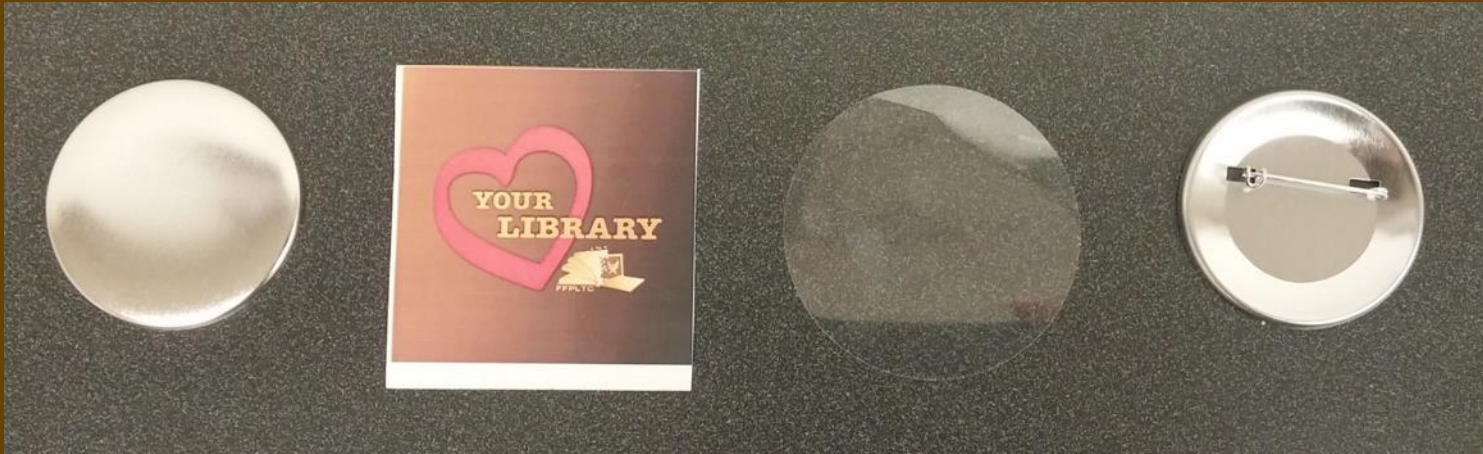




HOW TO MAKE: BUTTONS

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YOU WILL NEED:

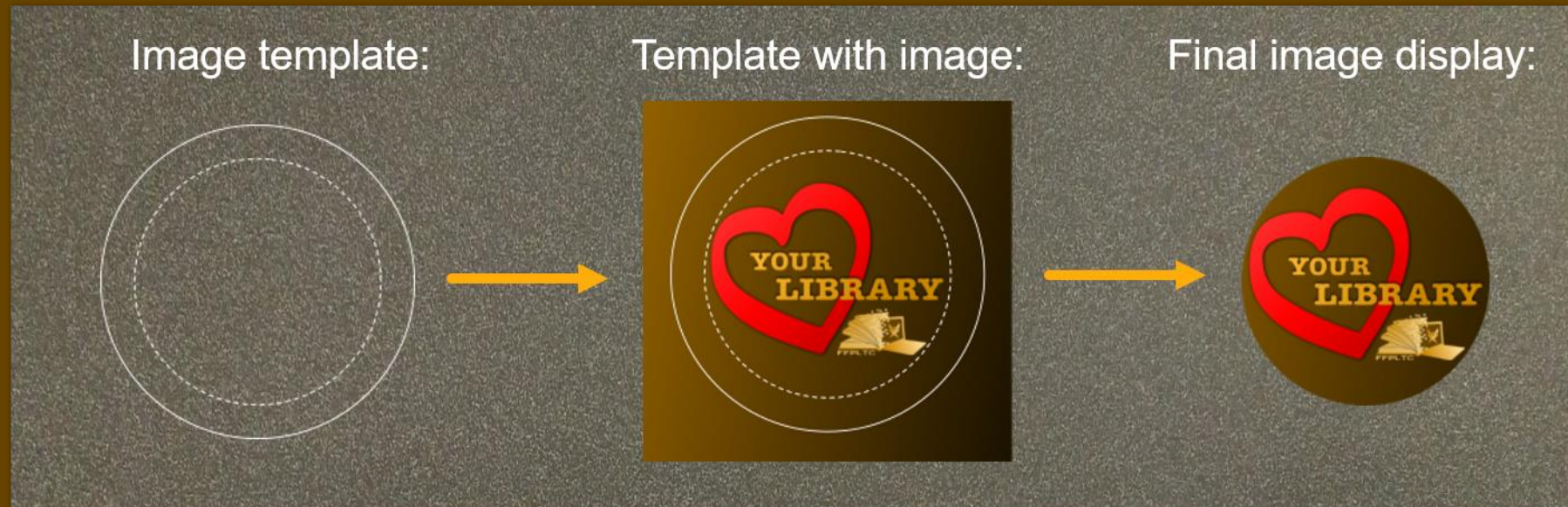


Materials from left to right:

- Shell
- Image
- Mylar (plastic cover)
- Pin Back

RESIZE AN IMAGE

Ensure the image being cut fits into the image template. This is best done by having a digital copy of the image that can be scaled to fit as desired. The image being displayed fits the inner circle of the template while the outer circle represents the “bleed area” that will wrap around the button’s edge.



