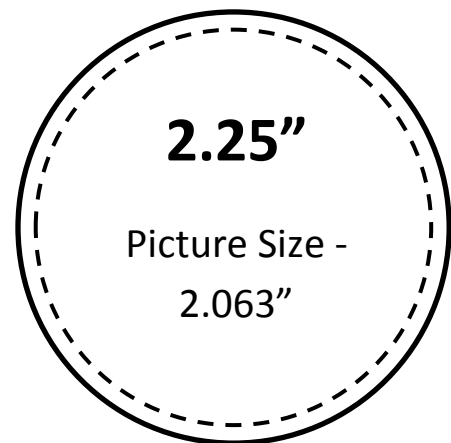# Button Machine Maker Kit

Guide

Design Your Button

The included Button Machine creates 2.25" buttons. You can design your buttons by hand or on a computer, using this template as a guide:

You can also find this template on the included CD titled "Button Essentials." The CD titled "Artistic Creations" contains hundreds of pre-made 2.25" designs for you to choose. Or if you prefer, you can make buttons from graphics cut from printed material like old books, photos and magazines.

Once you have completed your design, print it out on paper of up to 24lb bond thickness (photo paper). DO NOT USE CARDSTOCK.

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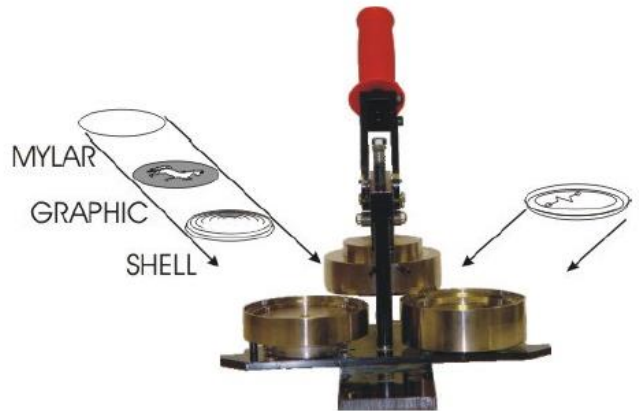
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Cut Out Your Design

The included circle punch can be used for punching paper circles that will become the graphic or picture on buttons. It is designed to accept strips of paper approximately 3" wide. Simply insert your printed strip into the punch, center your graphic or photo through the top, press down on the red handle, and the punch cutter precisely cuts your graphic in one motion! Pass your finger through the open center of the punch from the bottom to lift the cut circle out of the punch plate.

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Assemble Your Button

1. Identify the crimp die and the pickup die on the button machine. The pickup die is to the left (shallow die) and the crimp die is to the right (deeper die).
2. Insert a button shell into the pickup die (shallow die) with the sharp edges facing downward. Then follow with the graphic – picture side up – and then the clear plastic Mylar.
3. Rotate the die clockwise until it comes to rest against the upper die.
4. Pull the handle down as far as it will go, then raise it up again to its resting position.
5. Place a pin back into the crimp die (deeper die).
6. Rotate the die counter clockwise until it comes to rest under the upper die.
7. Pull the handle down as far as it will go, then raise it up again to its rest position.
8. Rotate the die clockwise and remove the completed button to start again.

Note: To get a good orientation of the button, center the top of the graphic with the center column of the machine. Do the same with the top of the pin back

Additional Resources

American Button Machines has many button-making resources on their website, including design ideas, button templates, and video tutorials:

https://www.americanbuttonmachines.com

Troubleshooting

If you experience problems, please contact the Reference Desk at cvref@wcpl.lib.oh.us.

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