

# The Scrapbook Sentinel

A Free Newsletter For The Friends of: **Imagine That! Scrapbooks & Gifts**

*“School days can be the happiest days of your life – if your children are old enough to attend.”*

## **Have You Seen This Great New Tool Just In Time For Back To School?**

Is it possible? Can it be true? Have the children gone back to school ALREADY? No kidding – this passage of time thing catches me more quickly and unexpectedly every year.

My favorite part of starting a new school year was always getting my school supplies. One of my favorite movie lines is from *You've Got Mail*, when Tom Hanks tells Meg Ryan, “If I knew who you were, I would send you a bouquet of sharpened pencils.” Now that’s my kind of guy.

When Krista & Jared where young, on the other hand, they loved the excitement of getting dressed up in their new clothes, and meeting the new teacher. The blank slate of the clean new desk. The unexplored possibilities of a whole new year of fun, learning, and interacting.

Wouldn't it be great if we could carry that kind of excitement through every area of our lives even now that we are “OLD”? The excitement in the discovery of a new activity, new learning, new job, new adventure. Going into all of it armed with a bouquet of sharpened pencils, ready for action.

Today, I have something for you that you might find new and exciting – they’re called “nesting dies” and they are like punches, only more versatile. Nesting dies are templates that come in sets of 3 or more, in graduated sizes that “nest” together. They come in a variety of shapes - anything from squares to circles to stars to flowers even tags! (For example, you can see on the bottom of the page here, what you can do with a series of eight square die cut punches.) These punches are used with any diecut system, from Ellison, to QuicKutz, to the Wizard, Hand Punches, to even Xyron's Wishblade.

If you're not familiar with these machines, they are all essentially versions of a compact, portable die cutting system. We carry the QuicKutz and Spellbinders Wizard models, and the Wishblade electronic die cut- but for the most part the machines all perform the same functions.



You just insert your shape or letters or phrase die cut template that you want to use, layer it with a piece of cardstock, roll it through, and there you go! Out pops a perfect, professionally cut shape or phrase. Certain dies are even “embossable,” meaning you can use them to dry emboss as well as cut. (HINT: Dry emboss the top edges of your image then lightly sand it for a cool distressed look.)

Anyway, nesting dies are the newest addition for these machines, and they are incredibly versatile. The result of using them, is that you can create lots of different sized rings or solid shapes with just one pass through the machine.

Create simple, versatile die cuts with each individual template (or band), then take the next step to create unique combinations with two or more of the interchangeable bands. Use any combination of nesting dies at the same time – they can also be used with different shapes, letters or titles.

Each set of templates offers you a ton of different options– you can use either the hollow outside ring, or the full inside part to make your designs. Let yourself get carried away with the possibilities.

Much more than amazing scrapbook pages, these dies can also be used to create custom cards, gift tags, photo mats and expertly cropped photos.

The possibilities are endless for customizing shapes! Use a nesting die together with any other standard die, and stretch your creative muscles as far as they'll take you! Lightweight, portable, thin and easy to store, these nesting die cuts pack a huge punch in a small package.

And yes, it just so happens that all our nesting dies are on special this month, so grab your coupon and come on in.



Now if you have never tried a portable die cut machine, but think it sounds interesting – well, take it from me... it is! Come in to the store, and let us show you how easy it is to operate. You can't believe the kind of amazing embellishments you can make until you see them in person. And, just for you, so you can get going, I'm having an extra-special newsletter-only sale on our Spellbinders & Quickutz Dies. Take an additional 5% off this month.

And then you can go ahead and pick up some foil paper, chalks or even inks to use to even stretch your imagination even further.

**Oh, and one last thing: While you're thinking about it, take a look at our Scrap Pink 12 Hour Marathon- On Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> from Noon until Midnight – Cost is \$60 – With proceeds benefiting Breast Cancer Research. The kids are back in school – how about you treat yourself to something fun- bring a friend! – We can't wait to see you!**

**Check out the class schedule. Sabrina Daniel is teaching some awesome classes this month!**

**\*\*NEWS FLASH: Watch your email about the Glitz Designers and our Copic designer coming in October to teach some fantastic classes. It's not too early to be thinking about the holiday gift giving season. CALL THE STORE FOR MORE DETAILS!**

*Welcome New Scrappers!*

**Here are the new people that became members of our scrapping family this last month!**

**We'd like to welcome you publicly, and wish you all the best!**

Candice P., Dee Ann C. Linnette, Theresa M.

And a great big welcome to the new Carlsbad ladies:

Shelly and Pat.

And we are excited about our new ladies from Las Cruces, Ruidoso & El Paso.

Thank You for allowing us to serve you!

*We love giving recognition to our new friends and our wonderful existing customers who are kind enough to refer their friends and relatives to us!*

*We're all helping each other, which is the whole point of all this! Right?*



## Inspirational Story Of The Month

# Growing Up Or Growing Old

-Anonymous

The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder. I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a Smile that lit up her entire being.

She said, "Hi, handsome! My name is Rose. I'm 87 years old. Can I give you a hug?"

I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze.

"Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I asked. She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, have a couple of children, and then retire and travel."

"No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age.

"I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!" she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake. We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me.

Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up.

At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her 3x5 cards on the floor.

Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order, so let me just tell you what I know." As we laughed, she cleared her throat and began:

"We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing. There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy, and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humor every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die. We have so many people walking around who are dead, and they don't even know it!" she said.

"There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up. If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn 20 years old. If I am 87 years old, and stay in bed for a year, and never do anything, I will turn 88. Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability," she added.

"The idea is to grow up by always finding the opportunity in change. Have no regrets. The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets."

She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose." She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives.

At the year's end, Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago. One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep. Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be.

# Smartness Quiz

## **1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?**

The correct answer is: Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe and close the door.

This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

## **2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?**

Wrong Answer: Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant and close the refrigerator.

Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door.

This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your actions.

## **3. The Lion King is hosting an animal conference, all the animals attend except one. Which animal does not attend?**

Correct Answer: The elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator.

This tests your memory.

OK, even if you did not answer the first three questions, correctly, you still have one more chance to show your abilities.

## **4. There is a river you must cross. But it is inhabited by crocodiles. How do you manage it?**

Correct Answer: You swim across. All the Crocodiles are attending the Animal Meeting!

This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

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According to Anderson Consulting Worldwide, around 90% of the professionals they tested got all questions wrong. But many preschoolers they tested got several correct answers. Anderson Consulting says this conclusively disproves the theory that most professionals have the brains of a four year old.

**Featured Product Of The Month:**  
**DIE CUT TEMPLATES-**  
**FEATURED SEPTEMBER OFFER:**  
**20% OFF ALL DIE CUT TEMPLATES**  
**INCLUDING OUR ENTIRE SELECTION OF NESTING DIES**  
**VALID THRU: SEPTEMBER 01<sup>ST</sup> THRU SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**  
**NO OTHER DISCOUNTS, PROMOTIONS OR OFFERS APPLY**

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