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To me, autumn is the coziest season. And cozy means staying at home. But I'm a social creature, so what's the solution? Why entertaining at home, of course! Today, I've got a fun project that involves making beautiful stenciled cookies. These cookies are fun to make and fun to share!

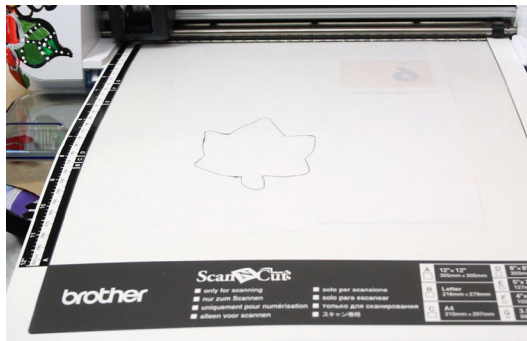
### MATERIALS:

ScanNCut; Mats (Photo Scanning Mat, Middle Tack Adhesive Mat); Stencil Material; Pen and Paper/Marker: Royal Icing/Frosting: Cookies; Spatula/Pick

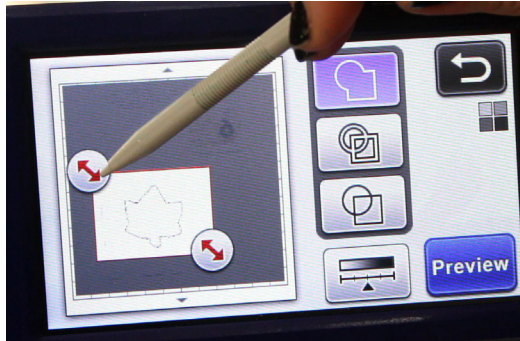
**step 1.** Trace your cookie shape onto paper with a pen. (To ensure a strong line, retrace or use a marker to go over your traced leaf shape.)



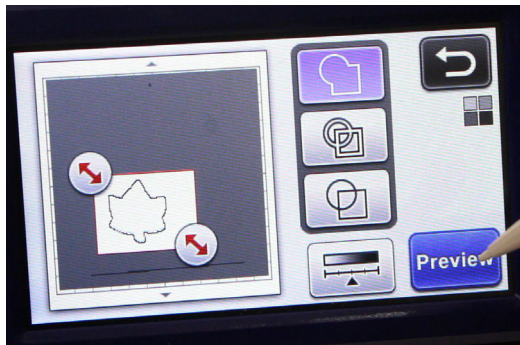
**step 2.** Load your paper onto the Scanning Mat. Then, press "Scan to Cut Data."



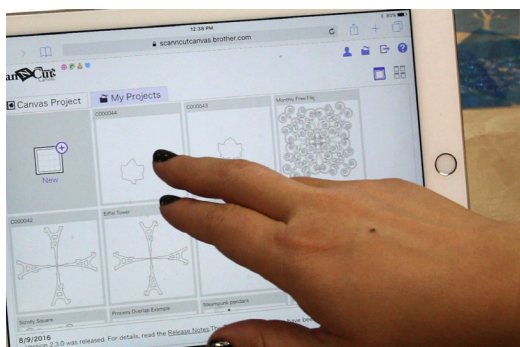
- step 3.** Choose the top button (outline) on the next screen. Then, crop the section to capture the leaf image.



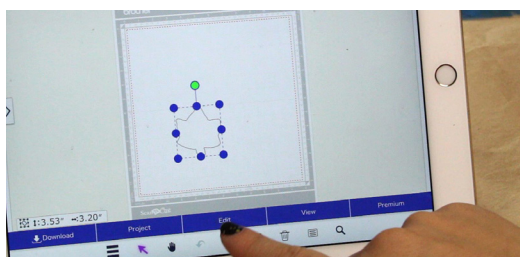
- step 4.** Preview the image, and adjust as needed. Then, save it using your preferred method.



- step 5.** At your computer (or tablet), open your leaf shape in ScanNCutCanvas, and then click the "Edit" button.

