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Basic Gift Box Decorating Instructions

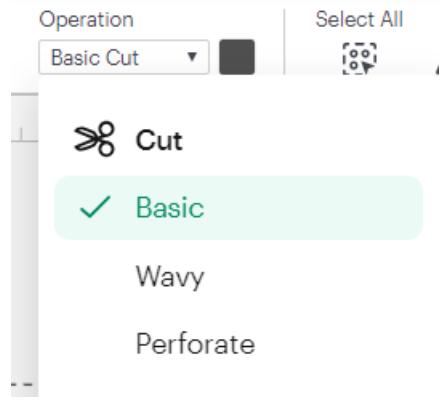


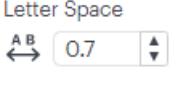
This tutorial will show you how to decorate the Basic Gift Boxes. PNG files are easiest to use in Cricut as they already have the background removed. You can use a jpg if it has clean lines and a background color that doesn't blend into the image.

Open Design Space and click on the Canvas button.	
Select Upload	
Select Upload Image from second screen	
Click Browse and find the png graphics file	
Click Continue	
This will bring you to the Background remover screen. The png files for the Labubu images are ready to import. If you are using jpg files you will need to remove the background on this screen. Place the + cursor in the background area and it should remove the background and turn it to the checkerboard.	



Click the Apply and continue box.	Apply & Continue
This brings you to the Convert and Upload To page. We will be using print and cut for the decorations so we want to select Flat Graphic. If you used a jpg image check the shape of the image under Single Layer and make sure all of the background was removed. Then click Continue button.	Continue
Click Upload	Upload
There are two ways to add dimension to your project. You can create offsets to raise items in your design, If you prefer not to have outlines around your design and still want to add dimension you can create multiple copies of an item in your design and stack them on top of each other.	
For the Labubu design I created offsets to add the dimension.	
Resize the images to fit the size of the box. I was making a small box, so I resized them to 1.5 inches tall. You can either grab a corner and drag in until the size is correct or you can change the size in the Size box on the top tool box.	
Click on one of the Labubu images and select offset.	Offset

<p>Set the distance for the offset to .05</p>	<p>Distance <input type="text" value="0.05"/> in</p> 
<p>Repeat to create a second .05 offset.</p> <p>Highlight the first offset in the right hand tool bar.</p>	
<p>From the Operation drop down menu from the top tool bar. Change it from a Print Then Cut to a Basic Cut. Click on the colored square next to the Operation drop down menu and change the color of the first offset to white.</p> <p>Change the second offset the same way only setting the color to grey</p>	
<p>Holding the shift key select the image and the 2 offsets. When all 3 are highlighted click on the group button.</p> 	
<p>Create offsets for the second image and change them to basic cuts and change the colors. Then group them together.</p>	
<p>Next we will add the text. Click on the Text button in the left hand tool bar.</p>	 <p>Text</p>
<p>From the Font drop down menu select the font you would like to use. I used the Super Meatball Font that I downloaded for free from DaFont.com.</p> <p>Type the text Labubu</p>	<p>Font <input type="text" value="Super Meatball"/></p>

<p>Click on the Curve button</p>	
<p>I set my curve to 10</p>	
<p>Change the Letter Space to .7 to increase the spacing to have room for the offsets.</p>	
<p>Create 2 offsets the same way that you did for the images. Change their colors and then group them together.</p>	
<p>If you haven't cut your box yet and you have a scoring tool, you can give yourself a guide for placement of your pieces. If not you can jump to the Make step.</p>	
<p>From the left hand tool bar select Shapes. Select the square.</p>	
<p>From the top tool bar click on the arrow next to More. Click on the lock to unlock. This will allow you to resize the square to the rectangle the size of the side of the box. Move the square to the top left hand corner of the box side and drag to the bottom right hand corner.</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bring to Front Shift + Ctrl +] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bring Forward Ctrl +] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Send Backward Ctrl + [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Send to Back Shift + Ctrl + [
<p>From the Arrange drop down menu select Send Backward (or click Ctrl + [) to send the rectangle back behind the images and offsets.</p>	
<p>Holding the shift key select the rectangle and the lettering group from the right hand tool bar. From the Arrange drop down menu select Center Horizontally.</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Align <input type="checkbox"/> Align Left <input type="checkbox"/> Center Horizontally <input type="checkbox"/> Align Right
<p>Arrange the 2 Labubu images so there is a little space between them. Highlight both of them and from the Align drop down menu select Align Bottom. While they are still both highlighted click the Group button again.</p>	
<p>While the group is highlighted hold the shift key and</p>	

click on the rectangle. From the Align drop down menu select Center Horizontally. Once it is centered, select the 2 groups and ungroup it. (You only needed it to align the images)

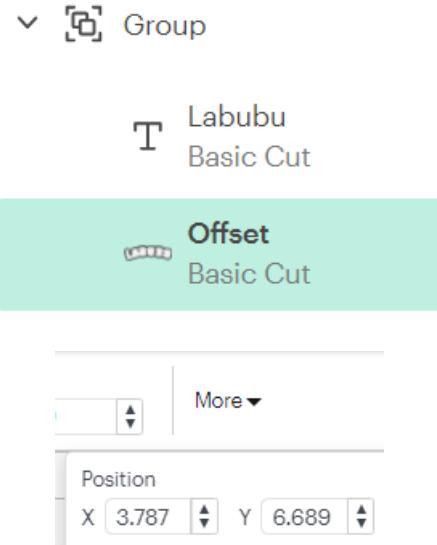
Once the images are properly placed delete the rectangle.

