

HOT WIRED

DESIGN
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Michael recycles scrap foam into scrapbook embellishments and a whole lot more. With the help of a hot new foam cutter, he takes old foam packing materials and creates lightweight letters and shapes. Adding a little color to these foam shapes with some versatile markers transforms them from trash to treasure, ready to grace a layout, card or even a picture frame. Once you start cutting foam, you won't want to stop!



MATERIALS

FEATURED PRODUCTS

Marvy/Uchida

- Super Hotwire Foam Cutter
- DecoColor Duo Markers
- Home Décor Markers

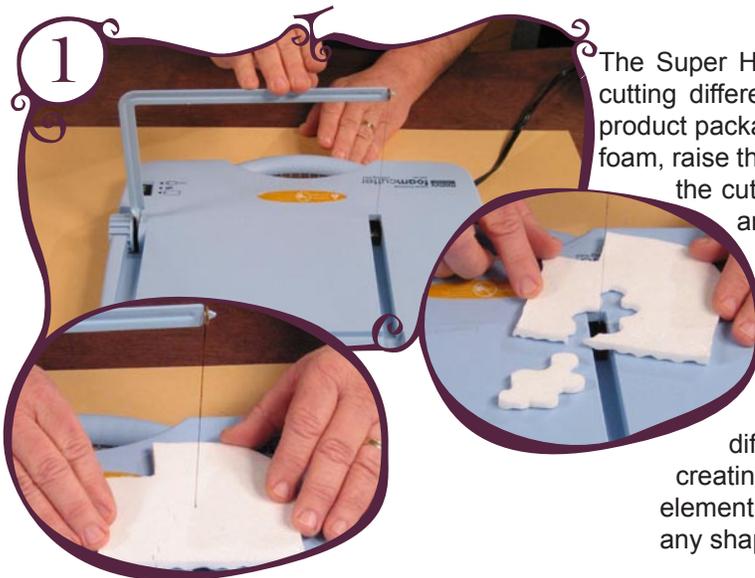
TOOLS

- Metal Ruler

SUPPLIES

- Two 5" Thick Foam Blocks
- White Foam Block, 1" thick
- 12" x 12" Striped Cardstock
- 9" x 9" Green Cardstock
- 8 1/2" x 11" Acetate Sheet
- 8 1/2" x 11" Orange Vellum
- Resin Circle Stickers
- Adhesive of your choice

STARTING YOUR PROJECTS



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The Super Hotwire Foam Cutter from Marvy/Uchida is very versatile, cutting different types of foam into any shape and can recycle foam product packaging into interesting elements for layouts. To begin cutting foam, raise the armature on the cutter exposing the cutting wire. Turn on the cutter. The wire cutting element will immediately become hot and ready to use.

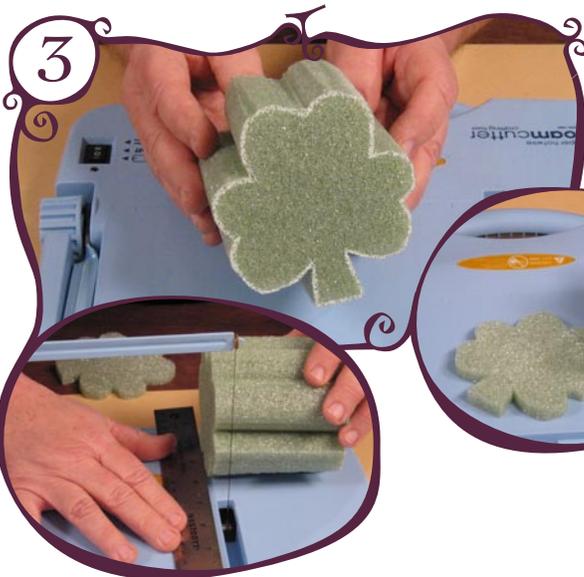
To make a free-form "amoeba" element, lay a 1/2" thick piece of scrap foam on the base of the foam cutter. Gently push the foam against the hot wire.

As the wire cuts through the foam, move the foam in different directions, turning it to make random curves and creating an "amoeba" or puzzle shape. The high heat of the wire element allows the foam to glide through the wire, smoothly cutting any shape.

The height of the wire cutting element allows for the cutting of foam pieces that are up to five inches thick. To create a thick letter shape, draw the letter directly onto the end of a foam block using a DecoColor Duo Marker which is able to easily write on the foam. Place the block on the base of the Super Hotwire Foam Cutter with the drawn letter facing up. Gently push the foam block against the wire cutting element, tracing around the letter shape. To cut out the inside, cut through one outer edge and then trace around the inside of the letter.



The DecoColor Duo Markers or Home Décor Markers, both from Marvy/Uchida, can be used to “paint” the foam to match your design.

