

Tattered lace dies are thin metal dies which allow us to produce intricate and detailed designs. As all dies are slightly different it may be necessary to use a 'shim'. This can be a piece of card, a hotspot helper, thin magnetic sheet or a piece of cut tidy. All of the above can provide extra thickness helping the die to achieve a perfect cut.

Die cutting results will depend on the thickness of the card used. We recommend using cardstock between 250gsm and 300gsm.

Hints and tips:

- Alternating the 'B' plates to cut, will give your plates a longer life. Turn the base plate 'A' after each cut to keep the plate straight.
- If you have problems feeding the plates into the die cutting machine, place the die and top plate at least one cm away from the top edge of the base plate. This helps the rollers of the die cutting machine grab the plates.
- Make sure that you always feed the plates straight into the machine and not at an angle.
- If there is an area of the die cut which doesn't cut properly, roll the die cutting machine backward and forward on the particular area.

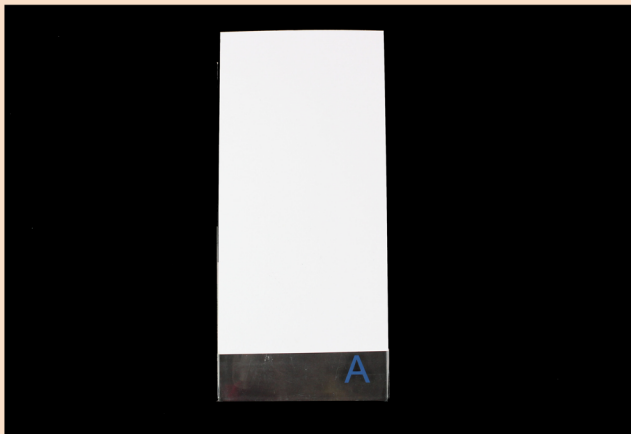
How to Cut with the Baby Blue



1 For die cutting, you need one 'A' and one 'B' die cutting plate.



2 Place the chosen die face up on the A plate.



3 Place cardstock face down onto the die.



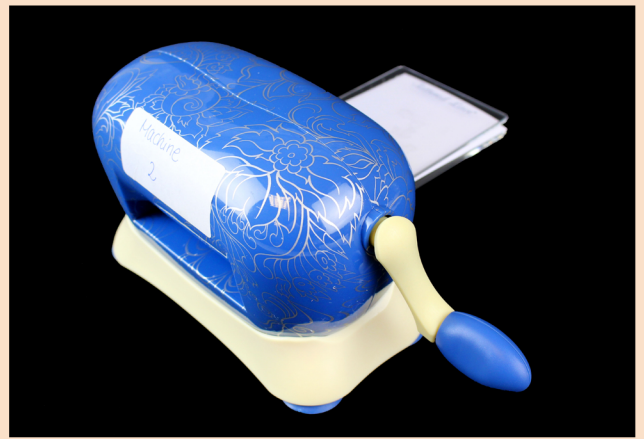
4 Place the B plate on top to create the sandwich.

Note:

sandwich - Crafting terminology for the 'plate-die-material combination'



5 Feed the sandwich into the mouth of the Baby Blue.



6 Turn the handle to roll the sandwich through. If the die is intricate roll the sandwich forward and backwards a couple of times.



7 If the die has not cut cleanly, please see top tips.

How to emboss



1 For embossing, you need two 'B' plates.



2 Place the piece of card or die cut in the embossing folder. Close the embossing folder. Place the embossing folder on the first 'B' plate.



3 Place the second 'B' plate on top to create the sandwich.



4 Pass through the Baby Blue machine.

Using a Card shim to assist Clean die Cutting



1 Follow the instructions on 'How to cut a die'.



2 Roll the sandwich through the die cutting machine.



3 If the die does not cut at all, this may be because either the card is light weight OR the die is slightly thinner to counter act this. Place an extra piece of card over whole sandwich.



4 Roll the sandwich through the machine.



5 The spare piece of card will be embossed which is a crafty bonus! See no.8)



6 Carefully remove the die cut from the die, a pokey tool is useful here For more information on how to use a pokey tool, visit our Youtube channel for the tutorial.



8 Take advantage of this embossed finish and enhance it with Distress Ink.



9 Alternatively ink around the edges of your die cut, using Distress ink to create a different look.



10 The outer waste from your die cut can work as a stencil. Place the frame onto a new piece of card and ink using the aperture through.



11 Place your die cut onto the new card to create a shadow effect.

Using patch or spot shims



PTO: Avoid placing a die with a straight edge such as The Bloom Corner right at the top of the plate.



