

Die-cut designs

If you've not yet considered producing shapes other than by punches, take a look at the possibilities with a Sizzix die-cutting machine.

Ellison hand-operated die-cutting machines have been around since the 1970s and the Sizzix is a smaller, consumer version launched by the California-based manufacturer in 2001. Backed by hundreds of die shapes, including alphabets, frames and envelope formats, it has gained rapid popularity among card makers and scrapbookers.

The Sizzix will cut through a wide variety of materials such as paper, fabric and rubber. Dies are available in three sizes and as your collection grows there are customised storage systems available.

The Ellison design team came up with these four card samples as a taste of Sizzix potential.

Balloons card

GET READY...

- Sizzix Personal Die-Cutting System
- Die-cuts: Window Balloons, Envelope A6, Envelope A6 Liner
- Plain paper
- Patterned paper
- Double-sided tape
- Black embroidery thread



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1 Die-cut Window Balloons Card from double-sided white and red patterned paper. Fold on crease line so the patterned paper is on the outside.

2 Attach a black mat inside the card for a written greeting.

3 Die-cut front of card from white and several bright co-ordinating colours. Cut out the balloons with scissors using the crease marks as a guide. Add a different colour to each balloon. Attach embroidery thread to the balloon stems.

4 Die-cut A6 envelope and liner out of co-ordinating colours. Fold on crease lines, fasten bottom flap of envelope and attach liner inside with double-sided tape.

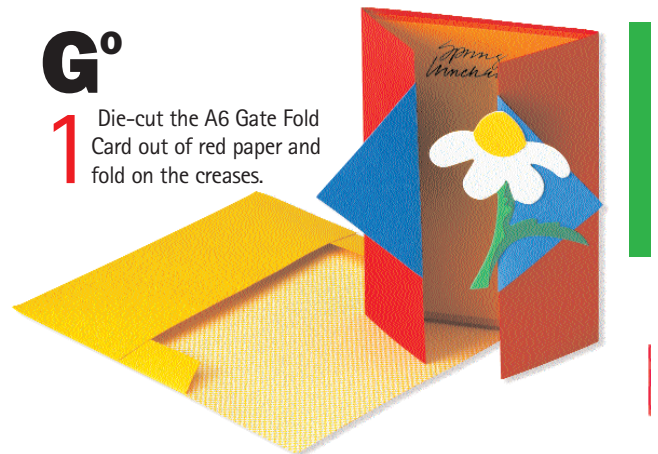
Daisy card

GET READY...

- Die-cuts: Gate Fold A6, Square, Daisy No.2, Envelope A6, Envelope A6 Liner
- Plain paper
- Patterned paper
- Double-sided tape
- Black pen

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1 Die-cut the A6 Gate Fold Card out of red paper and fold on the creases.



2 Die-cut two 3in squares and fold diagonally.

3 Open up and drape each square over each side of the card. Fasten the inside half of the square to the card and let the outside half hang free. Attach a double mat inside for a written message.

4 Die-cut Daisy No.2 and embellish as desired. Fasten completed daisy to the right half of the card with double-sided tape.

5 Produce envelope and liner as in first project.

Diaper card

GET READY...

- Die-Cuts: Diaper Folded, Envelope A2, Envelope A2 Liner
- Plain paper
- Patterned paper
- Bear punch
- Double-sided tape

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Sizzix machines and die cuts are available from SLP Partners Ltd (Tel: 01691 774778).



1 Die-cut the Diaper card and fold on crease. Mat inside of card with patterned paper.

2 Die-cut the front flap of the diaper from yellow paper. Fold card inward on the creases and attach yellow front flap onto closed card.

3 Embellish diaper pin as shown, using a craft punch to create the bear. Add detail to the bear's face with a pen.

4 Produce envelope and liner as before.

Thanks card

GET READY...

- Die-cuts: Accordion Thanks, Envelope A2, Envelope A2 Liner
- Plain paper
- Small, coloured heart peel-offs
- Double-sided tape



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1 Die-cut the Accordion Thanks Card out of several bright co-ordinating colours. Cut out the individual letters with seissors using the crease marks as a guide. Add a different colour to each letter.

2 Embellish with tiny heart stickers.

3 Produce envelope and liner as before.