Remove circles from the template for a clear image. Print the images when they are the correct size.

CUT THE IMAGE

- Roughly cut a strip around the image so that it is able to fit inside the circle punch.
- Insert the strip of paper in the slot and centre the image to be displayed.
- Be mindful that the edge of image will be in the bleed area.



- Push the lever all the way down away from yourself.
- Push the image out from the bottom with your fingers, or the lift when using the small circle punch.
- Return the lever to its upright position and remove any scraps.

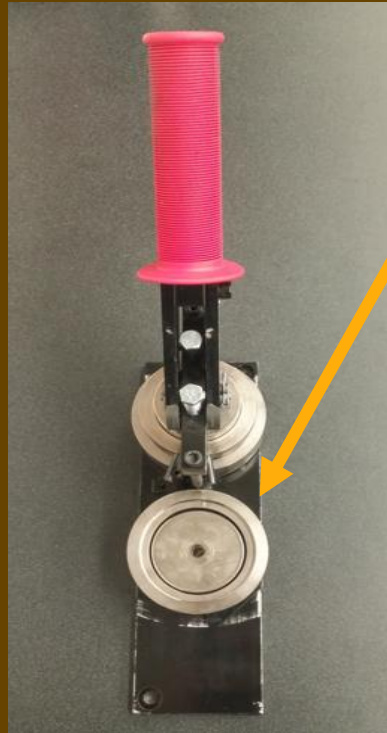
Do not attempt to cut metal with this tool

BUTTON MAKER



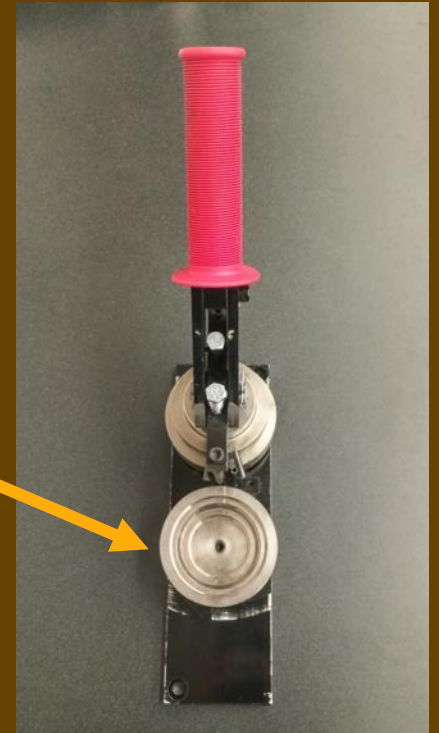
Handle:
Begin with the handle upright

Die Table:
This area rotates to expose each die individually



Pickup die:
The flat surface ensures the shell, image and Mylar are level

Crimp die:
The recessed area ensures room for a variety of accessories



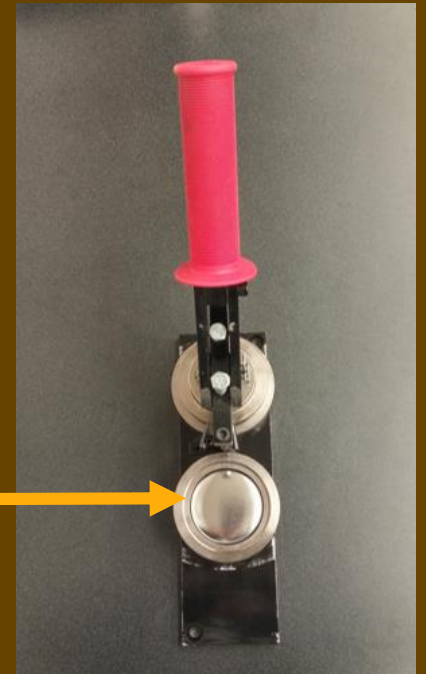
BUILD THE BUTTON:

- Bounce the shell against a hard surface. This ensures that there are not two shells stuck together.
- Ensure the handle is raised to its complete upright position.
- Place the shell with the sharp edge down and the dome edge facing up into the pickup die (flat side of the press).