1 Place the die at least one cm away from the top edge of the plate as shown.



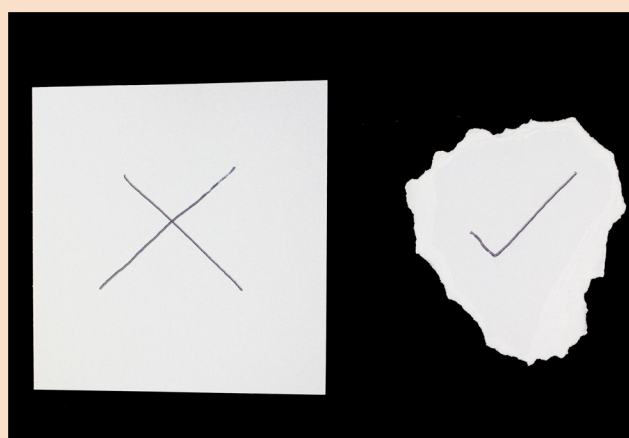
2 Place the cardstock over the die and put a 'B' plate on top to create a sandwich.



3 When feeding the sandwich into the machine, make sure they are always straight and not at an angle as shown.



4 After rolling the sandwich through the machine you can see it did not cut all the way through.



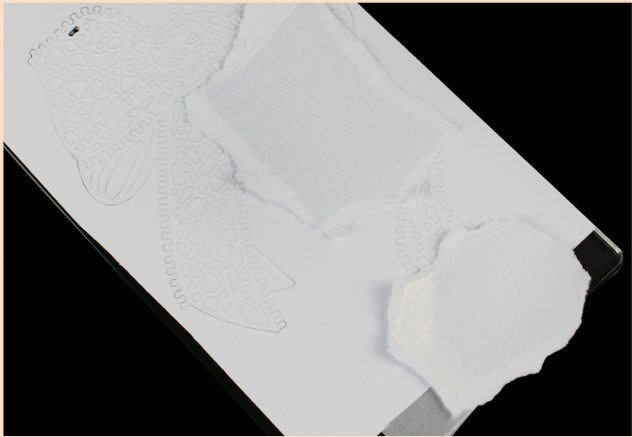
5 If the design has areas which have not cut cleanly tear a piece of a card to fit the uncut area only.



6 Do not cover the whole die with the card shim. Only cover the area that has not cut.



7 If there is more than one uncut area use a shim for each area.



8 Place small card pieces over the uncut areas. Roll the sandwich through the die cutting machine again.

Using a Hotspot Helper

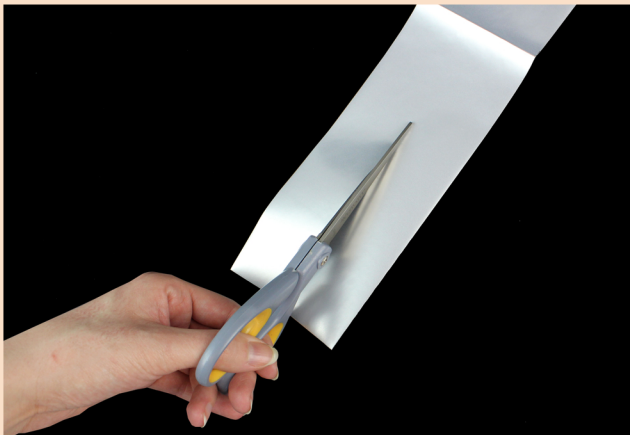
If the die is not cutting cleanly, a Hotspot Helper can make a difference.



1 Follow the instructions on 'How to cut with the Baby Blue'.



2 After rolling the sandwich through the die cutting machine, you can see the die did not cut all the way through.



3 Cut a strip of the hotspot helper as shown above.



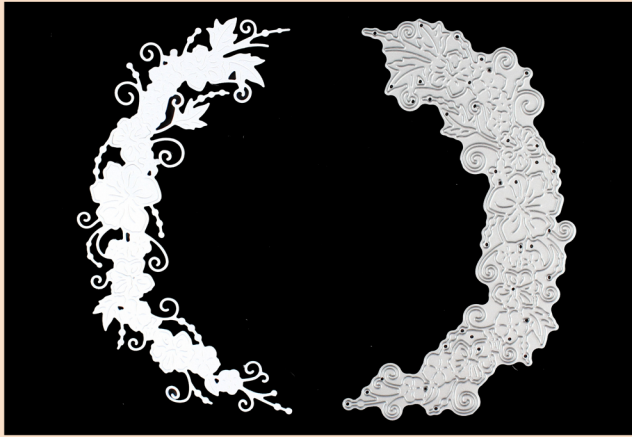
4 Remove the backing paper and adhere to the centre of the A plate.



