

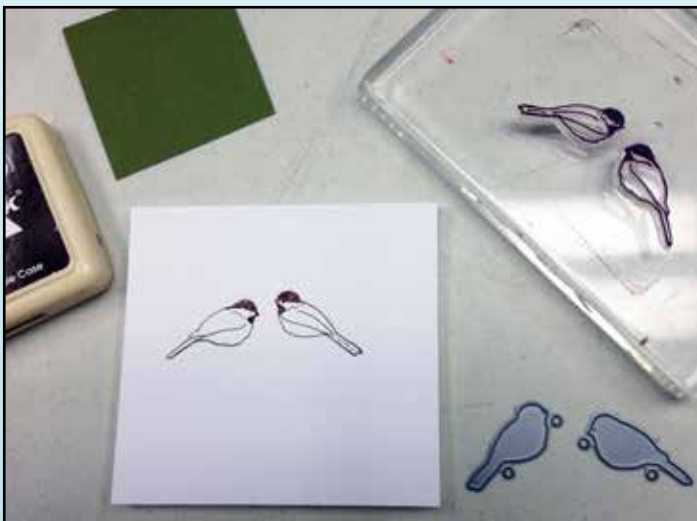


How to Align Dies with Stamped Images

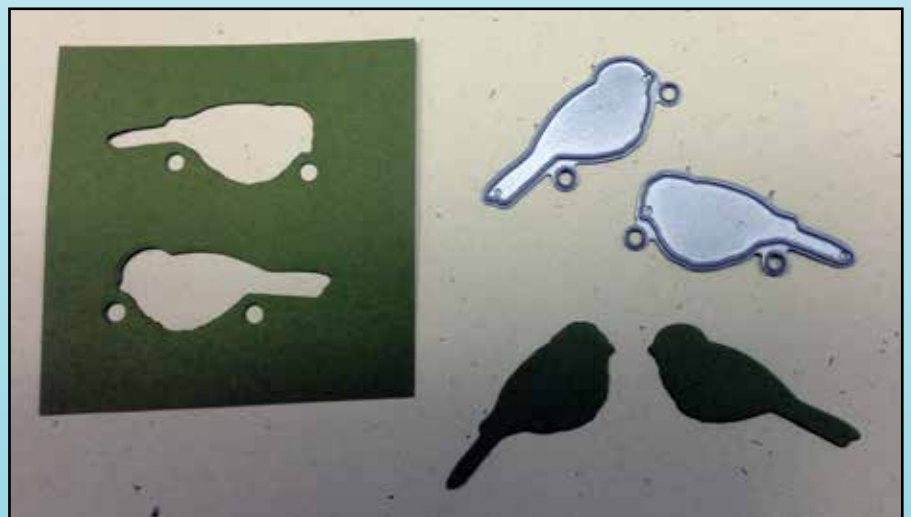
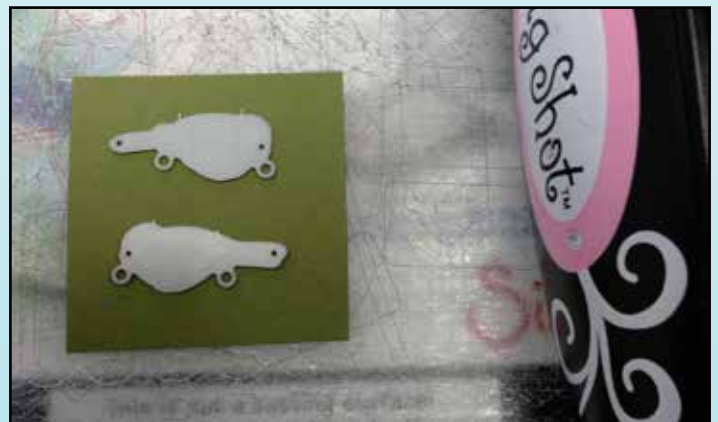
Our first batch of dies came with alignment holes (see photos). Since that first batch, we have come to the conclusion that the alignment holes are unnecessary and actually limit the way you can use dies. Having the circles on the outside of the image eliminates the possibility of using a die as a negative image on a card (as a cutout window for example).

