Designing Your Handmade “Thank You” Card

1. Choose the colors of cardstock you’d like for your card – one solid, one patterned. We will be using two colors to be able to compare difficulty/differences/end result between designing by hand and machine/software (Cricut Design Space). Make sure you take in consideration what color you will be writing with.
2. The size of your card will be 4x6. The size of the rectangle you need to cut out will be **8” x 6“** (since it will be folded in half lengthwise). The size of the insert (glued to the inside of the card) will be about ½ inch shorter both length and width-wise (**3 ½” x 5 ½”)**.
3. Choose how you are going to cut out your shapes (scissors/paper cutter/tear?) and decide how you will get two true rectangles (use a ruler and measure/ use a paper cutter’s built in ruler /just eyeball it).
4. Decide how you will fold the card in half – just by hand or using an object to crease it and whether you will measure where you will fold or eyeball it.
5. Decide either by thinking about it or drawing it out on scrap paper where you will put your text on the front and inside of the card, and where you will make a cutout (If desired, the cutout can be decorative and not show any writing like the card we will be making with the Cricut – it would just show the color of the main card).
6. Decide how you will get the text onto the card in the right place – ruler, template, eyeballing it, stamping it, writing it, using a stencil, etc.
7. Decide how you will make the cut-out. Will you trace around an object, sketch the area, use a stencil, etc.? How will you cut it out? Punch, scissors, Exacto knife, etc.?
8. Put your plans in action and make your card!
9. If you have more creative ways of designing than above, go for it!
10. Discuss what differences there were between designing with a machine and designing by hand.

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**Comparison of Designed by Hand VS. Computer with Cricut Software**

***Designed by Hand***

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***Designed through use of Computer with Cricut Design Space***

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