5 Die cut as normal.



6 Carefully release the die cut.



7 The hotspot helper aids in the cutting of more intricate dies.

Top Tip for embossing die cuts



1 Place the die cut onto an embossing mat and use an embossing tool to press and shape different area to create dimension.

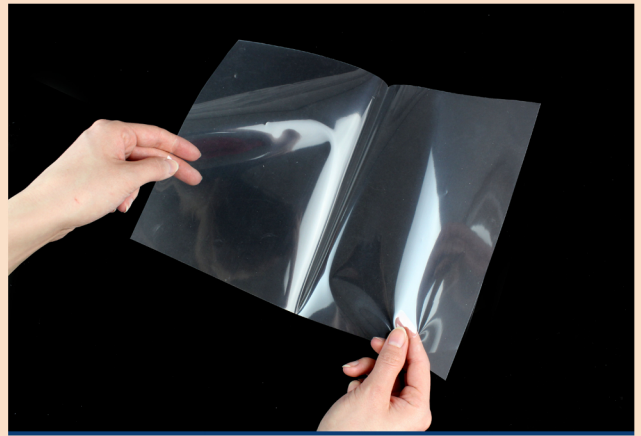


2 Turn the die cut over to see a professional and dimensional look.

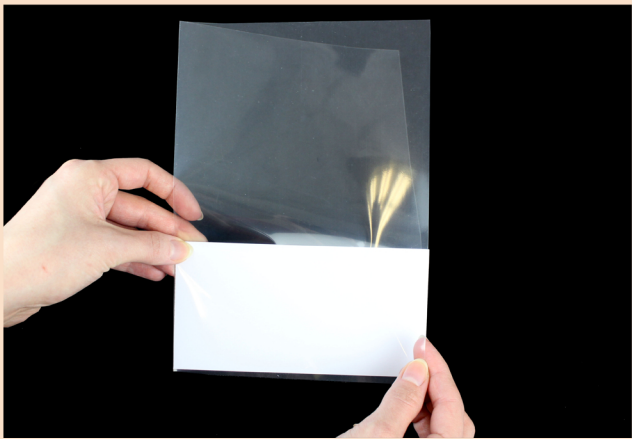
Using Cut Tidy as a shim



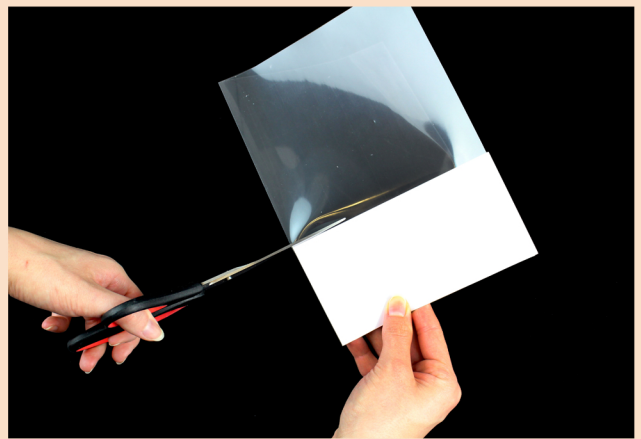
1 Use a Cut Tidy sheet as a shim.



2 Open a sheet of Cut Tidy.



3 Place a piece of cardstock between the cut tidy as a measure.



4 Trim as shown.



5 Open and place the cut tidy onto the A plate. Place the die face up.



6 Place cardstock face down onto the die and close the cut tidy.



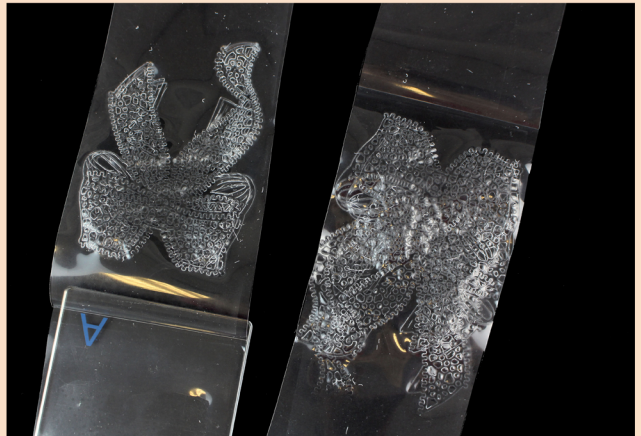
7 Pass the sandwich through the Baby Blue.



