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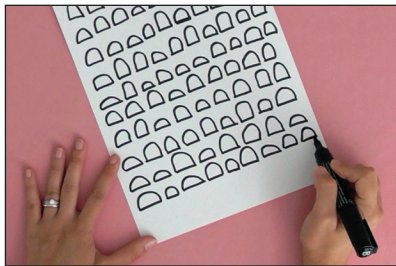# Creating Your Own Stencils

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As a mixed media artist, I love stencils...and I really love to create my own! They are great to use in art journals and on other crafty projects, too. Today I'm going to share how I created one of the stencils I used on this mini art journal.
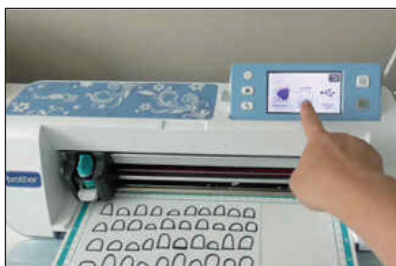
MATERIALS:
Brother ScanNCut machine and accessories; USB flash drive; stencil material; 11" x 15" watercolor paper; acrylic paint; markers and pens; letter stamps; old book paper; patterned paper; sewing machine and thread; any other embellishments you wish to use

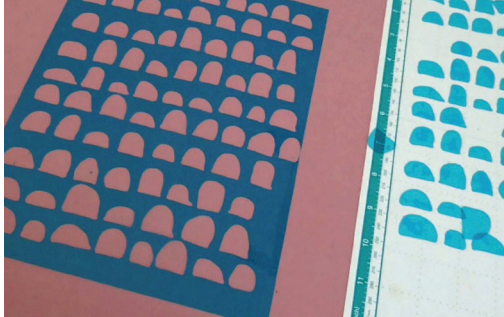**step 1.** Create your own artwork. This can be hand-drawn or you can use computer-generated artwork.

Note: I used hand-drawn artwork for this project.

step 2. Scan the artwork into the ScanNCut using the "Scan-to-Cut Data" option.

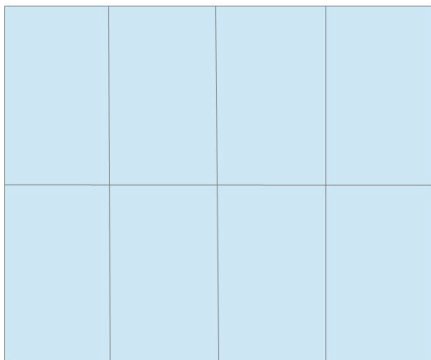brother
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step 3.   Cut out the stencil.

step 4.   Paint the water color paper using the stencils you created.
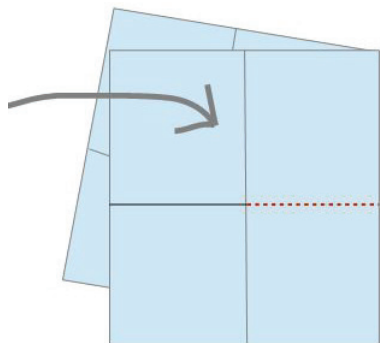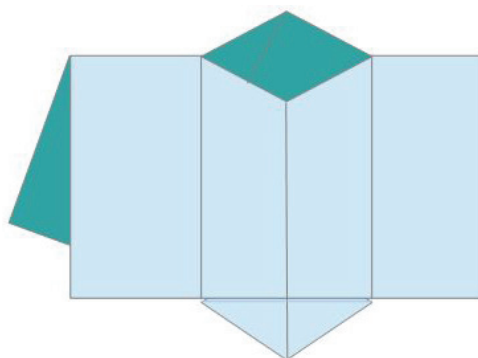

step 5.   To fold and assemble the art journal, fold the paper as shown.
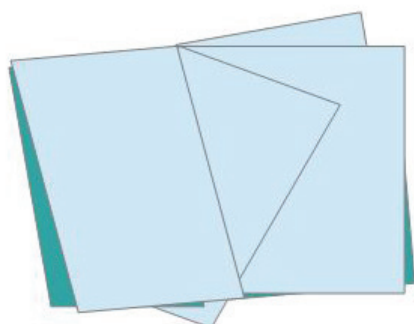

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step 6. Fold it in half and cut *only* on the red dashed line.

step 7. Refold longwise. Holding each end, push to the middle to open up where you made the cut.

step 8. Continue to push it all the way together and then fold the left edge over to create the cover. Use adhesive to glue together the individual pages.

step 9. Embellish. I jazzed up my book with bits of old book paper, bold patterned paper, some messy stitching with my sewing machine, and (of course) a good deal of doodling.