

Cutting Shaped Images

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This tutorial will tell you how I cut my shaped image pieces for my samples. I'll also give you the trick for doing this quickly when making multiple cards with the same image. This is a low-tech method that will work with any computer and cutter set up.

1) Using washi tape, attach a piece of scrap paper larger than your cut piece will be to your cutting mat. The larger the paper, the easier this will be. Just tape the top edge. You can tape it pretty much anywhere on the mat as long as there is room for the cut piece.



2) In your software, move the piece to be cut so it will be cut out of the scrap paper. Cut the piece and remove it. You now have a window to use as a guide for the image you want to cut.



3) Without removing the tape, lift up the scrap paper and place the image to be cut under it. Adjust it so it is where you want it to be.



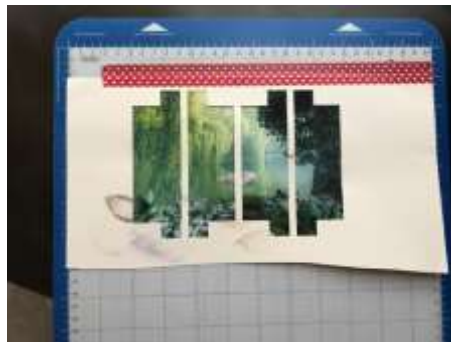
4) If you are making multiple cards using copies of the same image, attach washi tape to the left and bottom of the image. These will be your guides for the copies.



5) Remove the scrap paper and cut your image.

6) If cutting multiple copies, line up the next copy using the washi tape guides and cut it.

7) This method works with images cut into multiple pieces. This is from my screen tri fold style kit CUP 848791_1571.



Possible image types that could be used for this:

Photographs

Children's art work

Copies of vintage artwork

Re-purpose your CUP toppers to make something entirely new

Pictures from old calendars

Recycle holiday cards received last year to create new cards

Postcards