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There are so many projects you can create with a ScanNCut machine, and the only limit is your imagination! One of my favorite things to do is to look through the basic shapes and resize and match them with other shapes to create objects and designs that are unique. Thanks to the ScanNCut's capability to size, resize, and weld designs together, I don't even need to access a computer! Everything can be done directly from the screen. Today, I will be sharing the "how to" for three different photo booth props.

When creating décor (either for home or a party), I recommend taking a ruler and deciding on measurements for both the finished sizes as well as sizes of individual elements that will work well for you. Consider making some sketches also, as these notes can be valuable when deciding how large (or small) to make pieces for your props. Sketching out ideas can also show you inspiration for what basic shapes will work well with your specific idea and design.

MATERIALS:

ScanNCut Machine; Deep Cut Blade; Cardstock; Glitter; Glue; Hot Glue; Felt, Buttons and Embellishments (as desired); Popsicle Sticks; 12" Wooden Sticks (preferably rounded); Acrylic Paint; Paint Brushes

project 1: Let's begin with the easiest of projects, the Shamrock. This project simply requires two sets (of four) hearts, a button, and some hot glue!
the shamrock

step 1. Choose the basic heart, and select two of them - sized at 3".



step 2. In the “Edit” screen, select one of the hearts and resize it to 1 1/2”, and then increase the quantity to four. Repeat with the second heart, once again increasing the quantity to four. Press “OK”.



step 3. Insert your mat into the machine, along with one piece of green paper and one piece of white paper on the mat. Scan the mat so that you can see where the papers are, and rearrange the hearts on the screen to work so that the four larger hearts are on the green paper, with the four smaller hearts on the white paper. Cut out the hearts.

step 4. Assemble the hearts onto the sticks using the hot glue. Finish by adding a button to the center. This will add stability as well as covering the point where the hearts meet.



Tip: The flat small stick perpendicular to the longer rounded stick will act to stabilize your props, and is worth using. It adds the needed strength to the project without a lot of weight and makes a big difference!

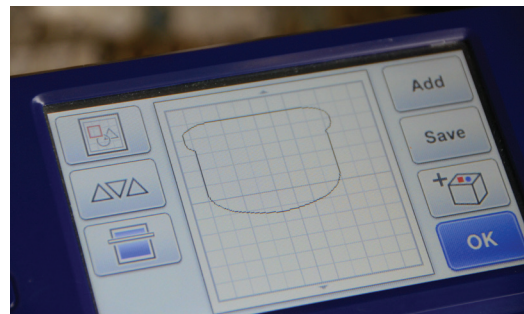
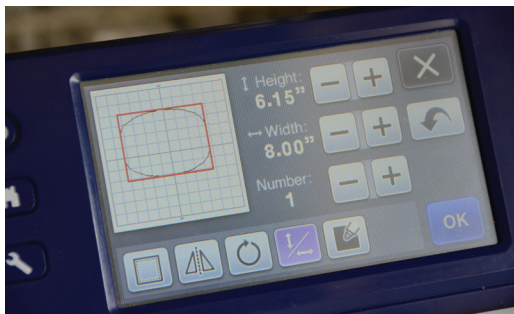
project 2: For this project, you'll want to use your imagination and basic shapes to weld together the pot itself, and then cut basic circles for your gold.
pot of gold

step 1. Open a rounded oval of your choosing, and then rotate 90 degrees and resize as desired to create the “pot” of the pot of gold.

step 1. *Tip:* Click the button with the two arrows in the “Editing and Resizing” screen to just adjust the height or width independently. This adds a lot of flexibility and customization to all the shapes (especially the basics!).
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step 2. Open a second oval shape with rounded corners and center it over the top (slightly overlapping the larger one). Resize until the desired look is achieved. Then select both patterns and weld them together.

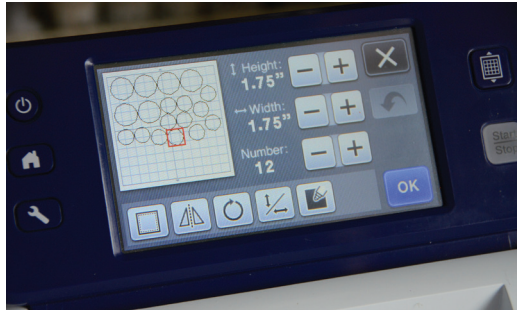


Tip: You can preview your welded design before selecting “OK”, so be sure you’re really happy with it first!

step 3. Using the Deep Cut Blade, cut out the black felt or other material for your pot. (My finished pot is approximately 8" x 8".)



step 4. Insert white cardstock and cut a variety of sizes of circles using the Standard Blade and Standard Mat. Then paint them with gold acrylic paint, glitter them, or otherwise decorate the “coins” for the pot of gold.



***Tip:** By painting and decorating afterward, I'm able to create gold coins from a basic supply as well as have an easier material to cut and work with, and keep my photo prop light.*

step 5. Cut a slit in the felt pot (if desired), and then layer and adhere coins using hot glue to create the desired layered effects. Add buttons, sequins, or beads as well if more texture is desired.

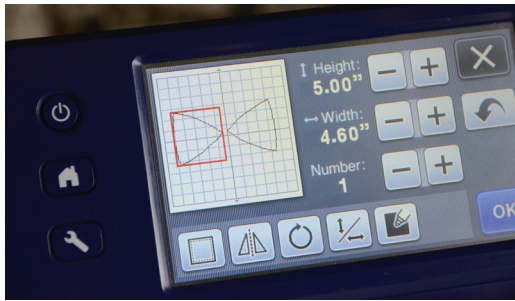


step 6. Add the flat stick across the center, and then add the rounded “holder” stick to complete this project.



project 3: This is my favorite of the projects, and I love that it was also created using more of those great basic shapes within the ScanNCut!
bow tie

step 1. Select two of a rounded triangle design, and arrange them using the “Edit” screen to be turned 90 degrees each in the opposite direction so that the points are facing each other. Place to the top or bottom edge and align so the points meet.



Tip: Try a few different sizes for this. (I cut a 4" and 5" wide design for this and ended up using both layered together. My square centers are 2" and 2 1/2" wide.)

step 2. Select a square. (I selected a rounded edged one.) Design and create two of the squares, at approximately half the width size of your triangle. Take one and place it over the center. Select and weld the three designs together so that you have your bow tie. Place the second square design off to the side and cut out from white cardstock.

step 3. Color all the elements as desired with paint, ink, or other color mediums. Then layer together as desired to create your bow tie.



step 4. Using a flat stick across the tie, hot glue it into place. Then add the rounded (holder) stick to complete.

