

Fiskars® Border Punch

Alignment grid for easy border creation

- Large punch lever for easy manipulation
- Large variety of designs
- Maximum thickness to punch : 180g

1. Features

1/ The «center notch» is the middle of the punch design.

5/ The «punch lever» is a built-in «punch aid» enabling make the border punch easier to depress.

3/ The «silhouette» will help you to line up patterns of the punch design if you are doing a whole side of a page.

2/ The «corner notch» will help to line up the punch design when going around the corner of a page.

4/ The «1/4» grid will help you to line up other measurements when doing border designs.

6/ Inner «grid mark» for lining up the edge of the paper. Outer «grid mark» for spreading corner design.



Be careful:

If your border punch doesn't punch, make sure the material you are punching through isn't too thick. The border punch has been designed for maximum 180gr paper.

2. How to use the border punch

For a precise and perfect punch, place the border punch in front of you, insert paper ensuring it is fully placed into the border punch (i.e. against the stop).

Align the end of the paper sheet with the first blue frontal mark of the base. Punch while pressing firmly on the blue lever. (Refer to pictures #1 and #2)



Photo 1



Photo 2

For a continuous border, slide the punched section over the left or right until it lines up with the tool printed section. Punch and continue until you have punched the entire desired length. (Refer to pictures #3 and #4)



Photo 3



Photo 4

Tip: Don't hesitate to turn your punch over, sometimes you need to see what you are doing.



Manipulation Border punch tips:

To start the border design at the edge of a page, line up the piece of paper with the grid line mark that is one step inside the corner notch.

To line up the punch design so that it makes a continuous design from one side of the paper to the other, match up simply the punched design with the «silhouette» printed on the punch base.

To centre one design on a mat or piece of paper, find and mark the spot where you want to centre the pattern. Line it up with the centre notch (marked as #1 on the punch diagram) and slide the paper to the back of the punch and depress the punch lever.

To continue to repeat the design on either side of the pattern centre, slide the punch design over until it matches the silhouette.

To turn a corner with the punch design, start at the corner and insert the corner of the paper even with the corner notch indicated on the punch. Flip the paper up-side down, turn 90 degrees and insert the other side of the corner again (some designs will match evenly at the corner of a 12cm x 12cm of paper, others may have been trimmed.) If the corner design does not match up evenly at the corner, try spreading the design by starting at the outer grid mark. This will spread the corners so that the design ends up evenly along the page. (The corners will be trimmed by the punch itself but you may have to trim it with a pair of scissors.)

To punch a mat for a photo first determine how many design repeats are closest to the size of the photo. For example: a 5cm x 7cm photo will require 3 repeats across the top and bottom and 4 repeats along the sides.

To do this, start at a corner and work over three repeats. Trim the paper a quarter inch ($\frac{1}{2}$ centimeter) beyond the design repeat and continue around the corner to do the long side of the mat. Repeat the process at corners as necessary.

3. Tips

How to create a perfect frame with the border punch:

When punching a border frame, punch one side of your paper sheet (picture #1), rotate the paper, align the grid mark and punch again. (If you punched the first side starting with the 9th grid in, when you rotate the strip, you will start with the 9th grid in on this side also.)

Tip: In general you will rotate the border strips to create designs, in rare cases to create a particular design you will turn the border over to punch the other side.

Example with the Heart border punch:

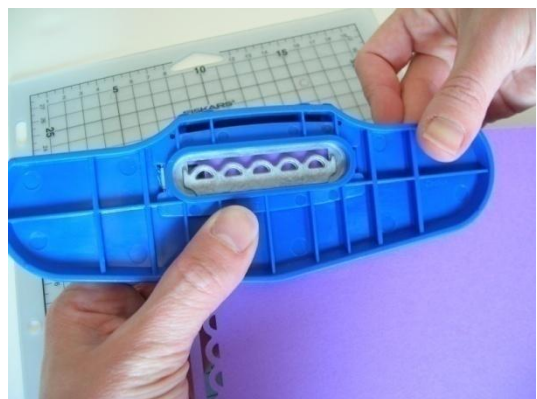
Using the personal paper trimmer 30cm, cut a square from the 100gr cardstock size 12cm x 12cm (or 17.5cm x 17.5cm). Start by placing the square aligned with the grid mark and punch. Rotate the paper and repeat the previous pattern, continue until you have punched the entire square.

Tip: Always punch on the same side of the paper, rotate the border punch only to place design on pattern.

