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Craft Projects

I guess I have always been one of those people that likes DIY projects, I can remember back to childhood when my brothers, which I had 4 & was in the middle of them, would did "Fox Holes" when playing Army making our DIY battle field, or we will build our own "Tree House." I would even rake up leaves to form them into the outline of a house. So "Finding Your Crafting Niche," might have been something you started way back when.

How many of you remember playing with "Paper Dolls?" I had tons of them, being the only girl I had to play girly things by myself a lot of the time, my all time favorite paper dolls was the "Lennon Sisters." As I got into my junior high years in school I started Home Economics Class & there I learned how to sew, something I carried on for years, making my children's clothes and lots of my own, so I guess Craftiness has been a huge part of my life.



Lennon Sisters Paper Dolls

So of course this Christmas when my daughter bought me the Cricut Explore Air I delved into another area of craft, I have to tell you there is just so much you can do with the Cricut, I have only experimented with a small portion of all you can

do with the Cricut. If you are at all interested in making your own sayings on shirts this is the way to go and so much information on the Internet, tutorials, youtubes and podcasts, that there isn't an excuse not to learn how to make those personalized vinyl projects.

You will find a number of the crafts I have made using the Cricut, but also other crafts using polymesh, a hot glue gun and fabric. Check out some of the other blog post with the crafts I have completed. I have to say one of my favorites is the Pop-Up Box Cards, I just think they are so unique and so easy to make and personalize.

Now if you want to get started with crafts using the Cricut let me direct you to what you need to get started!!!

Obviously you will need:

- Cricut Machine: Click on the link at the top of this page and you will find a machine of your choice.
- Cricut Tool Set: Comes in very handy for your vinyl projects, there are tool sets that you can buy in hardware store that will work too, but this set is really nice.
- Cricut Cutting Mats: There are Standard and Light Grip and in different sizes. (6 X 12", 12 X 12" or 12 X 24").
- Cricut Vinyl: This doesn't have to be Cricut Vinyl specifically, but there are so many sites that have vinyl for sale or of course your craft stores, Michaels, Joann Fabrics, Hobby Lobby, plus vinyl stores online.
- Going online and starting with the Cricut Design Center and using the Access program to make your first project will give you a good taste of how the Cricut works. And once you get hooked on using the Cricut you can always sign up for a year Cricut Access where you will find fonts, images & projects.

Any questions, please leave them in my comment section. If

you are looking to buy a Cricut or Access check out the links here on my blog. Enjoy "Finding Your Crafting Niche."

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