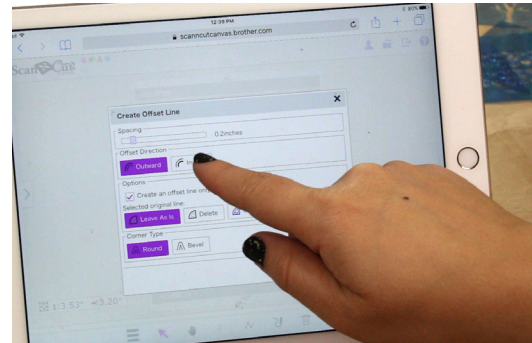
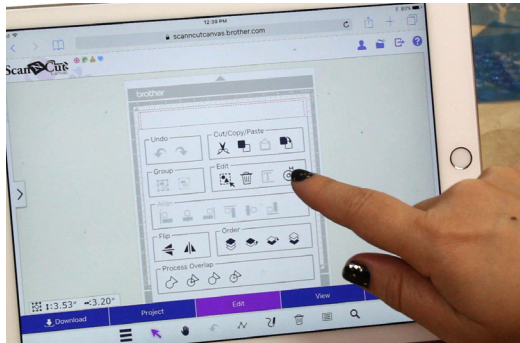


- step 6.** Select the leaf, click the three bars, and edit.

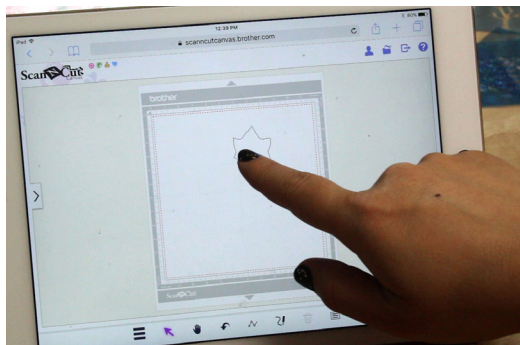
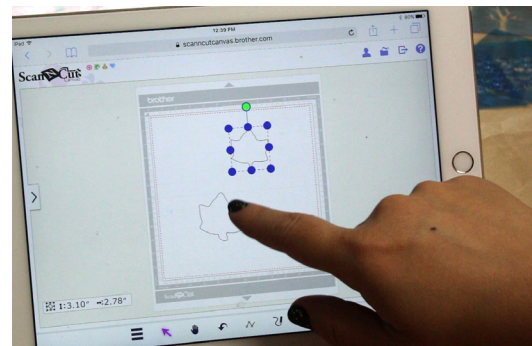
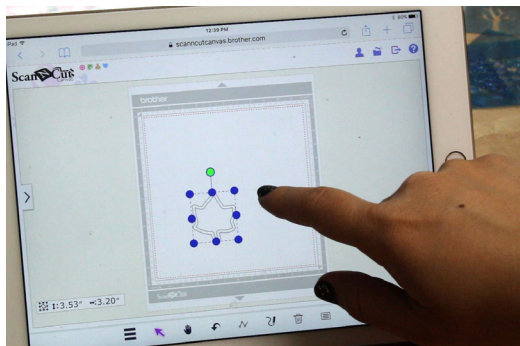




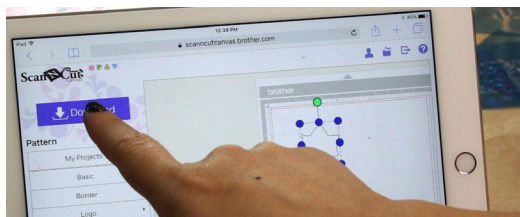
**step 7.** Click the “Offset Line Feature,” and choose the “Inward” offset line. (Adjust spacing, if desired.) Then click “OK.”



**step 8.** Once you have the two leaf shapes, separate the two, and delete the outer (original scan) leaf shape.

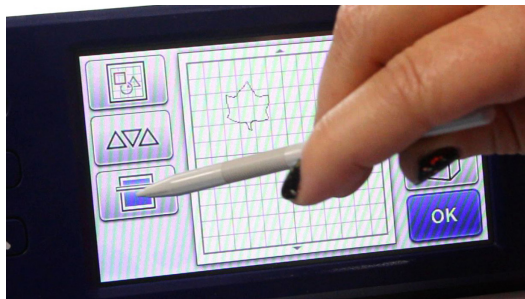


**step 9.** Download the smaller leaf shape.

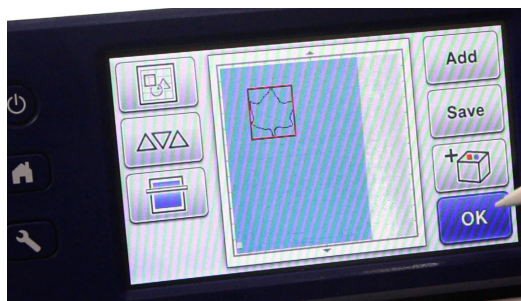
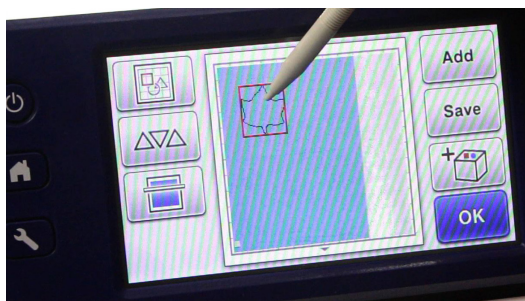


