

## So you want to make an awesome button? It's easy!

### Let's start off with a few facts about using the button maker!

- ⇒ Button size/shape: 2.5" Standard/Round
- ⇒ Do not use card stock, plastics or fabric. If you are using any materials other than standard copy paper you may harm/break the button maker.
- ⇒ Button materials are for sale at the Patron Service desk at a cost of: \$1 for a bag of supplies to make 5 buttons (5 front shells, 5 mylar sheets, 5 pin backs). You must supply your own graphics. You may download the button template on the library's website.
- ⇒ ***We're sorry, the Library cannot be responsible for replacing materials on incorrectly made buttons.***

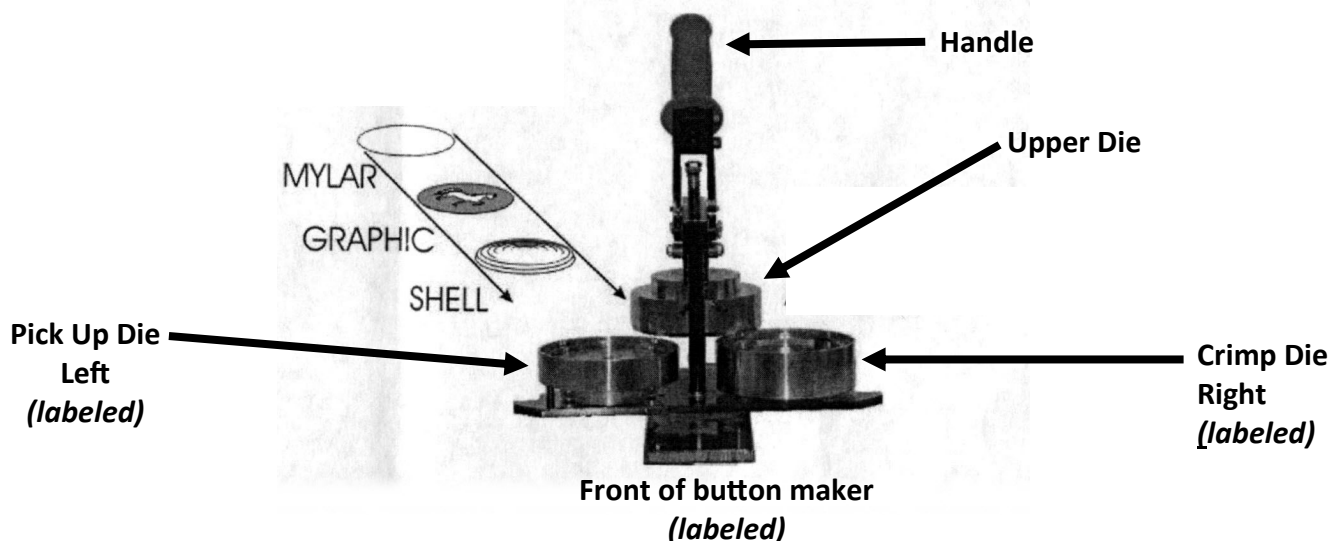
1. Identify the **pick up die** and the **crimp die**. The **pick up die** is to the left (shallow die), **crimp die** to the right (deeper die). These are labeled for you on the button maker.
2. Insert a button shell into the **pick up die** (shallow die) with the sharp edges facing downward. Then follow with the graphic, picture side up, and then the clear plastic mylar.
3. Place the pin back into the **crimp die**.

### IMPORTANT!!

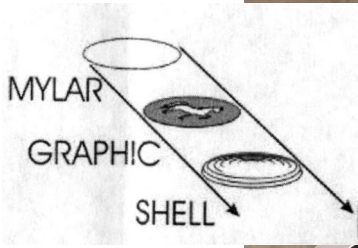
***\*Please see the next page for proper way to orient your graphic and pin back.***

***\*Make certain to place one of each component into the specific die indicated.***

***\*BE CAREFUL: Front shells nest together and if not separated will jam the machine. Please double check the front shells to be certain only one front shell is placed in the pick up die.***



4. After loading the button materials (shell, graphic, mylar) in the **pick up die**, and the pin back in the **crimp die**—rotate the **pick up die** *clockwise* until it comes to a rest under the **upper die**.
5. Pull the handle down (forward) as far as it will go, and raise it up again to its rest position.
6. Rotate the **crimp die** *counter-clockwise* until it comes to a rest under the upper die.
7. Pull the handle down (forward) as far as it will go, and raise it up again to its rest position.
8. Rotate the **crimp die** clockwise and remove the button to start again.



Please orient your graphic correctly as indicated on this image.



Pin Back  
(Please orient the pin back correctly as indicated on this image.)

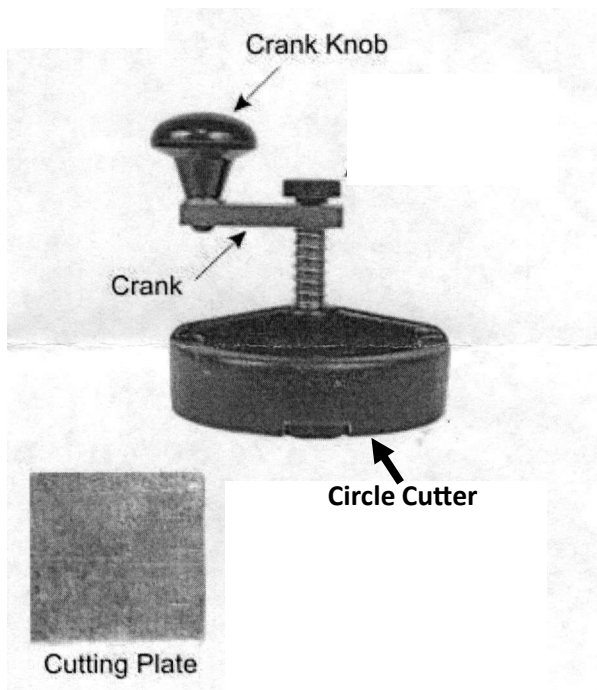
Pick Up Die  
Left  
(labeled)

Crimp Die  
Right  
(labeled)



## Cutting Graphics With The Circle Cutter

- ⇒ Craft store punches do not work for making buttons. Cut sizes are specific to each machine and are larger than the diameter of the button.
- ⇒ The Library has a Circle Cutter you may use to cut your graphic. This is included in your case.
- ⇒ Button Template: Templates are available on our website to download/print out at home and bring with you. If you print your template at the library standard printing rates apply (.25 color print/.10 B&W).
- ⇒ **To avoid damaging your table/workspace you must use the steel cutting plate under the material to be cut—where the cut is made. The steel cutting plate is included in your case.**



1. Set the **circle cutter** onto the paper being cut. **Be sure that the cutting plate is completely under the frame of the cutter.**
  2. With one hand holding the **circle cutter** in position, use the other hand to press down firmly on the **crank knob** and **rotate the crank**. **You may have to rotate the crank a few times to cut through the paper.**
  3. The result should be that the desired graphic is cut.
- \*It may be necessary to practice this a few times to arrive at the right balance of downward pressure and cranking force to make a smooth cut. Please practice a few times before cutting your final graphic.\***



**Circle Cutter and Cutting Plate used with Button Template**



**Final graphic product using the Button Template and Circle Cutter.**