

Thanks for purchasing digital die lines from Technique Tuesday. We have designed the digital die lines to make it easy and fun to add layers and depth to your projects. We hope that these instructions will help you get started using the digital die lines and be even more creative!

1. Figure out which file format works best with your die cutting machine.

Each set of Technique Tuesday die lines includes three file formats - ai, .svg, .dxf. The reason we have included all three of these file formats is so that our die lines will work with all the different die cutting machines. Please see the instruction manual for your die cutting machine to figure out which file format works best with your machine.

2. Open your die cutting machine software and make sure it is setup to not resize the die lines.

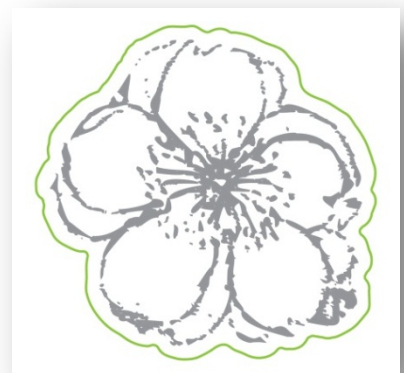
Many of our die lines are designed to coordinate with Technique Tuesday stamp sets. We also offer die line files that will let you make projects such as scrapbook elements or greeting cards. The file that you received from us includes die lines that are sized for the stamp set or to make a project. Please check the settings or preferences in your die cutting machine software to make sure it will not resize the die lines when you open the die line file.

For example, in the Silhouette Standard software go to the "File" menu and then click on "Preferences". On the "Preferences" screen, click on "Defaults" and find the section under the heading "When Importing DXF". Uncheck the box in front of "Scale to fit page". Once you have done this, the software will no longer resize dxf files. Instead the die lines will be cut at the size that the die line designer intended.

3. Open the die line file and choose the images you want to cut.

Using the software that came with your die cutting machine, open the Technique Tuesday die line file. If you don't want to cut all of the die lines, ungroup the die lines. Then move the ones you don't want to cut aside. The manual that came with your die cutting machine includes information about how to select and position the die lines for your particular machine.

If you are using die lines that coordinate with a stamp set, you will find that the pieces you cut are approximately 1/12" larger than the images in the stamp set. The border makes it easier to line up the stamp with the cut piece. It also provides an attractive border around the stamped image.

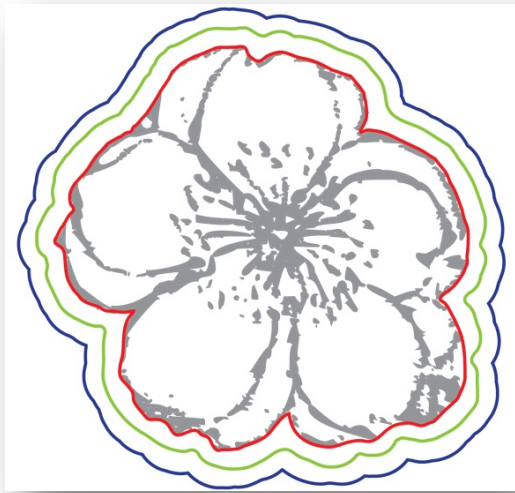


*Flower Image from
Two Steppin stamp set*

4. Explore the "Extras" directory.

Many of our die line files include some extra goodies. For example, our die line files that coordinate with a stamp set include extra die lines that you can use to cut out pieces that don't have any border around the stamped image or that have a larger border.

Here's an example of the extra die lines featuring one of the flowers in our Two Steppin stamp set:



Borderless: The smallest die lines follow the shape of the stamp images as closely as possible. You can use the borderless die lines to make elements with little or no margin showing around your stamped image. You can also use the borderless die lines if you are using the stamped masking technique. When a stamp image has very fine details that do not work well as die lines, the borderless die line may not be included. The borderless-sized die lines also do not work well for words or phrases so those are also not included.

Standard: The die lines that you will probably use the most are shown in green and are 1/12" larger than the images in the companion stamp set. You can use this size of die lines to make elements with a small margin showing around the stamped image. Or you can use these die lines to make a layer to go around elements you cut out using the borderless-size die lines.

Mat: The mat-sized die lines are 1/6" larger than the stamp images. You can use the mat-size die lines to make elements with a wider margin showing around the stamped image. Or you can use the elements you cut out using the mat die lines to make additional layers for the other die line sizes.

5. Don't forget to read the license agreement.

If you haven't already read the license agreement that came with these digital die lines, please do so. The license agreement includes information about how you can use our digital die lines.

6. Consider joining us online to learn more.

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