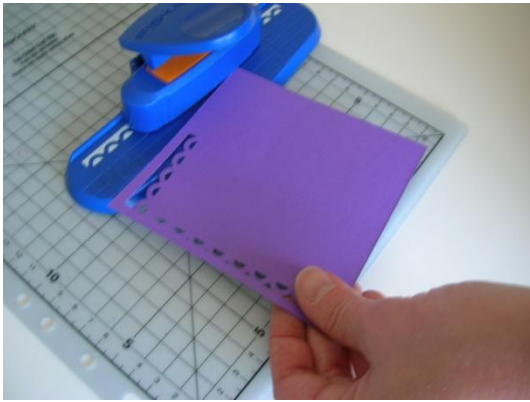
Step 1: Punch the first side



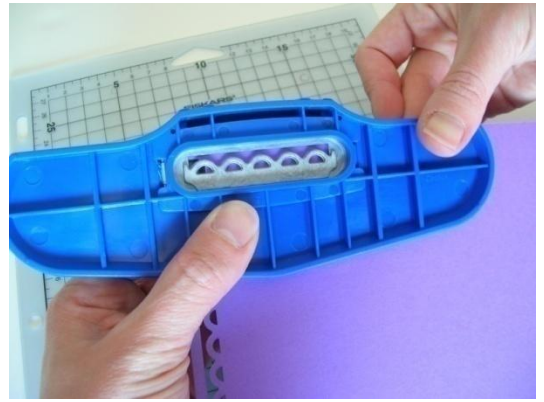
Step 2: Rotate the border punch



Step 3: Punch the second side



Step 4: Alignment on the punched hole



Step 5: Punch and rotate the border punch

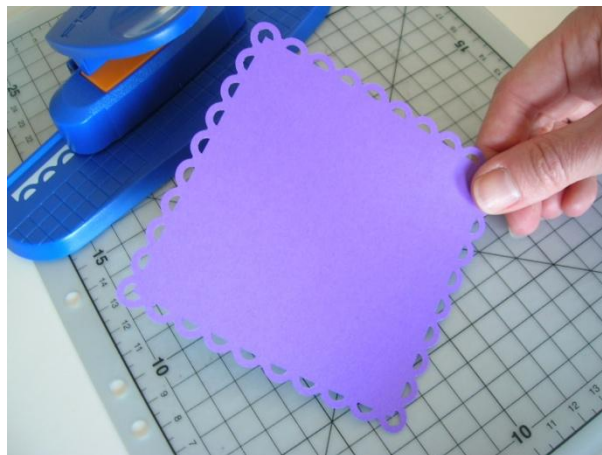


Step 6: Rotate the border punch and align on the punched hole



Step 7: For the last side, keep the border punch turned over and punch when the two holes are aligned

Step 8: Finish by cutting imperfections with Fiskars Softouch® Micro-Tip® 13cm scissors.



Tip: The framing effects are particularly great with the border punches Hearts, Lace and Flowers, examples of which are below:

Border punch Lace:



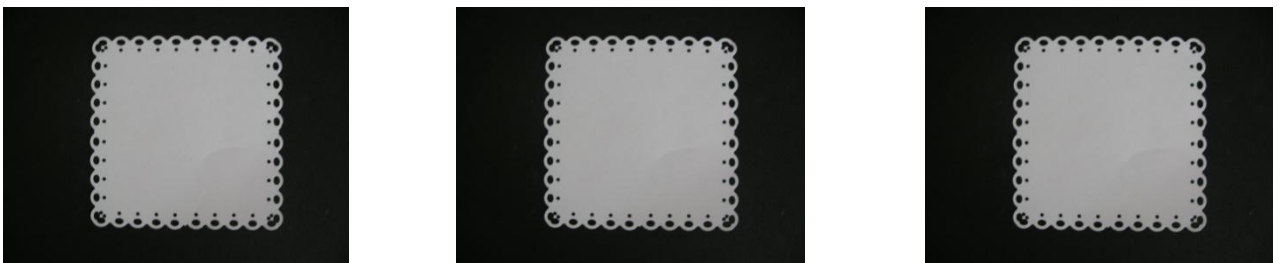
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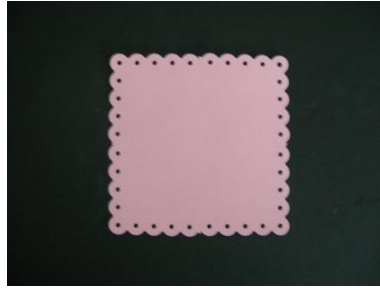
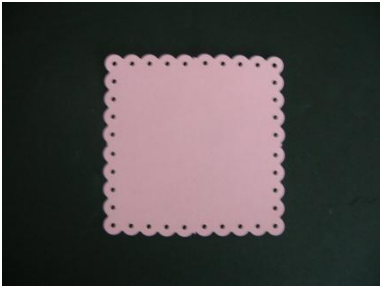
Border punch Apron Lace:



