

Button Maker Tutorial

Using the circle cutter

First: Choose the appropriately sized circle cutter. Benner Library currently offers a 1.5 inches and 2.25 inches button size.



Second: Place your graphic on the cutting plate. Then, place the circle cutter over the graphic so that the entire graphic is still seen through the top of the cutter.



Third: Push down on the crank knob and turn the crank until your graphic is cut.

Setting up the button maker

First: Identify the pickup die and the crimp die. The crimp die is deeper than the pickup die.



Second: Place the shell (rounded side to the ceiling), graphic, and mylar in the pickup die in that order so that the mylar is the top layer.



Third: To ensure the button is not made upside-down, turn the graphic so that the top is on the outside of the button maker and the bottom is on the inside of the button maker.

Fourth: Place the pinned back in the crimp die with the pin opening facing down into the crimp die. Again, make sure the top is facing the outside and the bottom facing the inside of the button maker.



Top Bottom Bottom Top

Making a button

First: Rotate the die table so that the pickup die with the shell, graphic, and mylar is under the button maker.



Second: Pull the handle all the way down until it is at a 90-degree angle. Then, raise it back up to its rest position. The first half of the button should now be inside the button maker. If not, try pushing the handle down harder.



Third: Rotate the die table again so that the crimp die with the pinned back is under the button maker.

Fourth: Repeat step two



Fifth: Rotate the die table one last time to reveal your finished button.