



You spent all that time finding the perfect die cut, selecting your materials and cutting out all the various layers. *Now what?* What are you going to use to adhere the layers together and add to your project?

There are so many adhesives to choose from and it is hard to know what will work best. Here is a quick review of the very best tried and true adhesives when it comes to adhering various die cut shapes. All the preferred brand products I list below are acid free and should be easily found at local craft stores or online for purchase using links provided.

Large Surface Die Cuts: (solid surface, little or no cut outs on them)

- Glue Sticks**– Select one that is tacky and not too waxy so the die cut stays stuck together
*great for paper to chipboard

Preferred Brands: [ThermoWeb Super Stik](#) OR [Tombow Glue Sticks](#)

- Tape Runners** – Use Permanent Tape to make sure your die cut stays secure

Preferred Brands: [Tombow Mono Permanent Adhesive Tape Runner](#) and [Refills](#) OR [Scotch ATG Gun with Permanent tape](#) OR [Xyron 5" Sticker Make](#) or [Xyron 9" Sticker Maker](#)

- Liquid Glues**– Select a quick drying liquid glue, just use it sparingly and spread thin so you don't get lumps as it dries on your project.

Preferred Brands: [Close to My Heart Liquid Glass](#) OR [Scotch Quick Dry Glue](#) OR [Inkessentials Glossy Accents](#)

Intricate Die Cuts: (lots of detail cuts within the shape)

- **Glue Pens** – liquid glue in a pen type shape easy to control when doing detail gluing

Preferred Brands: [Close To My Heart Bonding Memories Glue small chisel, large chisel](#)
[Zig 2 Way Glue Small Chisel](#) or [Large Chisel](#)

Border Die Cuts: (long thinner shape)

- **Double-sided Adhesive Tape** – sticky tape on a roll that comes in variety of sizes and easy to cut to just the right length to fit border shapes along the edges to help stay put

Preferred Brands: [Scor Tape 1/4" and 1/2"](#)

- **Tape Runners** – Use Permanent Tape, and a tape runner with a 1/4" tape thread

Preferred Brands: [Tombow Mono Permanent Adhesive Tape Runner](#) and [Refills](#)

[Scotch ATG Gun with Permanent tape](#) OR [Xyron 5" Sticker Maker](#) or [Xyron 9" Sticker Maker](#)

Extra Small Die Cuts: (little detail cuts that layer on the larger cuts like eyes, embellishments and fonts)

- **Adhesive Dots** – clear, circular adhesive dots in mini or small size

Preferred Brands: [Glue Dots Mini Sheets by Glue Dots](#) , [Glue Dots 3/8" Sheets by Glue Dots](#)
[Zots 3/8" by Thermoweb](#)

- **Glue Pens** – liquid glue in a pen type shape easy to control when doing detail gluing

Preferred Brands: [Close To My Heart Bonding Memories Glue small chisel, large chisel tip](#)
[Zig 2 Way Glue Small Chisel, Large Chisel](#)

- **Tape Runner** - Use Permanent Tape to make sure your die cut stays secure

Preferred Brand: [Xyron "X" Machine](#)

3D Die Cuts: (Dimensional die cuts like boxes, bags and house shape, etc.)

- **Double-sided Adhesive Tape** – sticky tape on a roll that comes in variety of sizes and sticks better for projects that are handled more than flat pieces

Preferred Brand: [Scor Tape 1/4" or 1/2"](#)

POP UP Die Cuts: (Any layer of the die cut you wish to pop up for more dimension)

- Foam Dots or Tape** – double-sided sticky foam that adds height to image shape

Preferred Brands: [Close to My Heart 3D Foam Tape](#) OR [Forever in Time Foam Dots 1/2"](#)
[Forever in Time Foam Squares 1/2"](#)

COMPLETED DIE CUT LAYERS: (die cut layers are adhered together and now ready to attach to project base)

LIGHTER WEIGHT DIE CUT SHAPE – flat layers

- Tape Runners** – Use Permanent Tape to make sure your die cut stays secure

Preferred Brands: [Tombow Mono Permanent Adhesive Tape Runner](#) and [Refills](#)
[Scotch ATG Gun with Permanent tape](#) OR [Xyron 5" Sticker Maker](#) or [Xyron 9" Sticker Maker](#)

- Adhesive Dots** – clear, circular adhesive dots in small or medium size

Preferred Brands: [Glue Dots Mini Sheets by Glue Dots](#) , [Glue Dots 3/8" Sheets by Glue Dots](#)
[Zots 3/8" by Thermoweb](#)

HEAVIER WEIGHT DIE CUT SHAPE – dimensional layers, more embellished

- Double-sided Adhesive Tape** – sticky tape on a roll that comes in variety of sizes and holds well to a project base

Preferred Brand: [Scor Tape 1/4" or 1/2"](#)

- Liquid Glues** – Select a quick drying liquid glue, apply liberally and hold die cut in place for a few seconds to make sure it adheres well to surface of project

Preferred Brands: [Close to My Heart Liquid Glass](#) OR [Scotch Quick Dry Glue](#)
[Inksentials Glossy Accents](#)

ADHESIVE REMOVER ERASER - helps remove excess tape, glue from projects

Preferred Brand: [Close To My Heart Rub & Remove Eraser](#)

As you can see, there is a large variety of adhesives which can make adhering your die cuts a little easier and much more fool proof.

*Until next time, **Happy Die Cutting! DebbieO'Neal***