



Makery Profile: Creating a Custom Button

Looking for something simple and inexpensive to do in the Makery with your kids? Insiders swear by the button maker. Make one, two, or more! Note: children younger than middle school must be directly supervised by an adult.

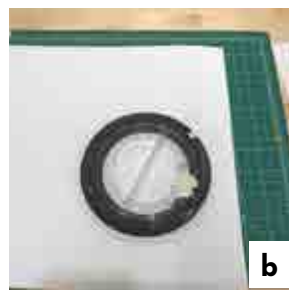
Materials You Need to Bring

- Paper: one piece of regular-size paper can produce up to six (6) large, eleven (11) medium, or thirty (30) small buttons. Bringing extra paper is always a good idea.
- Optional: washi tape, photos, glitter, sequins, etc.

Equipment Provided in the Makery

- Button maker (in small, medium, or large)
- Cutting mat
- Button hardware (there is a charge per button)
Small: 25¢ • Medium: 50¢ • Large: 50¢
- Scissors
- Markers and colored pencils

1. **Prep:** Choose which size button to make (a), and use the corresponding size cutter [S: Red, M: Blue, L: Black.] to cut it out on a cutting mat (b). Use one hand to hold the cutter firmly in place (c), and the other to turn the cutter 360°.



2. **Create:** Using markers, (d) pencils, washi tape, photos, glitter, and whatever other papercrafting materials, decorate your circle. (e) Try to keep the decoration thin, as the paper needs to bend to make the button.



3. **Purchase:** Once your design is ready, ask Makery staff for button hardware (You get three items: a button back, a button disc, and a clear button cover) that fits the size you chose. Small is 25¢; Medium and Large are both 50¢ each.

4. **Assemble:** Get the button maker that fits your chosen button size. Ensure the switch is set to ONE. (pink circle in f)



Place the back part of the button (the one with the pin) in the center of the button maker so the side you would fasten to your shirt is down. (f) On top of that, put the button disc with the rounded edge facing down. (g) Place the clear button cover on top of the button design, and place both on top of the disc. (h) Press down on the handle firmly. (i)



When you release the handle, the button cover, the button design, and the button disc should have been picked up into the top of the press. (j) The button back should remain in the bottom (if it didn't, just use light pressure on the underside of the top press to gently jiggle it out and back into the bottom.

Change the switch to TWO (pink circle in j) and press down again—this time as firmly as you can. (k) Once the handle is back upright, use the small lever (L) on the left side to prop the finished button up so you can remove it.

