


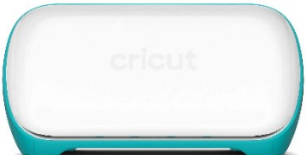






My Favorite Note Card Tools

<p><i>Xyron Sticker Maker</i></p> 	<p>Run your favorite images through the sticker maker and they come out with permanent adhesive on the back so you can easily affix them to your note cards with no bubbling or curled corners! You can also buy a more expensive model that makes magnets and laminates!</p>
<p><i>Misti Mini Stamping Tool</i></p> 	<p>Assists in stamping images cleanly and evenly and allows restamping if needed. Use the grid to align rubber stamps perfectly each time. A little pricey, but perhaps you can create your own when you see how it works. I've seen crafty folks use DVD covers or their own acrylic sheets to create a similar tool. The trick is getting the dimensions right. I bought one and don't regret it.</p>
<p><i>Scotch Laminator</i></p> 	<p>Protect your lovely cards with thermal laminating, but with tutorials found on YouTube, you can also emboss with foil! Super nice for preserving important documents, protecting kids' drawings, and for homeschooling, too. Great and very inexpensive tool to own. Love mine.</p>
<p><i>Cricut Joy</i></p> 	<p>Want to try digital cutting without spending a bundle? Try the Joy! It's mini but very versatile! Perfect for note cards, banners, homeschool projects, and more. It is a bit of a learning curve to navigate the Design Space software, but there are lots of tutorials online.</p>
<p><i>Cuttlebug</i></p> 	<p>This little cutting machine uses metal dies to cut shapes and is very inexpensive compared to digital cutting machines. Also great for embossing! And it operates with a hand crank. Quick and easy to set up and cut. Perfect for making tags, too. I love mine and highly recommend this tool.</p>
<p><i>Heart, Circle Punches</i></p> 	<p>If the digital cutting world is not for you, you can rely on a variety of paper punches to get the perfect shapes you need. All kinds of punches are available for hearts, stars, circles, flowers, and more. Cuts paper, foam, thin felt.</p>
<p><i>Decorative Edge Scissors</i></p> 	<p>You can finish the edges of most cards with fancy edge scissors instead of using a high priced digital cutter. This set is sold for less than \$10, or you can buy individual decorative edge , as well.</p>
<p><i>Precut Cardstock</i></p> 	<p>Most craft stores sell these precut card stock packs. Get one and your notecards are halfway done before you start! Add stickers and your sentiments, and your note card is unique and colorful. Use two stuck together for a sturdy, two-color note card. Great for cardmaking, too!</p>

 <p><i>Neon Index Cards</i></p>	<p>Just like pre-cut cardstock, but available with lines and in standard sizes such as 3x5 or 4x6. The lines help me keep my note written straight, and I like to layer my neon index cards on the cardstock, too!</p>
<p><i>Washi Tape</i></p> 	<p>Make a plain note card fancy with Washi tape! This versatile tape is easy to apply and doesn't leave a residue. Available in a variety of designs, Washi tape can be used for wrapping packages, decorating cards, drawing attention to your calendar/planner entries, and more. It's also available in rolls of stickers! And it peels off well if you make a mistake. LOVE this stuff!</p>
<p><i>Glitter Glue</i></p> 	<p>Turn an ordinary button, cork, shell, or plastic cap into a sparkling jewel with glitter glue! You can color with it, too. Available in all the colors of the rainbow, this glue will elevate your crafting into new dimensions.</p>
<p><i>Sticker Paper</i></p> 	<p>Make your own stickers with a color printer and sticker paper. Plus, if you send your design to your printer through your digital cutting machine, you can have your machine cut them out, too! Find out how on YouTube! I purchased my sticker paper at Wal-Mart, but Hobby Lobby carries this brand, too!</p>
<p><i>Stencils</i></p> 	<p>I found this cute and cheap set of animal stencils at Wal-Mart. They are the perfect size to fit on a note card and included a number of Saharan animals such as giraffes, rhinos, lions, elephants, hippos, zebras, and more. Perfect for our Zambian girls!</p>
<p><i>Paper Cutter/Rotary Trimmer</i></p> 	<p>For less than \$10 you can own this handy rotary trimmer/ruler for cutting your cardstock to size. What a handy gadget. Of course, there are a variety of higher-priced paper cutters and rotary trimmers, but if your budget is tight, this is a winner.</p>
<p><i>Gel Pens</i></p> 	<p>Get the clearest, boldest colors for calligraphy, coloring stencils, and lettering your note cards with a set of gel pens. Most craft stores carry them, but they can be pricey so look for deals at the Dollar Store and Five Below.</p>
<p><i>Watercolor Pencils</i></p> 	<p>You don't have to be an artist to get some amazing effects with watercolor pencils. Simply color lightly and then activate with water to get a beautiful and artistic watercolor effect. Great for a background layer to stamp a sentiment on and perfect for coloring in stencils and stamps.</p>