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Keeping a journal is a great way to stay organized. But why have an ordinary journal when you can easily customize your very own personal one? The ScanNCut machine offers the capabilities to do just this by following the simple steps below.

### **MATERIALS:**

Brother™ ScanNCut machine, journal, decoupage, paint, paint brushes, quilter's template material, embellishments, modeling crèmes

**step 1.** Pick a journal. (I found this one on sale at a local craft store.)

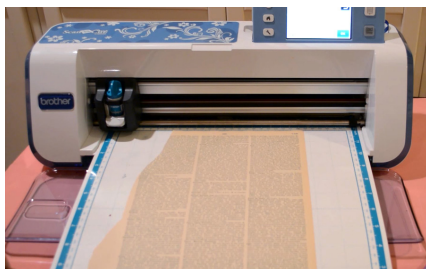


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**step 2.** Trace the cover of your journal to create your cut file.

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**step 3.** Now, use the "Scan-to-Cut" function to take your drawing and cut out the covers of your album with ScanNCut.



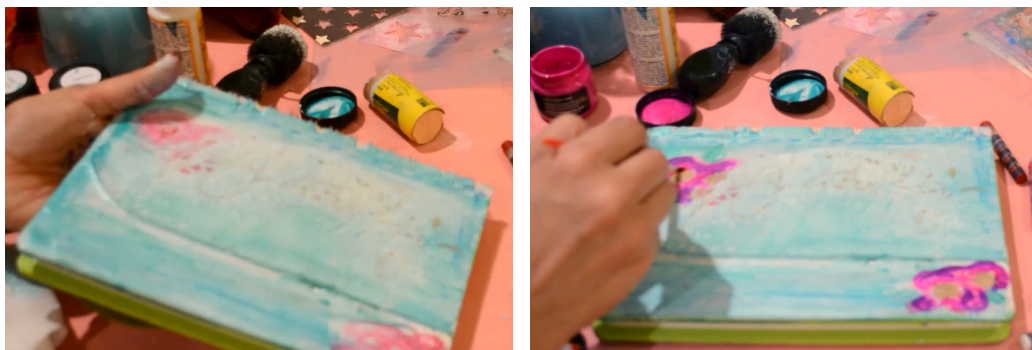
**step 4.** Use decoupage to secure your paper to your cover. This not only helps your material stick to your surface, but it will also create a good surface for you to paint over.



**step 5.** Once your material is dry, brush on white paint to create a whitewash over your material.



**step 6.** Proceed to decorate your journal with different paints, inks and embellishments.  
*Tip: Use acrylic glazes to colorize your whitewashed background.*





**step 7.** To add depth to your project, you can cut stencils from the quilter's template material. Then, use modeling crèmes to color on your design(s).

*Note: Don't forget to test out the settings of your machine by performing a test cut. Because quilter's template material is dense, you may want to try using the higher blade setting on your standard cut blade or even use your deep cut blade. It all depends on the density of your material.*



**step 8.** You can even add a hand drawn sentiment using the same "Scan-to-Cut" function. Be sure to use decoupage in order to secure the sentiment onto your journal.



**step 9.** Let your journal sit out to fully dry before using it.



