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Introduction to Papercutting | Annie Howe

Materials

I like to buy my supplies at Blick Art but, a lot of local art stores will have these items online as well.

- [Drawing paper](#)
 - The size is up to you. I like at least an 11x14 or 9x12 paper to begin with and I would say no larger than 11x14 to begin with. For the wo
- [Cutting Knife](#)
 - This is a nice starter kit or any Excato knife that fits #11 blades. I prefer Excel blades but, Exacto will work too.
- [Cutting mat](#)
 - 8.5"x11" but, you can also get a larger mat if desired.
- [Blades](#)
 - Size#11 both Exacto and Excel make this size and they are interchangeable between both knives.
- A pencil – any pencil will do!

Optional

- Color paper to back the papercuts with if you want you can use anything from construction paper to fancy paper.
- Glue to affix the papercut to the color paper. You can use regular glue or fancy bookbinding glue. Bookbinding glue will help your paper stay flat and does not yellow in the way the regular glues will. You can even use washi tape or something fun like that!