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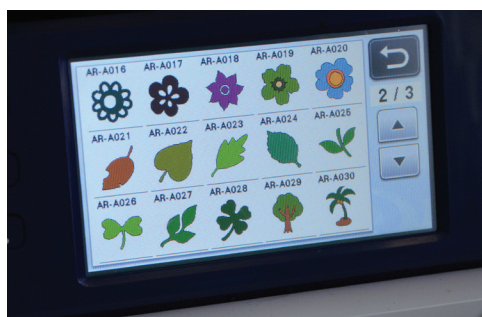
I love the fall, and I especially love setting a beautiful table that lasts a long time. My solution for this year? Break out my ScanNCut and create my own custom cornucopia, which will be the star of my table all season long. Using a wide variety of papers and materials (as well as a lot of size variations and colors), I can create the perfect centerpiece for my dining room. The key to a project like this is to create a lot of shapes, and then pick through and use those samples that work for you as you craft.

Got leftovers? No problem! Scatter them around your finished creation to extend your centerpiece and add more to your table.

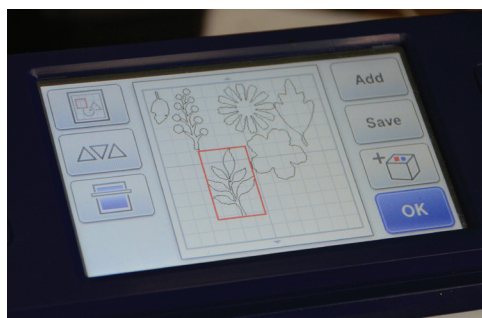
MATERIALS:

ScanNCut Machine; Assorted Specialty Papers and Cardstocks; Wood Basket; Sticks (or Dowels); Hot Glue; Felt; Foam; Buttons

step 1. Select an assortment of flower designs and add them to the screen on your ScanNCut.

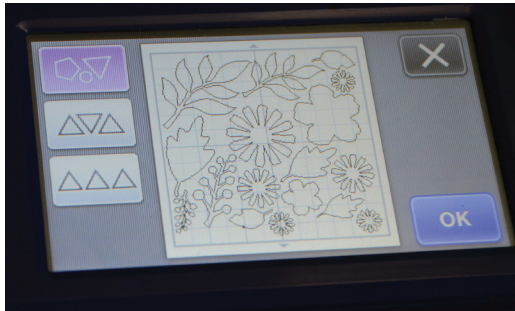


step 2. In the "Edit" screen, adjust the number of each flower (as well as the size) so that you have a wide variety. For this project, my designs all ranged from 3/4" to 5" in height.



Tip: Do you use a lot of flowers or any other built-in designs? Save each one! Save a copy to your machine so that the next time you have a big project to work on, you can pull the design up and cut out a wide variety of sizes quickly. This is great for many basic shapes that I use a lot, including hearts and stars.

- step 3.** Use the Automatic Tool to sort your shapes, and add more if space allows. Once satisfied, cut out your designs from as many colors of paper as you would like.



- step 4.** Repeat Steps 1 to 3 for leaves, flourishes, or any other designs you'd like to utilize for this project. Use any mix of papers that include metallic, cork, felt, or any other material that adds a texture and color you like.



Tip: Work with materials based on their thickness to minimize changing the blade depth. I like to start with my thickest materials and work my way to the thinner ones.

- step 5.** Once shapes have been cut from all your assorted materials, it is time to create! First, take your cornucopia (or other wood basket or similar item) and stuff it with foam or some other material that will hold up over time. If the color will clash or show through, cover it with felt or fabric. Use a small amount of hot glue to secure.



- step 6.** Take some flowers of varying sizes – from medium to large – and hot glue a dowel or candy stick (which can be found at most craft stores) to the back. Hold until dried and set.



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- step 7.** Layer additional flowers, folding the petals and creating dimensional flowers on sticks. Add a button or other element to the center if desired.



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- step 8.** Arrange your “flowers on sticks” around the opening by placing some of them further in, some further out. Arrange until satisfied and glue into place.



- step 9.** Hot glue leaves, branches, single flowers, and other elements onto the felt and foam, the edges, or to the stick stems of your flowers to fill in any remaining space as desired.



Store this project carefully, and you'll have years of fall decorating fun with it!