

MAKERY PROJECT: Paper Celebration Banner

(using Ellison Die Cut
Machine and Sizzix)

TIME: 90 minutes

SKILL: Beginner

Why buy a generic banner for a party when you can make one that's perfectly suited to your theme? Use the Makery's paper die cut machine, along with other equipment, to create a custom "HAPPY BIRTHDAY," "CONGRATULATIONS," or any other celebratory-themed banner.

Note: Children younger than middle school must be directly supervised by an adult.



Materials You Need to Bring



PAPER



YARN

TIPS:

- Bringing extra materials is always a good idea.
- You may need to trim your paper to fit in the machines. We have paper cutters.

Equipment Provided in the Makery



ELLISON
MACHINE



4" TALL DIE
CUT LETTERS



SIZZIX BIG SHOT



SIZZIX
PLATFORM



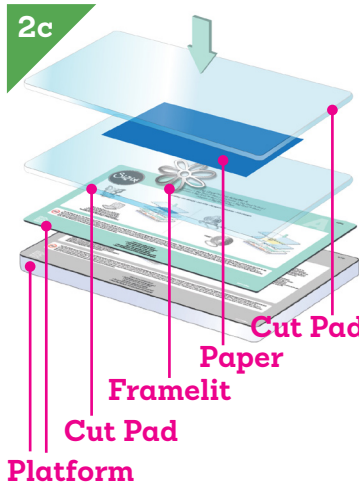
SIZZIX
CUT PADS



SIZZIX FLAG
FRAMEKIT



GLUE STICK



1 PREP:

Choose your letters from the die cut area and bring them to the Ellison Die Cutter. You also need to get the Sizzix Big Shot, Platform, Cut Pads, and Flag Framelit from staff.

NOTE: You should use only the largest Flag Framelit.

2 CUT:

- a. **To Cut Letters:** Arrange the paper, then put one of the letters (rubber side down) on top. Slide the whole thing into the center of the die cutter opening. Push the handle down a couple times to ensure a solid cut, then slowly slide out the paper and die cut. Set the letter aside, and repeat for all letters.
- b. To make a special character like the apostrophe pictured, use the (!) die cutter and simply cut one of the parenthesis in half.
- c. **To Cut Flags:** Layer the Platform, one Cut Pad, the Flag Framelit (cutting side up), then paper, and top with the other Cut Pad. Slide the whole thing into the sizzix and crank through with handle. Set the flag aside and repeat until you have enough flags for your letters.

3 GLUE:

Glue letters to flags.

NOTE: Lay out your flags and letters before you start to glue and make sure you like the color combo/layout.

4 PUNCH:

Punch the top corners of each flag, taking care to leave at least 1/4 to 1/2 inch space between the hole and the edges of the paper.

5 STRING:

Cut a length of string at least twice as long as the total width of flags. Pass the yarn from the back through the holes. Tie each end in a bow.

NOTE: The easiest way to transport a banner is to fold it, stacking the banners front-to-back.