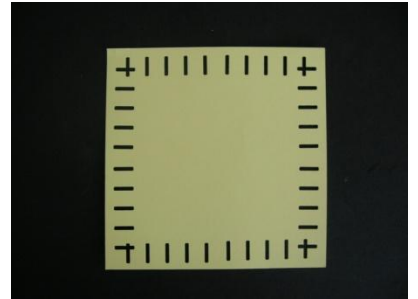
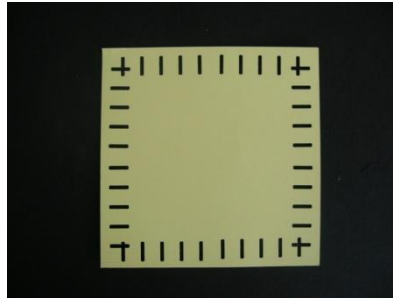
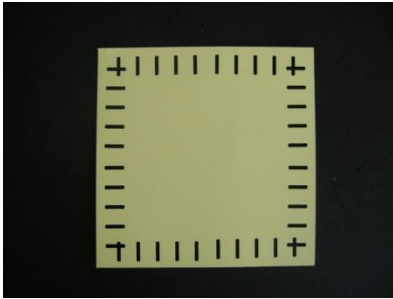
Border punch Effervescence:



Border punch Scalloped Lace:



Border punch Ribbon slits:



Border punch Boundary water:



How to create lace effect with the border punch:

By using border punches, you can create wonderful lace effects on paper, by varying the effects according to the colours and types of paper. Using the personal paper trimmer 30cm, cut out strips of 3cm wide (or more according to the desired result).

Then, place a paper strip in the border punch aligning it with the beginning of the white design on the base of the border punch. Punch by pressing firmly on the blue lever (Photo 1). Repeat the previous instructions along the length of the strip (Photo2). Turn the punched strip around to punch the other side and repeat the previous pattern in order to obtain a symmetric lace punched design (Photos 3,4,5 & 6).

Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5

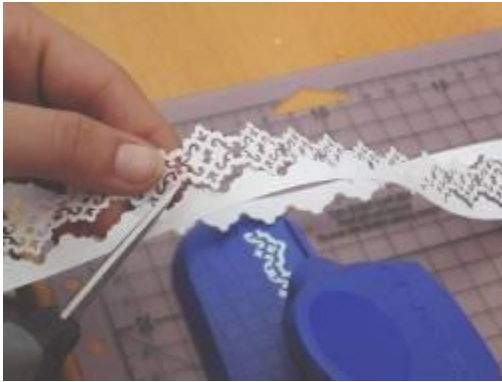
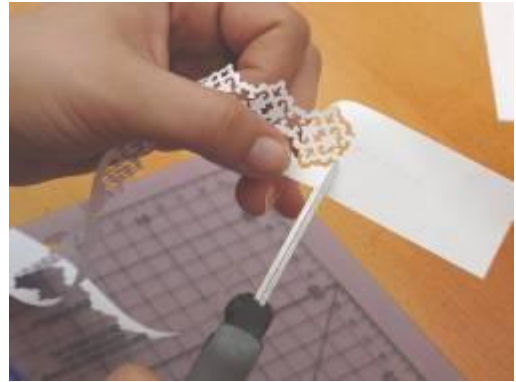


Photo 6



Tip:

The lace effect is particularly great with border punches Hearts, Lace and Flowers.



What should I do if my border punch cut doesn't feel as sharp?

If your paper gets caught in your border punch, tap the punch lightly on your work surface to release the paper.

Keep your border punches dry to prevent rusting.

If your border punch won't compress, make sure the material you are punching through isn't too thick. The border punch has been designed for maximum 180gr paper.

If your punch doesn't feel as sharp, try to punching through a piece of aluminum foil or a piece of very thin sandpaper.

To lubricate the border punch, cut out several times in greaseproof paper (used in cooking) or waxed paper.

This operation will grease your cutting tool and extend its lifetime for better results.

