



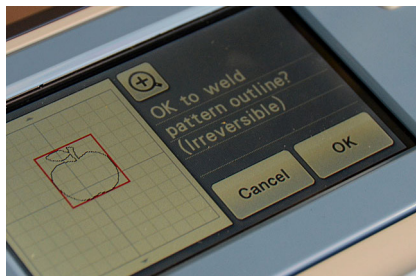
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When it comes to back to school time, organization is serious business around here! Of course there is also room for crafty fun, and for making a creative project - like a custom chalkboard.

MATERIALS:

ScanNCut machine; wood veneer paper; cardstock; buttons; beads; gold and black ink or paint; liquid adhesive; glossy sealant; foam adhesive; watercolors; mini chalkboard

- step 1.** Select the 'Apple' design from the ScanNCut and weld the pieces together. Then select the 'Back to School' design, and cut out the numeral '2' - all from the wood veneer paper.



- step 2.** Once they have been cut out, view pieces together and determine how you would like to assemble them.



- step 3.** Color the 'Apple' (and other pieces if desired) with sheer color such as watercolor. This will stain the wood and give it a nice finish. Allow to dry.



Tip: If the apple does not seem stable enough, simply cut a circle from thick cardstock from the ScanNCut and back your apple with it. Trim off any excess that shows along a side.

- step 4.** Coat the 'Apple' and the '2' in sealant, and glue together. Then, ink with permanent black ink pad lightly to distress. Adhere to the chalkboard with liquid adhesive. Add the 'Back' and 'School' words and allow project to dry completely.



- step 5.** Apply liquid adhesive to the wood frame area, and add buttons all along the edge. Continue around the entire frame, and then add beads and other small accents to fill gaps.



- step 6.** Add gold paint to the words to help them shine. Once dry, lightly add black ink to add a distressed look (if desired).



- step 7.** To finish the project, add a bit of gold paint at the edges, and a bit of ribbon trim for an added festive touch!