Because of this, we have had most of our dies produced without alignment holes. This is a step-by-step tutorial detailing how we align our dies and stamps without using them.

1 Stamp your image. It is much easier to cut out an already stamped image than to try to stamp on the die cut.



2 Cut the dies out of a thick piece of scrap cardstock (I usually use a dark color for better visibility).



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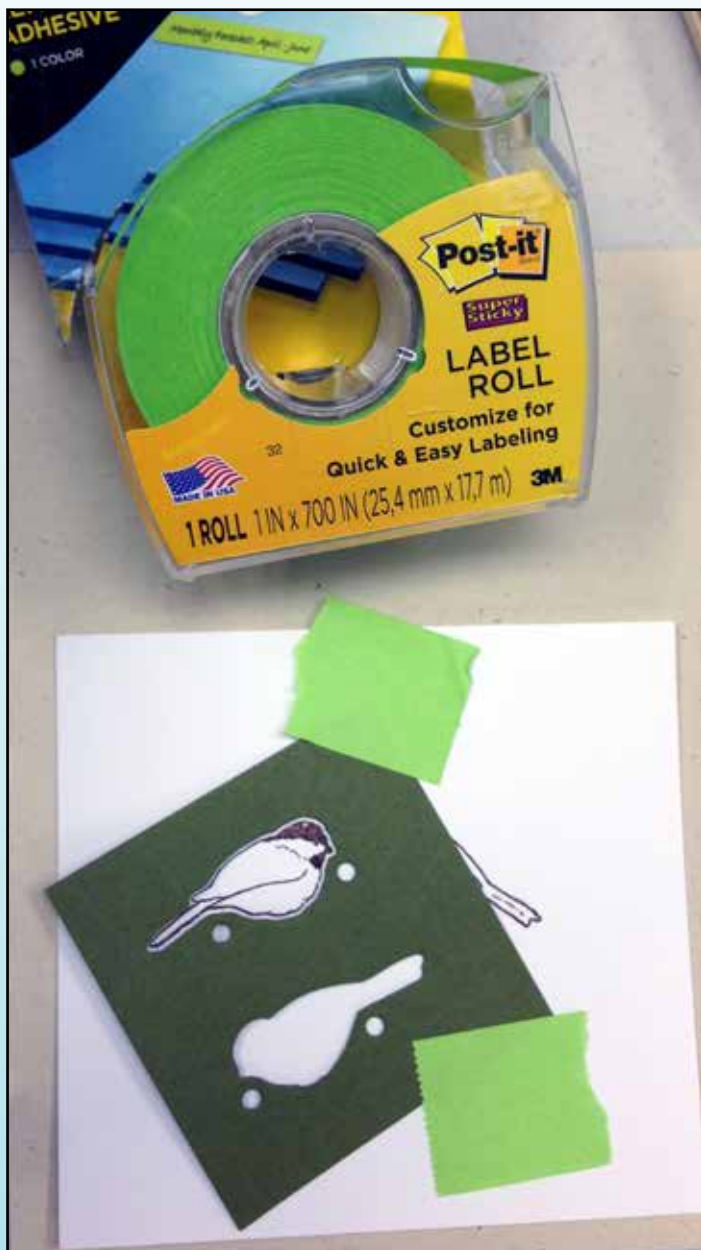
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3 Position the pre-cut piece over the stamped image so that the outside edge of the opening is exactly where you want your die to cut. Affix the pre-cut piece with removable tape (I use Post-it tape).

4 Place the die inside the opening. You may opt to put another piece of tape on the die to secure it, but I usually don't find it necessary. The cardstock "carrier" is thick enough that the cutting edge of the die will just nestle inside the opening and hold it in position.



5 Run it through your machine and you have your nicely aligned and die cut stamped image!



TIP:

Save your "carriers" to use again. Sometimes I cut them out of thin chipboard which makes them last longer and hold the die more securely.