.

### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Large Expansion Pack– Pillowbox](#)
- [Medium Design Set– Circle](#)
- [Medium Expansion Pack - Medium Scalloped Square](#)
- [Medium Expansion Pack– Mirror](#)
- [Micro-Tip Scissors \(No. 5\)](#)
- Assorted craft foam
- Flat toothpick
- Flat-faced frame
- Foam brush
- Mod Podge
- Modeling paste

### Instructions:

1. Run assorted craft foam pieces through the Fuse machine, using assorted Fuse letterpress plates and a medium base plate instead of a die. (shown)
2. Apply two coats of Mod Podge to the debossed foam and allow it to dry fully. (shown)
3. Cut foam into random, small shapes. (shown)





4. Spread modeling paste onto one side of your frame front and press the foam shapes into the paste. Press gently with even pressure, making sure to not let the modeling paste ooze up higher than foam. (shown)
5. Continue with each of the other three sides until filled. Frost the sides of the frame as well.
6. Allow the frame to partially dry for a half hour. Before the paste fully sets, press a flat toothpick between foam pieces to level the paste. Allow it to dry fully and enjoy! (shown)



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## Chalkboard Calendar

By: [Kendra McCracken](#)



When trying to mesh all the schedules of a family, a wall calendar in a central location in your house is a great way to encourage everyone in the family to help keep things more organized. When you make it a fun chalkboard calendar, you're even more likely to have some help!

### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Square](#)
- [Round 'n Round Squeeze Punch \(Extra-Large\)](#)
- [Circle Lever Punch \(XX-Large\)](#)
- [Baby Clear Stamps](#)
- [Stamp Block Set](#)
- [Make a Wish Clear Stamps](#)
- [Birthday Bash Clear Stamps](#)
- [Teresa Collins Recipe Simple Stick™ Stamps](#)
- Beadboard paneling
- Chalk or chalk pen
- Chalkboard paint
- File
- Primer
- Strong permanent adhesive
- Wide foam brush
- Wood veneer - Creative Imaginations (four 12" x 12" sheets to create a total of 36 tiles)

### Instructions:

1. This is a really easy project to make using the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System®! I used thick wood veneer paper made by Creative Imaginations, and it was easily cut by the Fuse with no chipping, splitting, or splintering. (shown)
2. Next, the wood tiles need to be primed. (shown)
3. After priming, the tiles are painted with two coats of chalkboard paint. I found that brushing them with a foam brush gave them a smoother finish than rolling them with a foam roller. (shown)



4. The base of the calendar is made from a section cut from a sheet of beadboard paneling. The edges can get chipped when being cut, but some passes over them with a file will smooth them out and give them a more naturally worn look. (shown)



5. When the paint on the wood tiles is dry and the board edges have been smoothed out, the tiles can be adhered to the board using a strong permanent adhesive. I used wood glue to adhere my tiles. The grooves in the paneling are a great help in lining up the tiles vertically. Take care to check the edges and corners frequently as they are drying to assure they adhere to the board, as the veneer has a tendency to curl. (shown)



6. The days of the week can be made by layering punched shapes and adhering large letter stickers or chipboard letters to the center.
7. And finally, here's a fun trick to try when your new calendar is ready to use: color the surface of a stamp with a chalk pen and stamp the tiles. It will give you the look of hand drawn images and beautifully hand-written sentiments!

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## White Bloom Wreath

By: [Kim Garner](#)



This beautiful wreath looks like it took hours to create. Yet it is easy to produce many of the layered pieces with just one pass through the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System®!

### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Medium Design Set- Circle](#)
- [Medium Design Set- Flower](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Bird](#)
- Buttons – Melissa Frances/Vintage
- Canvas – Prima
- Hot glue gun
- Kraft wrapping paper
- Pins – Maya Road
- Ribbon – Maya Road
- Stapler
- Styrofoam wreath form
- Vintage dictionary paper
- White tissue paper

### Instructions:

To create each layer of the flowers, you will need to die cut each layer with the Fuse.

