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# DIE CUTTING

quick guide



## WHAT IS IT?

A **DIE CUTTER** is a tool for cutting and embossing paper using thin metal blades called **DIES**.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Like cookie cutters for paper!

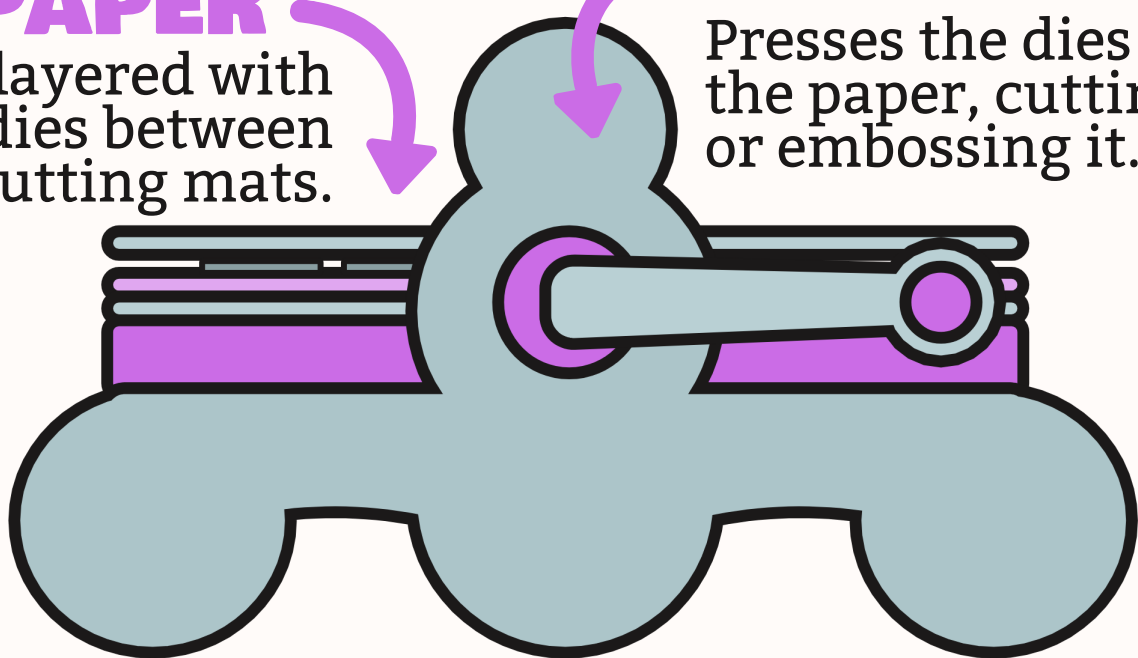
Take a look:

### PAPER

is layered with dies between cutting mats.

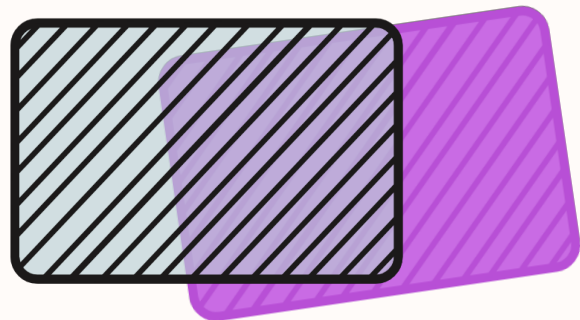
### A CRANK

Presses the dies into the paper, cutting or embossing it.



### DIES & EMBOSSING SHEETS

cut or emboss the paper into a variety of shapes.