**step 10.** At your ScanNCut, pick “Pattern” from the home screen, and choose the new leaf shape we created.

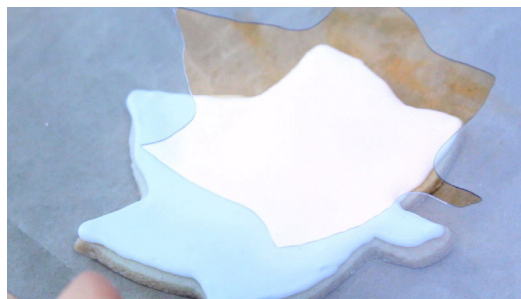
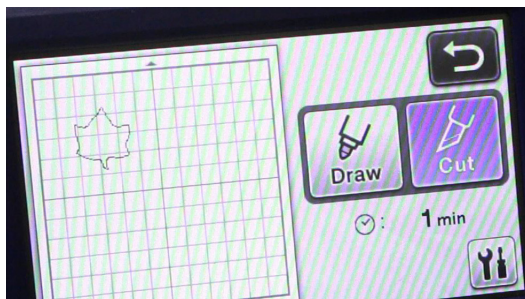
**step 11.** Load your stencil material onto a cutting mat, and scan.



**step 12.** Move the leaf to an area where you will have a decent border. (This space will act as the shield.)



**step 13.** Perform a test cut (as always), and then cut your leaf.



**step 14.** Be sure to clean the stencils thoroughly before applying them to food.



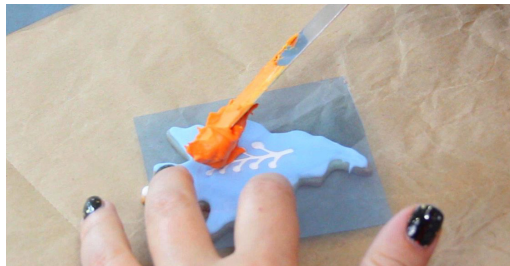
**Note:** Neither the ScanNCut machine nor the accessories are designed to be used with fondant or any other type of food product. Please keep food items away from the machine.



### TECHNIQUE #1

**step 1.** Lay the stencil on top of your cookie. Hold the stencil down firmly with one hand.

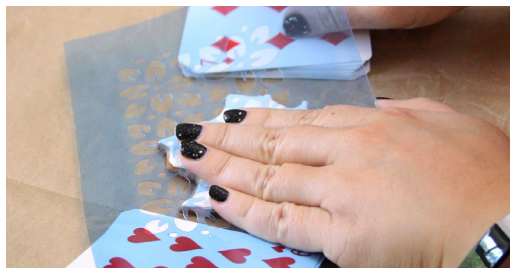
**step 2.** Take a small spatula or (clean) palette knife and scrape the icing across the top of the stencil's opening.



**step 3.** Thin the icing out by scraping off the excess, and then carefully remove the stencil.

### TECHNIQUE #2

**step 1.** For a larger stencil, place a stack of playing cards on either side of your cookie. This will lay the stencil on top of the cookie platter, and make it easier to apply the icing.



**step 2.** Again, follow the same steps as in "Technique #1" by smoothing icing over the design, and scraping off excess.

**Tip:** The fewer passes of icing, the better, as it will ensure even coating and a cleaner design

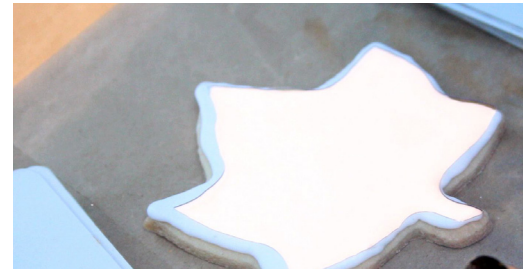


**step 3.** Scrape off the icing from the edges using a pick.



### TECHNIQUE #3

- step 1.** Use the same first step as in “Technique #2” with the playing cards. Then, lay your leaf stencil to act as a shield on your cookie.



- step 2.** Then, put your stencil on top of the shield and add the icing (using the same method as in “Technique #2”).



- step 3.** Remove the stencil and you have made an easy way to skip the scraping part.

