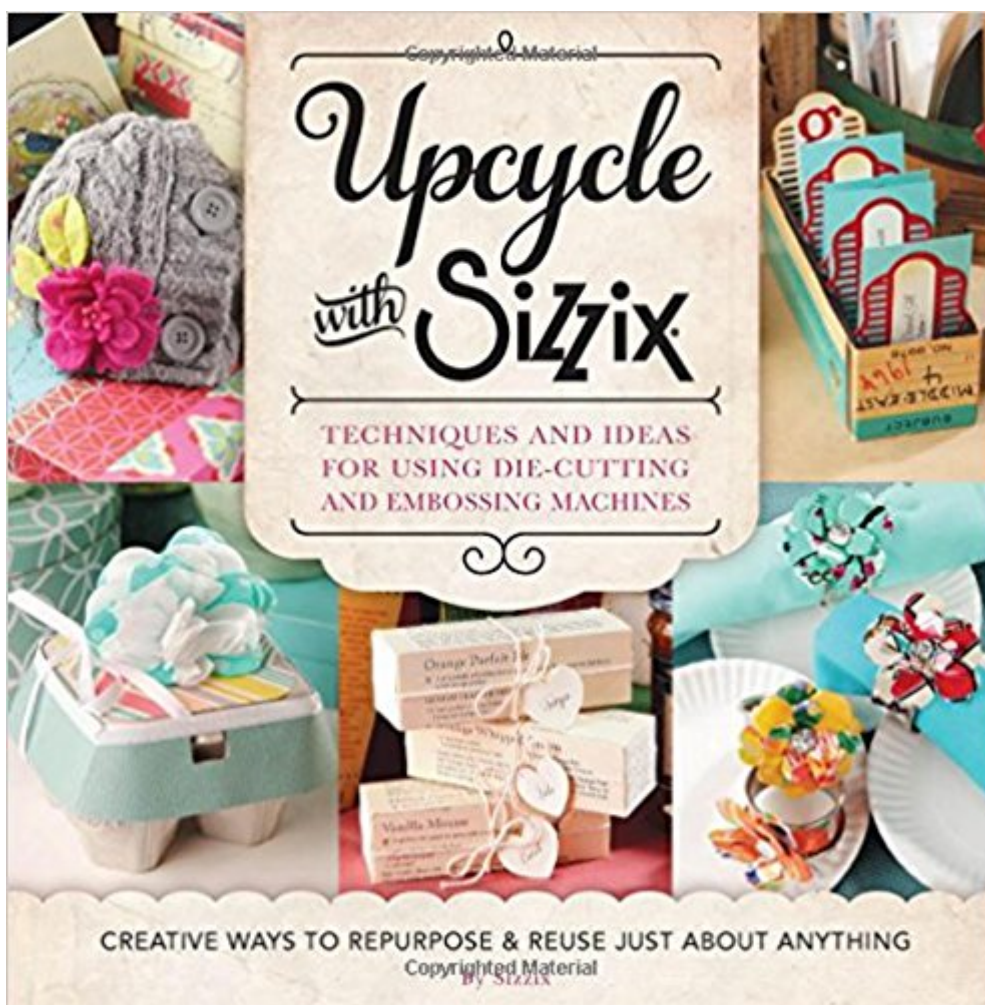


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# Upcycle With Sizzix: Techniques And Ideas For Using Sizzix Die-Cutting And Embossing Machines - Creative Ways To Repurpose And Reuse Just About Anything (A Cut Above)





## Synopsis

With the Sizzix die cutting machines, there are thousands of fun and useful applications. These machines cut shapes from paper or fabric, and they also emboss designs into paper. You can use them to:-Scrapbook or photo album designs and embellishments-Handcrafted greeting cards and decorative envelopes-Invitations & decorations for weddings, parties, events, etc.-Frames, signs, banners, calendars, accents, and other home decor-Customize your next holiday: Christmas ornaments, Valentine's cards, Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Easter decorations, Birthday Party, Baby Shower, and Wedding/Reception embellishments-Home decor for kitchens, living rooms, gardens, home offices, and family rooms-Add some flair to quilts, blankets, hair pins/clips/ties, clothes, jackets, backpacks, purses or handbags-For the kids: add a flourish to school projects, arts & crafts, dioramas, posters, etc.-Decorative art, collages, papercrafting, and other crafts projects

Upcycle with Sizzix offers detailed instructions on how to use a Sizzix die cutting machine to create projects from recycled papers, fabrics, and other materials. Learn how to upcycle found materials in all sorts of crafty projects like collages, banners, gift-giving, and small home decor items, with a new project on nearly every page. Each project includes a detailed materials list and walks crafters through any special techniques that are needed. Packed with photos, illustrations and ideas, Upcycle with Sizzix will have crafters creating amazing elements in no time. And by using "found materials" including music sheet paper, magazine pages, leather, aluminum, old greeting cards, wrapping paper, and lightweight cardboard packaging, they'll feel great about the green projects that are created.

