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Whether I'm happy or annoyed, excited or just feeling silly, emojis have become a part of my everyday life. From texting to posting on social media, these little shapes and silly faces are everywhere! Emojis have even made their way into the craft world in the forms of everything from buttons to stickers. Thanks to the ScanNCut, we can make our own custom emojis of any size, color, or material!

MATERIALS:

ScanNCut Machine; Cardstock or Assorted Papers; Glitter Glue; Paper Clips; Hot Glue; Black Pen

In this tutorial, I will share with you how to create my personal favorite emoji: the "Heart Eyes" emoji. The process is the same, however, in creating any of your own favorite shapes, and I'll share some tips for adjusting to other designs as well. This process will work well for buttons, pins, paper clips, page embellishments, or even photo booth props! You could also create these using fabric or iron-on material for a custom emoji tote bag, quilt square, or more. Just adjust the sizes as needed - and the emoji features as desired - and have fun.

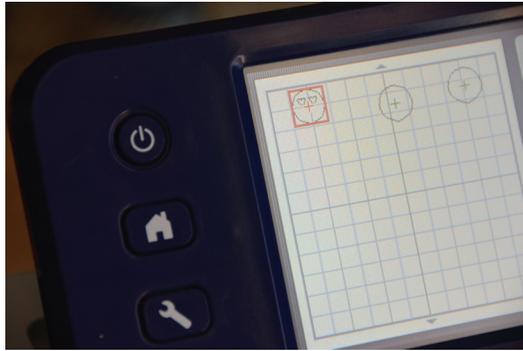
Tip: I recommend using a heavy cardstock for clips or planner accessories, although using multiple layers of cardstock or other material will also help keep the pieces firmly attached and standing up properly.

step 1. Turn the ScanNCut on and select some basic patterns for your emoji. For the "Heart Eyes" emoji we will create here, you'll want several circles (I used 1 3/4"), hearts (4/10"), and a half-circle (1 1/4"). Add all of these patterns to your screen.



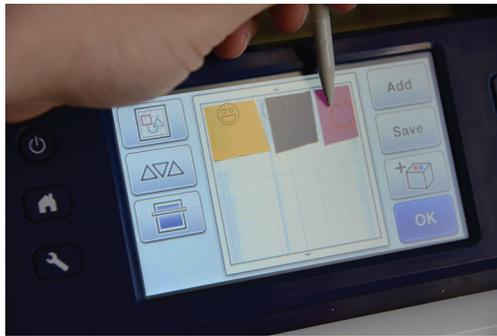
Tip: Before you begin, I recommend sketching some ideas for your designs so that you can see the basic shapes you might want. It doesn't have to be to scale or even good - just a quick doodle will help!

step 2. Next, decide if you would like the face to be layered or if you want the “main” face to have the shapes cut out. Either way works just fine! If cut out (as I did here), you’ll need to position the eyes and mouth (and any other features) inside the circle before cutting.



Tip: Don't forget - you can always add details with pen if you have small lines or shapes better created with an accent vs. a paper shape.

step 3. Place pieces of paper (or other material) on the mat and load the mat. Once loaded, scan it in so that you can see where your papers are placed. Move the shapes as needed, and then cut.



Tip: Don't forget - you can unify shapes (such as the circle, eyes, and mouth) if you need to move them together to another spot and don't want to have to realign everything.

step 4. The final step is to glue the pieces together and add additional circles behind for color, as well as stability. If creating a paper clip, use hot glue to adhere the finished emoji to the additional circle of paper with the paper clip sandwiched between.



Want to take this further? You can add glitter glue, pen details, and mix and match the materials you work with. Try your hand at welding shapes together, or even at creating your own new emojis! There is a world of possibilities - and the ScanNCut makes it all so easy to create whatever thought is in your own head.