Select the Letter group and click on Ungroup. Click on the white offset item to highlight it. Click **Ctrl + D** to duplicate it. Change the duplicated copy to a different color (I used red). Without moving any of the other pieces, place the duplicated piece on top of the original.

You can either drag and drop or you can get the exact location of the white item by highlighting the white item and clicking the arrow key next to More from the top tool bar.

Once you have the position numbers click on duplicated item, click on the More drop down menu and enter the same numbers.

Repeat this for the other 2 groups.

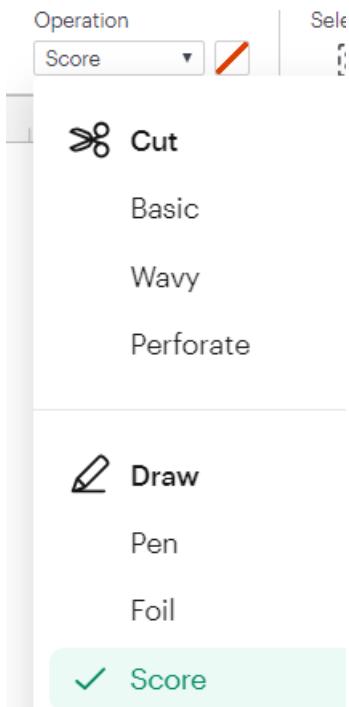


Holding the shift key click on all 3 of the duplicated items. From the Operations drop down menu select Score.

Highlight all 3 score lines along with the Attachment of the Box and it's score lines. Click the Attach button.



This will bring the box to the front. From the Arrange drop down menu select Send to Back

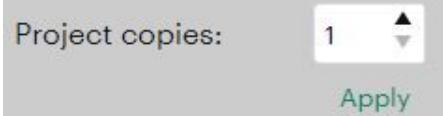


***If you want to make your box with decorations only on one side, and you haven't cut your box pieces yet, duplicate the box piece and you will only have to make 1 copy per box. If you want the boxes decorated on both sides don't duplicate the box piece and cut 2 copies for each box.

Click the Make button to go to the mat screens. Cricut defaults to 12x12 paper size. Personally, I prefer to use 8.5x11. It is easier to find and usually less expensive. If you are making the smaller box 8x11 change the Material Size to 8.5x11.

Make

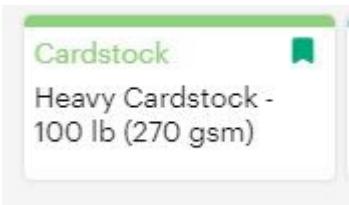
***You will need 2 copies for each box. Change the Project Copies to 2 copies for each box you want to make. (Don't forget to hit Apply)

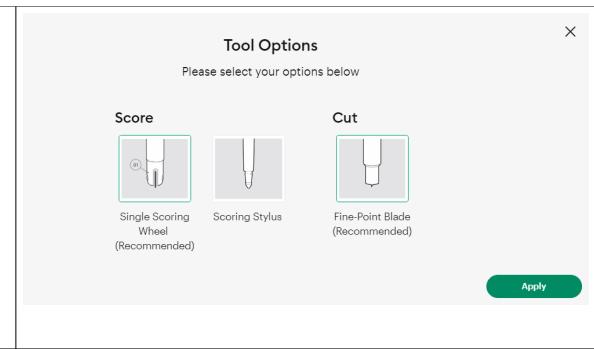


When the mats are all set click Continue.

Continue

Select Base Material.
I use the Heavy Cardstock setting for all of my cardstock projects.
I use default pressure (unless my blade is dull.)



<p>If you are using the Cricut to score. Click on Edit tools and select the tool you will use. And click Apply. Insert the proper scoring tool.</p>	
<p>Load the first Mat into the Cricut, when the Cricut button lights up, push it and complete the score. If using the scoring tool when the score line is complete, change to the Fine Tip blade and click on the Cricut button to complete the cut.</p> <p>When all of the Mats have been cut you are ready to assemble.</p>	

Assembly:

I found that decorating the box was easier to do if I did it before I glued the box together so I could lay it flat to glue together. However, I did crease the folds before hand.

To give your box more dimension use two sided foam tape to glue your pieces together. Tape the white pieces to the gray. Then tape the Labubus and the letters on top of the white layer. If you used a score line to mark where the items go line the pieces up and glue them down. If you did not score the box you can eyeball the center or use a ruler and pencil to mark center as a guide.

Follow the Basic Box Instructions to complete the box.

There are all kinds of things you can decorate your box with. We would love to see what creative things that you come up with. Please share your boxes and other crafts on the Bear Budget Crafts Group. We love to see what we inspired!

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