1<sup>st</sup> Layer: Kraft Wrapping Paper folded into an accordion fold and then passed through the Fuse machine with the Circle Design Set. You will need one circle for each fancy flower. This is the base of the flower. In total, you will need eight circles.

2<sup>nd</sup> Layer: You will need eight doilies for this layer. No cutting necessary!

3<sup>rd</sup> Layer: Kraft Wrapping Paper folded into an accordion fold and passed through the Fuse machine with the Flower Design Set. You will need anywhere from 8-16 flowers, depending on how you prefer to layer them.

4<sup>th</sup> Layer: 5-10 sheets of vintage dictionary paper passed through the Fuse machine with the Flower Design Set. You will need four flower pieces for each fancy flower, which is around 32 flower pieces in total.

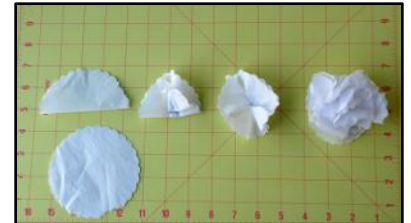
5<sup>th</sup> Layer: 10-20 sheets of white tissue paper passed through the Fuse machine with the Scalloped Circle Design Set. You will need eight circles for each flower center, which is approximately 56 tissue paper scalloped circles.

Leaves: Printed Canvas passed through the Fuse machine using the Bird Design Set. You only have to cover the wing portion of the design set with your canvas. This is used as a leaf on the flowers.



Before assembling the fancy flowers, the tissue paper flower centers need to be created. (shown)

1. Flower Center Assembly: Take two scalloped circles and fold them in half. Gather the fold and staple the very end point. Flatten out the circles. This will be the base of the flower center.
2. With each of the other six scalloped circles, fold them in half, then gather and staple the gathered fold. (shown)
3. Using the hot glue gun, place glue in the base of flower center. Add each of the six pieces to the glue dot. Arrange the tissue paper pieces. The flower centers will have the look of a carnation flower.
4. Layering the fancy flowers will be easy now that we have all the pieces ready for assembly. Using the glue gun, start with the Kraft Wrapping Paper circle as your base. Glue the doily to the circle a little off centered. They do not need to be right on top of one another.
5. Place a Kraft Wrapping Paper flower and four dictionary paper flowers on top of each other. Gather and twist the bottom of the flowers and staple on the gathered paper. Flatten out and glue the flowers to the circle and doily.
6. Add the tissue paper flower centers with glue, and on some of the fancy flower centers, add vintage buttons.
7. Fold the leaves to give each a little dimension. Glue two leaves to each fancy flower. Add pins and or buttons as an embellishment.
8. Wrap the Styrofoam wreath base with ribbon. (shown)
9. Arrange each of the fancy flowers on the wreath base. There should be 7-8 fancy layered flowers. (shown)
10. Add a double bow in the place of the flower center on one of the fancy flowers. Glue the fancy flowers to the wreath base. (shown)



## Gift Wrap and Tags

### Flower Bouquet Gift Topper

By: [Tania Willis](#)



Every now and again you need that wrapped gift to have a little extra 'WOW' factor, and this gift packaging idea will give exactly that! It makes for the perfect Mother's Day, bridal shower or even wedding gift wrap that can be customized to the bride and groom's color scheme.

#### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Mini Design Set - Flower](#)
- [Mini Expansion Pack - Flower](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Bird](#)
- [Medium Expansion Pack - Bird](#)
- [Border Design Set - Burst](#)
- [1/8" Circle Hand Punch](#)
- [Cuts+More™ Scissors](#)
- Adhesive-Mini Glue Dots®
- Buttons
- Cardstock - Bazzill Basics Paper
- Green ribbon
- Ink – Tsukineko StazOn
- Large paper doily
- Low-temp hot glue gun
- Low-temp hot glue gun sticks
- Solid wrapping paper
- Thread-wrapped floral wire

#### Instructions:

1. Use the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System® to die cut, die cut and emboss, and die cut and letterpress several flowers using a variety of cardstock colors with the Medium Design Set – Flower. Do the same with green cardstock and the Medium Design Set – Bird to create leaves for your floral bouquet. (shown)



