



# Project Sheet

# Absolute Beginners

Whether you discovered papercrafts at a craft show, in a magazine, online or in a friends loungeroom, you were a beginner once. We all were! And if you are a beginner right now, I have a few tips to help you get started.

A recent poll on our facebook page revealed a very common piece of advice for beginners. Only buy what you have immediate plans to use! As tempting as it may be to snap up every pretty thing that catches your eye, chances are that if you don't know what you're going to do with it, it will sit unused forever. Likewise, the temptation of a clearance sale may see you adding substantially to your stash, but if you never use them, they aren't really a bargain. A little bit of planning before you go shopping will save you time and money. Take your photos with you to help with colour choice, and buy with a plan.

When it comes to tools there is a LOT of choice! The most important would be a good trimmer. Ask other crafters for their recommendations and read some online reviews. Make sure you can buy replacement blades for it. Alternatively, you can use a craft knife, ruler & self-healing mat combo. And while scissors are another necessary tool, you are very unlikely to get a truly straight line cutting by hand with scissors.

You will also need adhesives, and the basic trio would be double sided tape, a liquid glue and foam tape. If you're a cardmaker, a bone folder is helpful to achieve crisp card edges. Throw in some cardstock, pattern paper and embellishments and those are the absolute basics to get you started.

The final ingredient you will need is your creative mind and sense of fun. Don't be afraid to try something new, and enjoy the process.



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