

LESSON TWO

LET'S START CUTTING

TOOLS & MATERIALS FOR THIS LESSON

SCISSORS & TOOLS

- CUTTING MACHINE *(optional)*
- CRAFT SCISSORS
- DETAIL SCISSORS
- MINI CLIPS
- BRAYER

GLUE & TAPE

- WASHI TAPE

CREPE PAPER

- DOUBLE-SIDED – *Ferns+Moss and Green Tea+Cypress*
- EXTRE-FINE CREPE PAPER – *Juniper, Espresso, and Poppy*

CARDSTOCK PAPER

- NATURE GREEN PACK – *Sour Apple, Gumdrops Green, and Jellybean Green*

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LAYERING PAPER FOR CUTTING

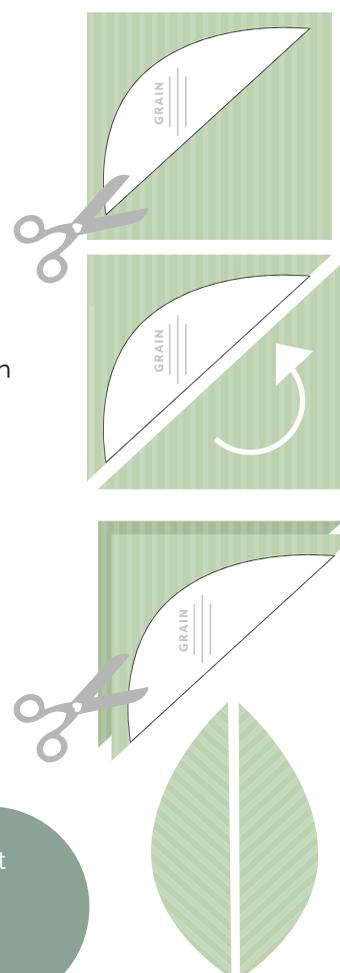
When cutting by hand, you can maximize efficiency by cutting multiple layers of paper. Then, use the mini clips to hold the layers and your template in place while you cut the shapes. Of course, I recommend using sharp craft or detail scissors.

MAXIMUM LAYERS FOR HAND CUTTING PAPER		
EXTRA - FINE	DOUBLE - SIDED	CARDSTOCK
6 LAYERS	4 LAYERS	2 LAYERS

ANGLE CUTS

Cutting a leaf at an angle on the crepe, then gluing centers together over a wire spine, is an excellent method of using the pattern of the grain and the shape of the angle to create beautiful, realistic leaves. Here are my simple steps to cutting V shaped leaves.

1. Place your template on the crepe paper, matching the grain line mark with the grain line of the crepe
2. Trim the paper to be large enough for a second leaf in the negative space and clip your template onto the crepe
3. Cut along the angled straight line of the template
4. Rotate the loose piece of crepe to align with the angle of the first, matching grain lines
5. Clip into place and complete cut of two layers



TIPS

If you are cutting double-sided crepe paper, cut a matching set starting with the other side/color facing up. You will then have two matching sets.

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USING THE CUTTING MACHINE

Cutting machines are excellent for crepe paper and cardstock, but you must have a machine that holds a rotary blade for crepe paper. A fine point blade will only ruin the crepe paper since it will drag to cut, stretching the crepe and pulling it off the mat, whereas a rotary blade rolls over the crepe and presses down to cut. The fine point blade however is great for cutting cardstock.

UPLOAD SVG FILES TO CRICUT:

1. Download the file to computer
2. Double-click to unzip the file
3. From machine software, upload the unzipped file
4. Read over the designer notes then hide notes layer
5. Press the make it button to view each mat
6. Increase the number of project copies if needed
7. Arrange leaves to maximize mat (do not rotate any templates)
8. Hide any excess pieces that you do not want to cut
9. Click to proceed to cut settings

CRICUT CUT SETTINGS

EXTRA-FINE CREPE PAPER	
SETTING	PRESSURE
CREPE PAPER	DEFAULT

DOUBLE-SIDED CREPE PAPER	
SETTING	PRESSURE
COTTON	DEFAULT

CARDSTOCK PAPER	
SETTING	PRESSURE
HEAVY CARDSTOCK	MORE

NOTE: These settings may vary. We recommend you test cut a small area before cutting a full mat of paper

CUTTING MAT TIPS

CREPE PAPER

1. Use a clean standard grip mat and **rotary blade**.
2. Place the crepe paper onto the mat with the grain vertically.
3. Use a brayer to press the paper securely onto the mat.
4. For additional support, tape the edges of the crepe to the mat to keep any edges from catching on the machine.

CARDSTOCK

1. Use a clean standard grip mat and **fine point blade**.
2. Place the cardstock centered on the mat.
3. Use a brayer to press the paper securely onto the mat.