

Paper Craft Hints & Tips

SOME USEFUL AND IMPORTANT TOOLS INCLUDE:

- Craft Knife
- Small Paper Scissors
- Bone Folder (More crucial for nice products than you might think!)
- Metal Ruler (Plastic ones are easily nicked and sliced by the craft knife.)
- Clear Plastic Quilting Ruler
- Cutting Mat
- Hole Puncher

USEFUL HINTS & TIPS:

- Make sure that your hands and ruler are always clean before you start. A smudge or stray glue can really ruin a project.
- Replacing your craft knife blade regularly is important for making clean cuts.
- When you need to make a straight fold, your bone folder is crucial. Hold the folder along the drawn line and gently crease the fold first and then commit to the more permanent crease. Making the final crease quickly and smoothly will keep your paper from having those tiny rough edges along the fold.
- When lining up smaller pieces on top of a project, use a clear plastic quilting ruler instead of having to make pencil lines all over a project to ensure that it is balanced.
- When attaching a decorative brad, it is always better to make the hole first with the tip of your craft knife (or an awl if you have one) and then insert the brad, rather than jamming the brad through the paper.