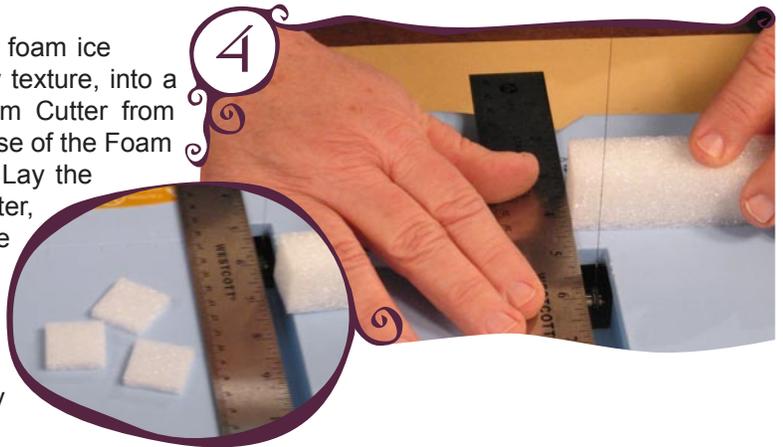


The Super Hotwire Foam Cutter from Marvy/Uchida can be used to easily cut many pieces of the same shape. Use a marker and draw the shape on the end of a block of foam. Michael drew a shamrock. Cut around the outline of the shape as in Step 2.

Lay a metal ruler vertically across the base, 1/2" from the cutting wire. Lay the three dimensional shamrock or other shape on it's side, horizontally across the base of the Foam Cutter, and butted up against the edge of the ruler. The ruler will guide the foam so that the cuts will be even and the resulting shapes will be the same thickness.

Slide the shamrock along the edge of the ruler and through the cutting wire, slicing off a shamrock. Continue slicing the shamrock block, making several shapes, all of equal size ready to be used on a layout or for St. Patrick's Day decorating.

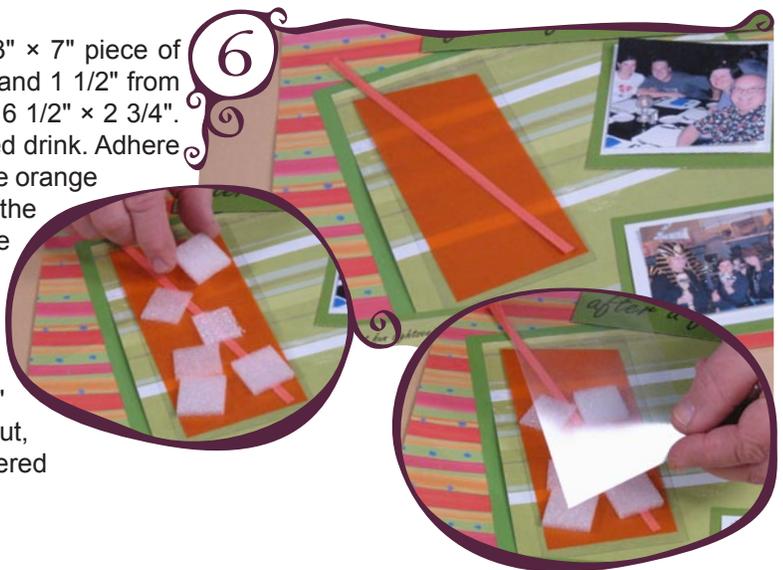
To create the scrapbook page, begin by making some foam ice cubes. Cut a block of white foam, which has a sparkly texture, into a 1" square "column". Turn on the Super Hotwire Foam Cutter from Marvy/Uchida. Lay a metal ruler vertically across the base of the Foam Cutter, lining it up 1/4" from the wire cutting element. Lay the foam column horizontally across the base of the foam cutter, butted up against the edge of the ruler. Slice through the foam column making a 1/4" thick square cross section. This is the first ice cube. Continue slicing the foam until you have 8 ice cubes. Turn off the Foam Cutter and set aside the ice cubes. The wire cutting element will immediately cool off, so the Foam Cutter can be easily put away to use later.



Begin building the layout by placing a 9" x 9" matted, anchor square angled slightly off center on a piece of 12" x 12" striped cardstock. Print a title out on the computer in a font suitable for the layout and cut the Title Block to 8 1/2" x 1 1/2". Angle the Title Block across the upper right corner of the anchor square. Place two matted photos down the right side of the page. A journaling block placed in the lower left corner of the page completes the basic layout.

Build the drink embellishment on the page. Adhere a 3" x 7" piece of acetate to the anchor square, 1 1/4" from the left edge and 1 1/2" from the top edge. Cut a piece of orange vellum to measure 6 1/2" x 2 3/4". Cut off the top of the vellum at an angle to mimic a tipped drink. Adhere the vellum on top of the acetate piece. Cut a piece of pale orange cardstock to measure 1/4" x 7" for the straw. Adhere the straw to the orange vellum, as if it is standing up in the glass.

Arrange and adhere the foam ice cubes from Step 4 inside the glass. Place a couple of pieces of adhesive on the ice cubes and adhere a second piece of 3" x 7" acetate on top to complete the glass. To finish the layout, add resin or epoxy circle stickers to the glass and scattered across the page.



MAKE IT YOUR OWN!



SEA FOAM

The Super Hotwire Foam Cutter is able to cut delicate shapes. Here Michael cut thin wisps of foam and used it as seaweed for this fishy card.

RECYCLED HEARTS

This picture frame is completely made from white scrap foam. Michael first cut a square frame using the Foam Cutter. Then he cut out different sized hearts and painted them with the Home Décor and DecoColor Duo Markers. Finally, he layered the hearts all around the frame to create a lightweight, adorable frame that is also a recycling project.



FOAM STAMPS

You can also create your own stamps! For this card, Michael cut out a spiral shape and a heart from scrap foam. He then used the Home Décor Markers, pooling the ink on the surface of the foam, and then stamping the foam shapes onto the card. The texture of the foam adds a nice texture to the final stamped image.

CONGRATULATIONS

You've just completed your Hot Wired projects, but the fun doesn't stop there!
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