Sharp edge



Dome edge



BUILD THE BUTTON:

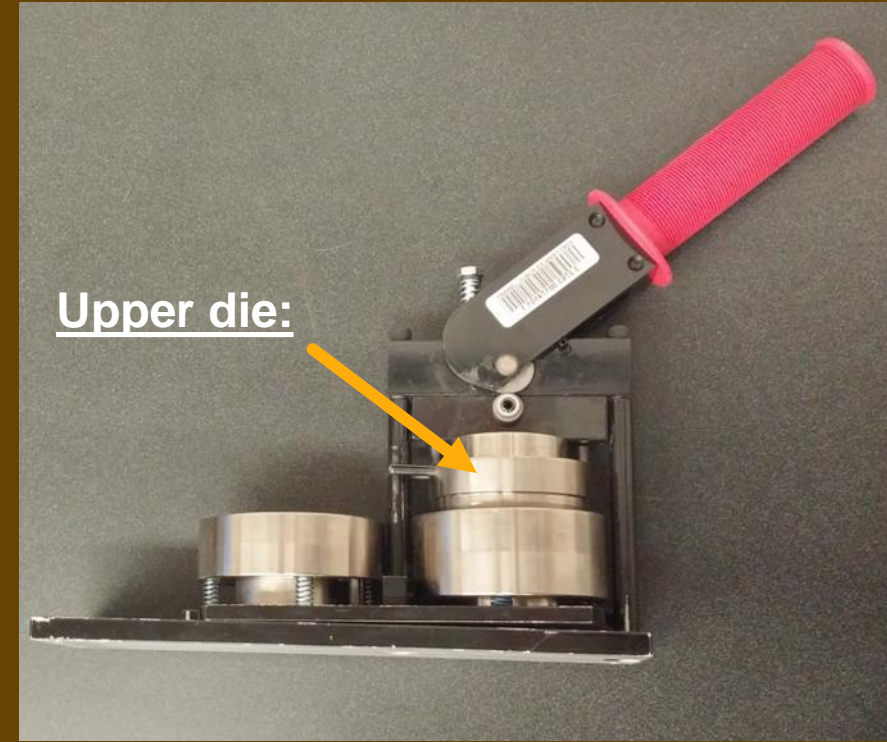
- Place your image on top of the shell, making sure that it is straight
- Place protective layer of Mylar (plastic) over the image



Mylar is a layer of plastic that covers and protects the button image.

BUILD THE BUTTON:

- Spin the die table fully until a click is heard and the image can no longer be seen. The crimp die is then exposed.
- Pull the handle firmly all the way down to a horizontal position then raise it to its full upright position. The front portion of your button will now be held in the upper die.



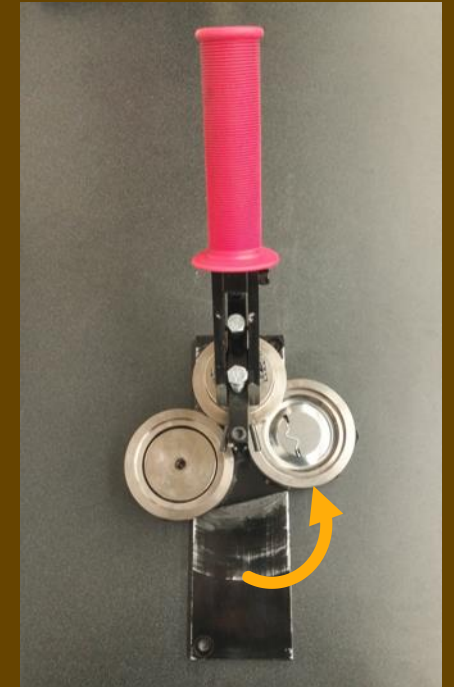
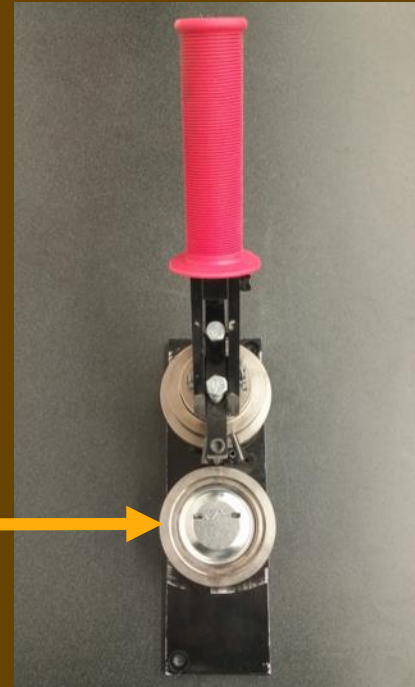
BUILD THE BUTTON:

- With the crimp die exposed, place the pin back with the safety pin down (inside the recess).
- Ensure it is lying straight and level. It will not lie flat if placed the wrong way.
- Spin the die table until the click is heard.

Safety pin side



Pin back interior



BUILD THE BUTTON:

- Pull the handle firmly all the way down to a horizontal position then raise it to it's full upright position.
- Spin the die table to expose the completed button!



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