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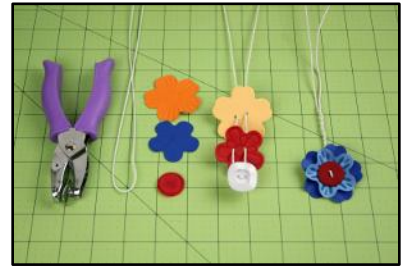


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2. Fold your floral wire in half. Layer two of your die cut flowers on top of one another and use your Fiskars 1/8" Circle Hand Punch to punch two holes 1/4" apart in the center of your layered flowers. Thread the wire through a single button or stack of buttons, then down through the flowers. Twist the wire tightly on the underside of the flower and continue twisting to the ends of the wire. (shown)



3. Once you have a good amount assembled, group them together into two separate piles, making sure you have a good mix of colors in each group. (shown)



4. The size of your gift packaging will determine how long you'll want to leave the twisted wire stems. Regardless, the process is the same. Tightly wrap each bundle with a 12" length of clear tape, and then use your Fiskars Cuts+More Scissors to cut the stems down just below the tape. (shown)



5. Use the Border Design Set – Burst to create a paper ribbon to wrap around your gift wrap. (shown)



6. You can create any length you need by overlapping the flowers at each end and adhering them together. Adhere the bouquet to the center of your wrapped gift using clear tape. Adhere a large doily over the center of your paper ribbon. (shown)



7. Crease your green leaves in half to give them some dimension. Create some larger leaves by cutting around the negative space left behind from die cutting them. (shown)



8. Adhere the two bundles of paper flowers to the center of the doily using a low-temperature hot glue gun. Manipulate the floral wire until your two bunches of flowers resemble a nice, full bouquet. (shown)
9. Lastly, add your leaves using Glue Dots®. Hot glue small loops of green ribbon as filler wherever needed.



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## Mini Leather Pouches

By: [Emma Jeffery](#)



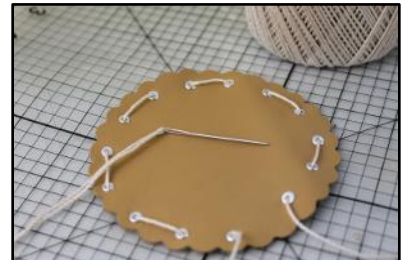
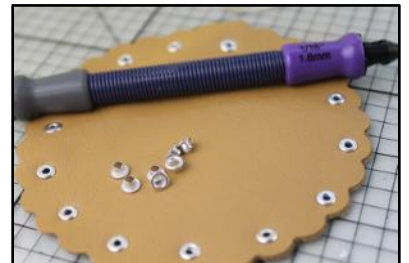
Miniature leather sacks are extremely useful for gifting or even storing small items such as necklaces, earrings or rings. They can even help the tooth fairy with delivering a golden coin or two, in exchange for a pearly white. The best part about them? You can easily make your own with the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System®.

### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Three-piece Eyelet Setter Set](#)
- Beads to decorate the thread
- Cotton thread or twine
- Eyelets
- Leather scraps

### Instructions:

1. Use the Scalloped Circle Design Set and cut the shape from leather scraps. (shown)
2. Use your eyelet setter to punch small, evenly spaced holes around the outside of the leather shape. (shown)
3. Next, set eyelets into the holes. This step is optional but it does create a lovely finish.
4. Thread cotton thread or twine through the holes, leaving the two ends long enough to thread on some beads. (shown)



5. Threading beads onto the ends of the twine will make the pouch easier to close and will prevent knotting. (shown)



6. To close your pouches, simply pull on the drawstring and push the beads up the string. Wrap the excess ends around the top of the pouch and tuck them under the drawstring to secure. (shown)



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## Embellishing Kraft Wrappings

By: [Kendra McCracken](#)



Sometimes the impact of using simple, inexpensive materials for gift wrapping can make just as big of an impact as using more expensive materials. These projects each use a base made from kraft paper in some form.

### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Bird](#)
- [Mini Design Set - Keeping Tabs](#)
- [Mini Expansion Pac - Keeping Tabs](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Mirror](#)
- [Scalloped Circle Lever Punch \(X-Large\)](#)
- [Threading Water Border Punch](#)
- Adhesive
- Glitter
- Ink
- Kraft-based wrappings
- Patterned paper
- Trims

### Instructions:

1. Using a paper bag and a few Fiskars Fuse Design Sets, you can have a sweetly wrapped gift in around 10 minutes. Begin by using a Fiskars border punch along the top edge of a paper lunch sack. (shown)
2. Next, use the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System® with the Bird Design Set to create a die cut. I cut mine from an old wool sweater. (shown)
3. To create a bird's nest, die cut a scalloped circle and fold in in half. Fold the top of the bag over to the desired length and sew the nest to the flap. Tack the flap down with adhesive, and slip the bird die cut into the nest. Die cut and letterpress a gift tag using the Keeping Tabs Mini Design Set. (shown)



4. A kraft box can be turned into a beautifully wrapped gift with a little glitter and a pretty satin bow. To create the gift tag, die cut a piece of chipboard using the Mirror Design Set. Brush a liquid adhesive onto the surface and coat it with glitter. (shown)



5. When dry, attach the sparkly die cut to the box, along with a variety of other trims, such as burlap, sequin trim, a satin bow, and paper flowers.

6. The last gift wrapping is the most inexpensive and is great for a pretty presentation of party favors. Simply die cut two shapes (using the Scalloped Square Design Set here) from kraft wrapping paper, letterpressing one of them. Machine stitch the two pieces together, leaving a small opening. (shown)



7. Insert small party favors into this opening, taking care not to overfill the packet. Stitch the opening closed. Attach a length of pretty crochet trim to the packet and top it with a punched shape, a burlap flower, and a small wooden bird. (shown)



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## Shrinky Dink Tags

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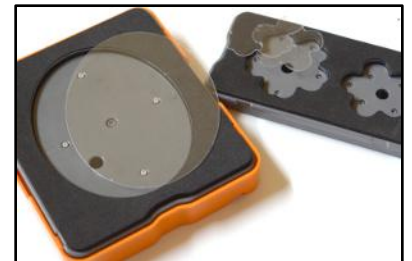
The Fiskars Fuse Creativity System® cuts cleanly through shrink plastic, making it so easy to create adorable tags and package toppers to trim gift boxes and bags. They're delightful to make, and the recipient of your gift will be delighted to receive one!

### Materials:

- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Circle](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Bird](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Tag](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Oval](#)
- [Stamp Block Set](#)
- [Teresa Collins Doily Banner Simple Stick™ Stamps](#)
- [Teresa Collins Sentiments Simple Stick™ Stamps](#)
- [Teresa Collins Thank You Simple Stick™ Stamps](#)
- [Teresa Collins Paris Simple Stick™ Stamps](#)
- [1/4" Circle Hand Punch](#)
- Adhesive - foam dots, Glue Dots®
- Baker's twine
- Cardstock
- Ink pads
- Shrink art film

### Instructions:

1. Start by pre-heating your oven to 300 – 350 degrees (or whatever temperature is suggested in the instructions on your shrink plastic package).
2. Select a few of your favorite steel-rule Fuse dies to cut shapes for your tags and toppers. Some of the less-detailed photo-etched Fuse dies will work too, but most will just emboss the shrink plastic and not cut all way through, so it's best to stick with your steel-rule dies for this project. (shown)
3. Sandwich a piece of shrink plastic between each die and cutting plate, and run it through the Fuse machine to punch out the shapes. Insert something soft, like a Q-Tip or a pencil eraser into the hole on the backside of the die to pop the plastic out of the die.
4. When baking your shrink plastic, there are always a few that don't turn out perfectly, so cut out a few more pieces than you think you might use.
5. Use your Simple Stick stamps with quick drying inks, designed for stamping on smooth surfaces, to stamp layers of images, text, and patterns on your cut shapes. Stamp the lighter colors first and darker colors last. Press stamps gently – too much pressure can cause the stamps to slide and smear. (shown)



6. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper and place your shapes ink-side up on the paper. Carefully read the baking instructions on the shrink plastic packaging, and bake your stamped plastic according to these instructions. (shown)



7. Once they're done baking, let them cool before handling. The finished pieces will be about 1/8<sup>th</sup> of their original size. (shown)



8. With your Fuse machine and dies, cut a few basic shapes from card stock to use as a base for your tags and toppers. (shown)



9. Use extra-strong glue dots to attach your shrink art to the paper tags. Trim your tags with washi tape and embellishments, and add a few more stamps. Punch a hole in the tags and tie on some baker's twine. (shown)



10. You can also attach the toppers to the package using adhesive foam dots. (shown)



11. The possibilities are endless with this project – you can personalize these tags and toppers to make them for any gift-giving occasion. The recipient will be thrilled to receive a package trimmed with a charming, miniature piece of art! It's a great project for children too – just make sure the adults are in charge of the oven! (shown)



## Layered Pillow Boxes

By: [Kendra McCracken](#)



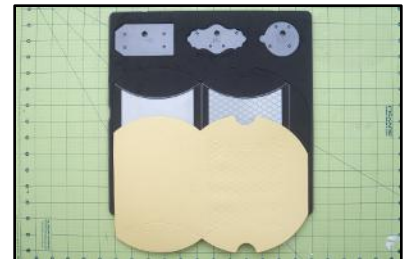
The large design sets for the Fiskars Fuse Creativity System® come with two different letterpress plates. This gives you the opportunity to create a nice variety of looks with a single die! The Pillowbox Design Set was used for these projects. In addition to changing out the letterpress plates for each one, I was able to create even more personalized gift wrap by layering papers and embellishments to match my chosen theme.

### Materials:

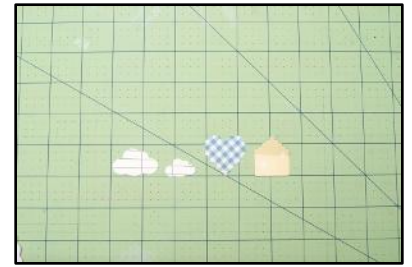
- [Fuse Creativity System® Starter Set](#)
- [Large Design Set - Pillowbox](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Tag](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Stamp](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Frame](#)
- [Medium Design Set - Butterfly](#)
- [My Funny Valentine Squeeze Punch \(Large\)](#)
- [Round 'n Round Squeeze Punch \(Large\)](#)
- [Cloud Squeeze Punch \(Medium\)](#)
- [Star Lever Punch \(X-Large\)](#)
- [Butterfly Pop-Up Punch](#)
- Cardstock
- Embellishments
- Ink
- Patterned paper - Echo Park
- Stickers - Echo Park

### Instructions:

1. For the first pillowbox, I chose to use a heavy patterned paper with no letterpress plates while creating the box. I did use a letterpress plate for the tag.
2. To begin my layering, I created die cuts using the Tag and the Scalloped Circle Design Sets. (shown)
3. The die cuts were layered with a small paper doily and a small shipping tag. (shown)



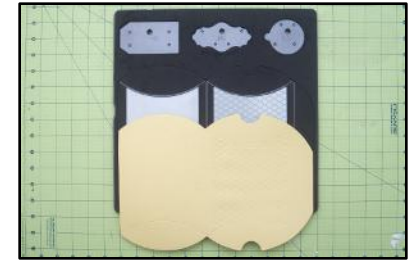
4. Small punched shapes were then added to the box. (shown)



5. Stickers and a Maya Road wooden rabbit were used to finish off my girl-themed gift wrapping. (shown)



6. To create boy-themed gift wrap, I started with the same pillowbox die, but added one of the letterpress plates. (shown)



7. Using the Stamp Design Set and a few punches, I was able to create a masculine look with my layering. (shown)



8. And finally, again starting with the pillowbox die cut as my base, I used die cuts made with the Frame and Butterfly Design Sets to create a pretty, more feminine gift wrapping for women. (shown)



9. As you can see, the Pillowbox Design Set is a very versatile set that allows you to create beautiful, one-of-a-kind gift wrappings for anyone! (shown)







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