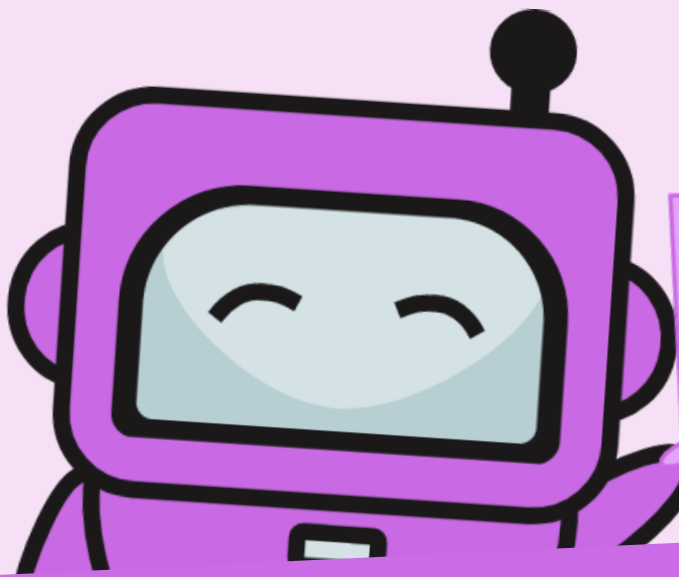
## HOW DO I USE IT?

You'll be able to use our die cutter in the library! Stay tuned for updates at

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recommended  
resources



## ONLINE

### **Creativebug**

The Library offers Brookline residents free access to Creativebug: an art class streaming service that includes step-by-step papercrafting and cardmaking tutorials perfect for die cutting inspiration.

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### **Sizzix Inspiration Blog**

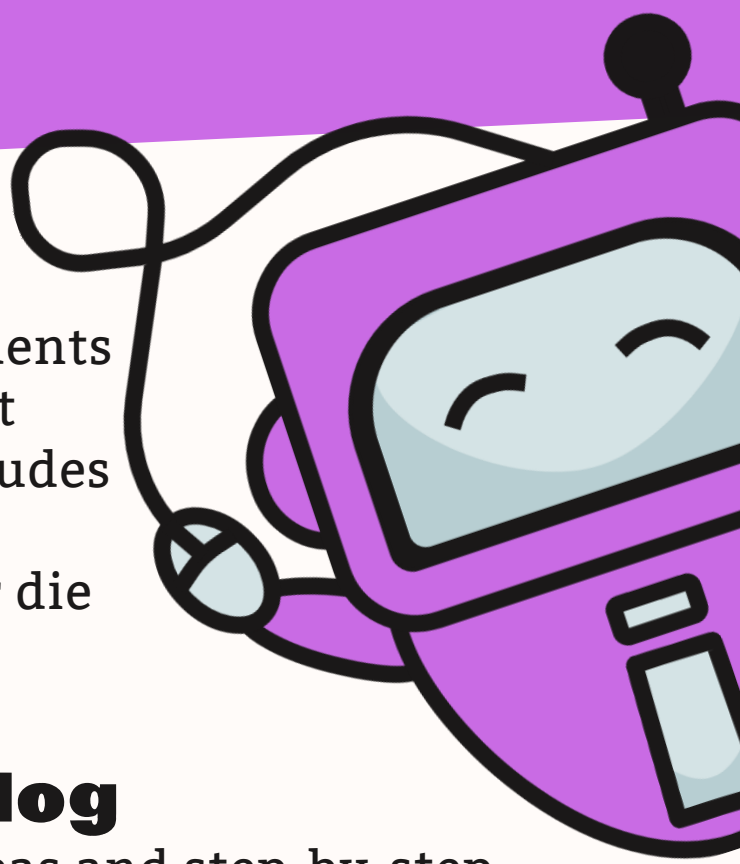
The official Sizzix blog offers ideas and step-by-step instructions for all kinds of creative die cutting projects!

[sizzix.com/blog](http://sizzix.com/blog)

### **Sizzix Youtube**

As well as a huge number of user-made die cutting tutorials, YouTube is home to the official Sizzix YouTube Channel, full of step-by-step tutorial videos for specific projects that can be made using Sizzix die cutters.

[brklib.com/sizzixyoutube](http://brklib.com/sizzixyoutube)



## ON SHELVES



### **745-746**

While you might not find books specifically about die cutting machines on our shelves, this range of the Dewey Decimal system is full of books about paper crafts and paper-cutting projects that can serve as inspiration for your die cutting projects!

### **PERIODICALS**

The Public Library of Brookline subscribes to a number of magazines that include project ideas that would translate well to a die cutter. **Make:** and **Good Housekeeping** are two of our favorites. Take a look and see what inspires you!