



### May Flaum

Do-it-yourself home décor crafting is always fun with my ScanNCut because it allows me to turn ideas into fully customized projects. For Valentine's Day, I wanted to create something that could hang in a doorway or above the dining room table to add some movement and fun detail to my holiday decorating. This project is such fun to make and can be customized to any size, shape, or theme - from a baby's room to hanging above a teen's desk.

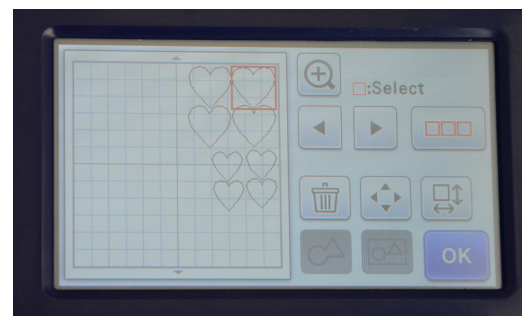
#### MATERIALS:

ScanNCut Machine; Baker's Twine; Paper; Buttons and Embellishments; Hot Glue Adhesive; Embroidery Hoop; an Acrylic Paint

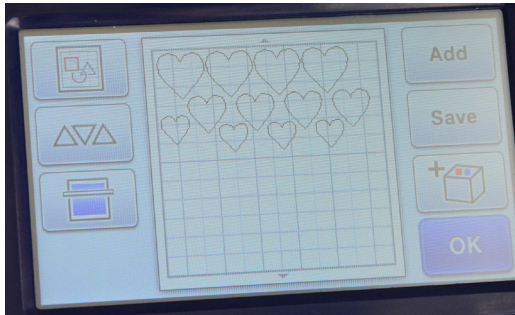
- step 1.** Paint your embroidery hoop (6" used in this project) with acrylic paint (the color of your choice) and set it aside to dry.



- step 2.** Turn on your ScanNCut and cut out assorted sizes of paper in a heart shape from patterned paper in varying sizes. I used 1/2" - 3" sized hearts. I recommend cutting at least three of each size to allow for the building of dimensional elements. Repeat this step with vellum, acetate, and other materials you would like to have hanging from your mobile.



### step 2. Continued

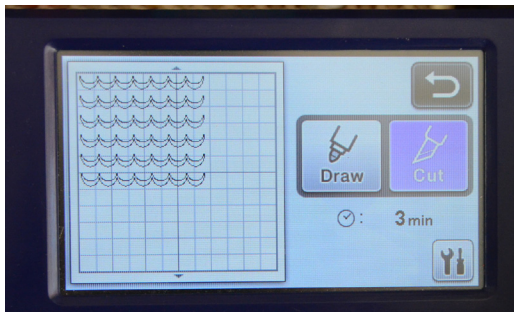
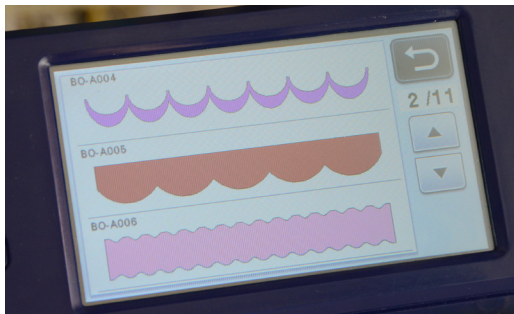


**Tip:** Leave your heart patterns on the ScanNCut screen and simply remove the mat and change the material and blade setting. This will save you time and allow you to cut many shapes from multiple materials with the least amount of effort!

### step 3. Cut out decorative hearts that are large and ornate by choosing a cut file or creating a custom one of your own.



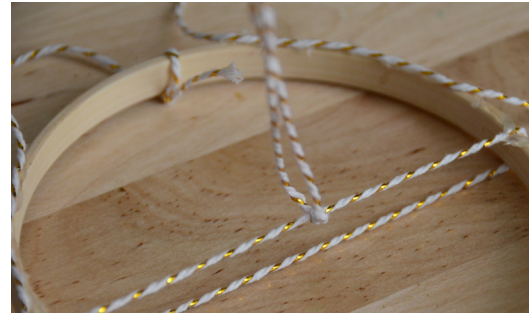
### step 4. Cut out a scalloped border using patterned paper. (You will need two or three of them to complete this project.)



**step 5.** Once the hearts and the scalloped border are all cut and removed from the mat, it is time to begin assembling the project.

To begin - using the inner hoop of the embroidery hoop - run a length of baker's twine across the middle of the space in both directions to create an "X".

Leave the excess string to dangle down. These will become the two-to-four strings that hang in the center of your piece.



Then, tie strings around the outside - still working on the inner hoop - with varying lengths (depending on the length you want for the pieces to hang).

**step 6.** Once this is set, you're ready to get out the hot glue (or other adhesive of choice) and assemble. Begin with the hanging hearts. Fold and glue the two-to-four hearts together so that the edges line up and create dimensional shapes at the bottom of your strings. Save a few strings for the larger (single) decorative hearts as well. As desired, add more hearts up the length of the string.



**Tip:** Mix and match your patterns. The contrast and detail will add interest to your finished piece.

**step 7.** Once this is done, attach the exterior hoop and add a length of string that will serve as the holder (looping above the piece) as well. Do not tighten the exterior hoop yet.

**step 8.** Using hot glue, place the border scallop paper that you cut out with the ScanNCut along the edge between the inner and outer hoops. Only a very small amount is needed and the scallop edge should nicely fit in the gap between. Once this is done, tighten the exterior hoop.



**step 9.** The next step is to use the hot glue to add an assortment of paper, acetate, and other hearts and shapes (as well as buttons) to the embroidery hoop. (I focused largely on where the hoop adjusts to cover that area up.)



**step 10.** Your final step is to add buttons and embellishments to the strings and hearts below. (I recommend that you hold this up as you do this, so that you can be sure the weight is well balanced.)



**Tip:** If it is leaning to one side, add a few more buttons or embellishments to the other for balance!