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Creating your own, one-of-a-kind picnic blanket is really simple using your ScanNCut, and it would make a great gift!

MATERIALS:

ScanNCut Machine and Accessories; Black Iron-On Transfer Film; Iron; Ironing Board; White Fabric Paint; Paint Brush; Ant Cut File (which is free!)

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES:

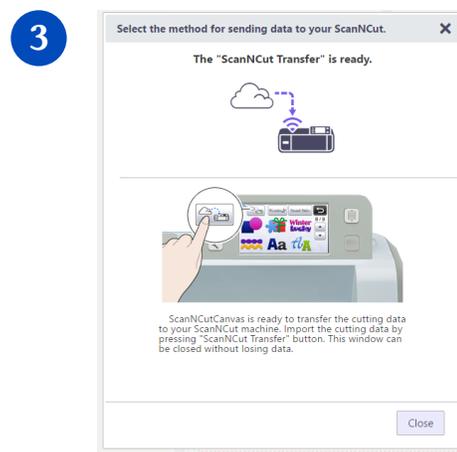
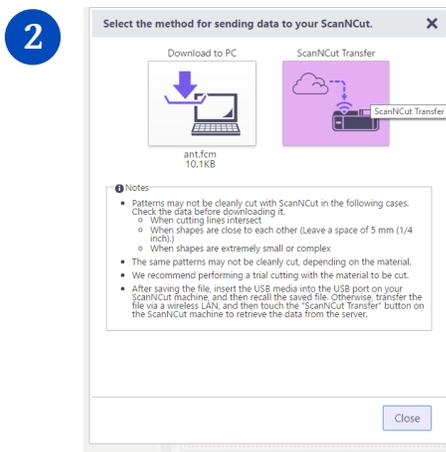
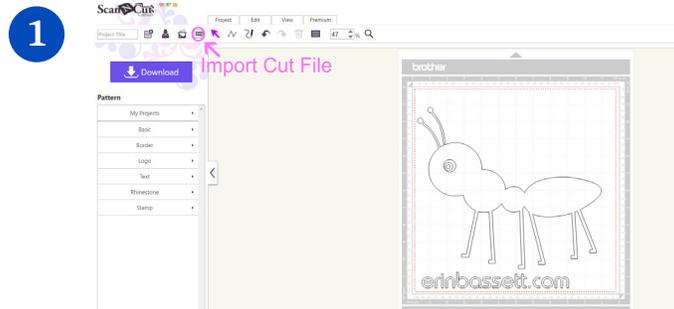
If you create your own blanket, you will need the following supplies (although you can always alter a store-bought blanket instead of sewing your own):

Sewing Machine; Canvas Fabric; Thread; Pins or Clips

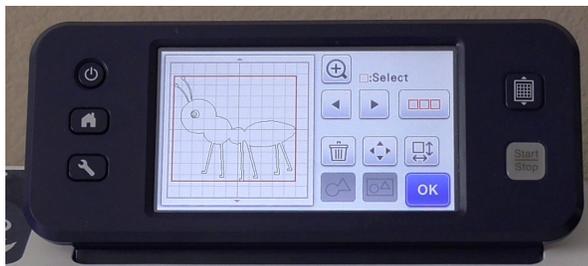
step 1. If you decide to create your own blanket using canvas fabric, hem in the edges.



step 2. Import the Ant.fcm file (http://www.erinbassett.com/Freebies/Cut_Files/ant.fcm) into ScanNCutCanvas and wirelessly transfer it to your ScanNCut2 or transfer via USB memory stick.



step 3. I created the cut file with the eye being a separate piece so that you could adapt the design as you desire. If you plan on using the design as I did, you will need to unify the ant's eye and body before resizing it. To do that, click on the button with the three red squares.



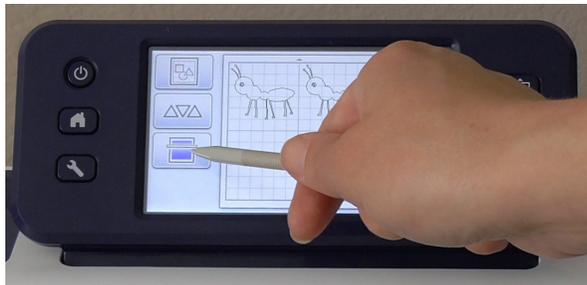
step 3. Select both the eye and the body...
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...and then click on the “Unify” button.



step 4. Apply the Iron-On Transfer Film onto the mat with the film side up. Insert it into the machine and click on the “Scan” button. After the scan is complete, you will be able to see both the film and the design. You can then resize, multiply, rotate, and move the ant design as desired to fit as many as you can onto your film. Then, cut out the designs so that the blade only cuts the film and not the backing.



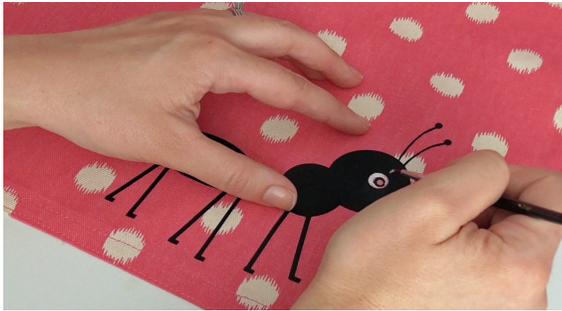
step 5. Weed out the negative parts of the film and then cut the ants apart so they can be transferred onto the fabric.



- step 6.** Following the instructions on the package, heat up the fabric with an iron and then place the ant design onto it with the backing side up. Cover it with a pressing cloth and iron for approximately 30 seconds. Allow it to cool and then remove the backing.



- step 7.** Use fabric paint to paint in the whites of the eye.



Continue on until all the ants are finished.



step 8. For the monogram, use the built-in fonts and cut out the letters you desire – along with ants – to “carry them off” with! Follow the same instructions above to adhere them onto the center of the fabric.



And then you're finished and ready for a picnic!