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Welcome!

These beautifully upcycled projects have been created by our talented staff crafters, but don't worry • the projects in this book can be embraced by crafters at all levels. Whether you replicate a project exactly, use a particular project as a jumping off place, or just use the volume as ingredients for a future creative recipe, you're sure to find the pages that follow to be an inspirational feast! Our team worked their magic and transformed items like old lamps, tablecloths, frames, and watchbands into stylish home decor, jewelry organizers, and bracelets. Perfect for you to enjoy or give as gifts, there's a little something for everyone.

**Lay of the land** Rather than taking you through each project step-by-step, Upcycle with Sizzix is an idea book that will spark your creative fire. Each project photo is accompanied by helpful hints to help you make the project yourself, including the dies used, the upcycled item that was used, and any special notes.

**Die-Cutting Basics** Are you new to die cutting and embossing? You're going to love it. Our machines, dies, and embossing folders are easy to use • you'll be hooked! The creative possibilities are truly endless, and talk about a time saver! Why spend ages cutting out 30 paper hearts by hand when making cupcake toppers? You can die-cut them in a minute or two. You're also going to love the variety of materials you can cut. our steel rule dies cut materials like fabric, leather, magnetic sheets, burlap, vinyl, foam, felt, compressed sponge, matboard, aluminum cans, and more. If you've never crafted using steel-rule dies, your world of crafting possibilities has just blown wide open!

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[Leather Leaf Gift Box](#)

[Dye used: Leaf](#)

[Recycled item: Old piece of leather](#)

[Note:](#)

Attach leaf (shown here out of leather) to elastic. This will allow the decoration to be recycled to another gift box. This is referred to as, "pay it forward recycling!"

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[Picture Frame Serving Tray](#)

[Dyes used: Frameworks, Courtyard](#)

[Recycled items:](#)

Picture frame, Maps [Note:](#) Using a frame as the tray allows you to change out the design when you want a new look.

"Upcycle with Sizzix is chockfull of creative ideas to add pizzazz to gift packaging, party favors, place settings, and much more, using recycled and discarded items and die-cuts. Though the book doesn't offer step-by-step techniques, it does give all the information you need to turn your cast-offs into one-of-a-kind treasures. Whether you have a Sizzix machine or not, this book offers plenty of inspiration. See what variations you can come up with to make them your own." - Cloth Paper Scissors

The Sizzix brand is one of the best known and most respected brands in the craft industry. With products in every craft chain store as well as distribution with Stampin'UP via home parties the company is always cutting edge and timeless in the design of its products. By manufacturing tools that cut endless kinds of materials, their designs offer unlimited creative options and value no matter the consumer's creative discipline. The Sizzix design team has created popular award-winning projects in every category from jewelry to quilting and every design style from scrapbook baby-cute to Victorian fancy.

Not sure who would use the projects contained here. Usually when I get a book, it helps my creative juices flow. Not this one. Felt like they were trying too hard to come up with bizarre ideas. Hopefully, the next one will be better.

This book was a great disappointment. I thought it would include some wonderful Sizzix projects, but the projects are all so simplistic and "egg carton crafty" that I would not consider wasting my time on them. Some beautiful greeting cards or invitations with Sizzix dies would have been lovely. These projects are just dust collectors made by school children in craft class. I wish I had my money back. I'll use it as a re-gifter next Christmas for someone I don't like.

Was expecting more detailed how-to project directions. The ideas are original and well-crafted but for a novice crafter new to Sizzix, replicating is going to be challenging.

I expected more since there are so few books out there featuring Sizzix. The projects aren't ones that I would be particularly interested in. I should have paid more attention to the title. I don't regret buying it; just wanted more.

I felt for the cost of the product more content should have been included. A good opportunity to

include recycle ideas from others was missed.

Full of ideas for future projects.

I love sizzix dies. This is a nice book for using them but the projects were not really the kind I would make. There are two that I will make but that's not much. I will pass this on to my daughter who might use it more.

This book is perfect for me. I've been upcycling with Sizzix dies for a while now, but they seemed to have come up with even more ideas for me!

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