



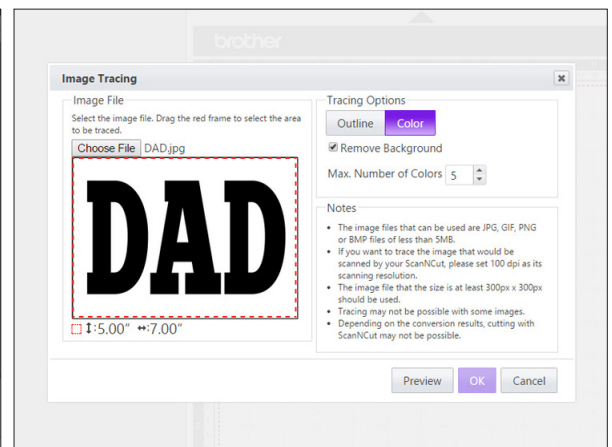
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Father's Day is approaching and it's time to rack your brain for a great gift idea that will show Dad how much you care. Here's your step-by-step tutorial on how to create this great wooden photo mat using your ScanNCut. Once it's finished, you can just pop in some great photos of you and that special man in your life.

#### MATERIALS:

ScanNCut Machine and Accessories; USB Flash Drive, 1 Piece of Paper-Thin Wood Veneer; 5" x 7" Photo Frame (the one I used outer dimensions was 9" x 11" dual pane glass); Adhesive; Font: Chunk Five EX

- step 1.** Open up your photo editing program and type out the word "Dad" using Chunk Five EX font (or a font of your choice) on a 5" x 7" background. Save your design as a .JPG.



Open up ScanNCutCanvas and click on "New" to open up and start a new project. Next, click on the Leaf icon, which opens up the Image Tracing screen. Choose the file you just created and then click on "Color" and "OK." You can then add a 5"x7" rectangle around your word and then save your design as an .FCM file.

**step 2.** Insert the USB flash drive into your ScanNCut and then click on “Patterns,” “Saved Data,” and then the USB symbol. Find your .FCM file and then click “OK.” You can now attach your paper-thin wood veneer to your mat, load it into your machine, and then cut out your design.

The settings I used were: Blade = 5; Speed = 1; Pressure = 0...but you may need to use different settings.

**step 3.** Select and print the photos you'd like to use in the frame and then figure out how you'd like to place them.



I used a pencil to mark my photos at where I needed to trim them. I then cut (just slightly) inside that line so the mark would not show. Then, I adhered the photos to the wood mat with some archival adhesive.

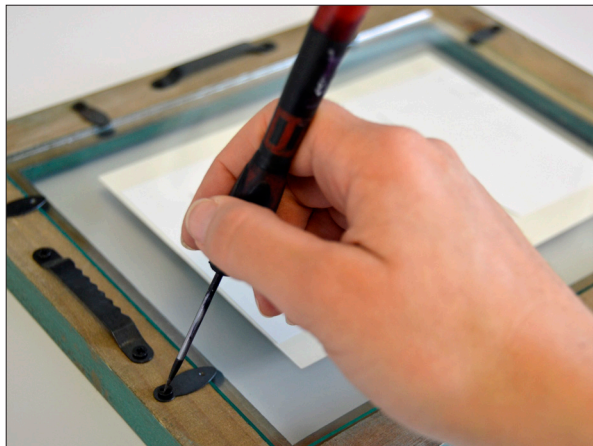
You don't need a lot of adhesive since your photos will be sandwiched in the frame.



**step 4.** Insert your wood mat into the frame so that it's centered. (You may want to place a little bit of adhesive on the back of the mat to hold it in place.)



**step 5.** Reassemble your mat, glass, and frame...



...and you're done! Dad is going to love it!