8 The die has cut through cleanly.

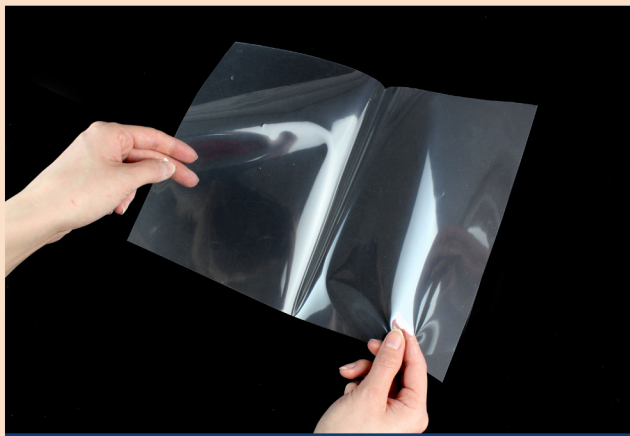


9 Remove the cut tidy and remove any waste from the die and die cut using a pokey tool.

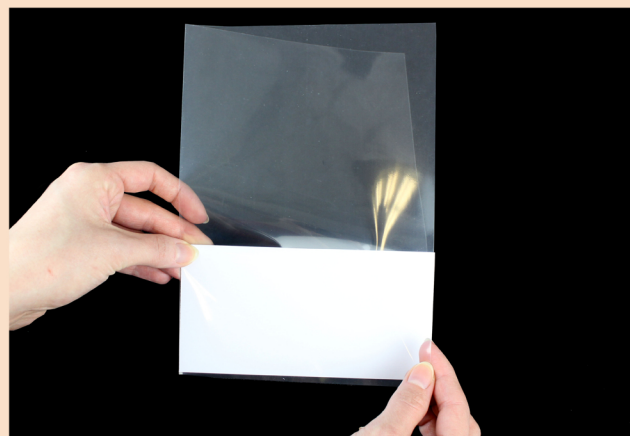


10 The piece of cut tidy is reusable. Until it falls apart.

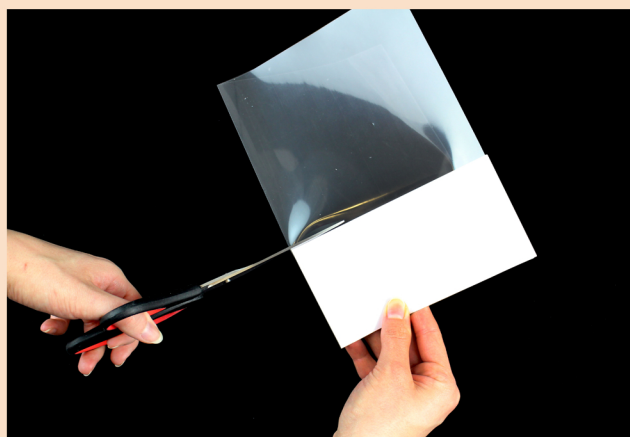
Using Cut Tidy option 2



1 Open a sheet of Cut Tidy.



2 Place a piece of cardstock between the cut tidy as a measure.



3 Trim as shown.



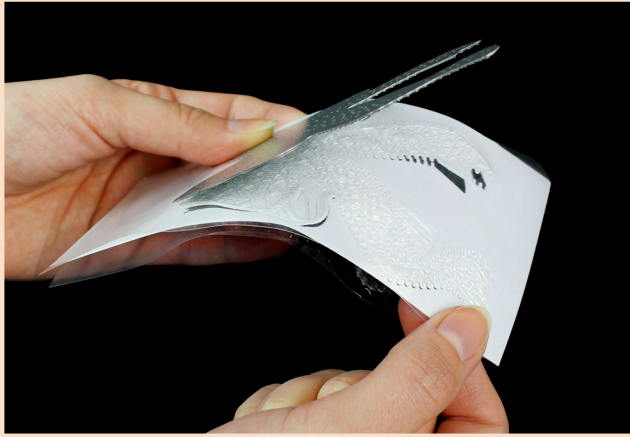
4 Place chosen die face up on the 'A' plate.



5 Place a piece of card in the pocket of cut tidy, (as above) and place onto the die. Place the 'B' plate on top to create a sandwich.



6 Roll the sandwich through the Baby Blue as normal.



8 Carefully peel away the die.



9 Open the pocket and remove the die cut, leaving the waste inside.



10 Remove any stubborn waste with a pokey tool.

Using long dies on small plates



1 Follow the instructions on 'How to cut with the Baby Blue'.



2 Place the die face up onto the A plate, leaving a one centimetre space at the top.

Die cut as usual.



3 Carefully lift the B plate and slide the die and card up the plate as shown.



4 Die cut as usual, being careful not to bend the card as you place through the machine