



# Inspiration Sheet - Word Play with Alphabet Dies

## 3 Techniques for using alphabet dies.

### Supplies Used

- Foam Adhesive Strips or Sheets
- Dimensionals
- Alphabet Party Dies
- Alphabet a la Mode dies
- Banner Sayings Bundle

### Technique #1 - Eclipse

The Eclipse technique raises a die cut from a patterned background so that it not only looks like it is floating but you can see a shadow behind it.

1. Stamp a background design on a plain cardstock piece ( a trimmed quarter 4" x 5-1/2" works great).
2. Arrange the alphabet letters to spell a word over the background design and cut out.
3. Attach the trimmed quarter to a card base that is a dark cardstock, or just attach a dark cardstock in-between the quarter and the card base. You want to have a dark color in the negative space created by the cut-out dies.
4. Attach Foam Adhesive Strips or Stampin' Dimensionals to the backside of the letters, and mount back inside the negative space.



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## **Technique #2 - Inlaid Dies**

1. Using a word die or alphabet dies, cut out a shape or design from the trimmed piece of cardstock that will go on the front of the card base.
2. Take out the cut shape leaving the negative "hole" and adhere the card front to the card base.
3. Cut out the same die shape or design again in a different cardstock or patterned paper using scraps that fit the size of the shape/design die.
4. Inlay these shapes or designs into the negative "holes" on the card front.

## **Tips**

- When inlaying thin patterned paper into a card front made of cardstock you may want to attach the patterned paper to Basic White cardstock first before die cutting to keep the thicknesses the same.
- If you are going to be embossing the card front piece of cardstock, do that step after cutting out the die shape/design.





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## **Technique #3 - Positive and Negative 2 in 1 Cards**

1. This technique begins in the same way as technique #2 following steps 1 & 2.
2. Use the negative piece on one card base, and the cut out word/letters on another card base.
3. The negative piece can be attached directly to the card base or popped up. Be sure to save and use all the letter/word holes to glue back down (you can reinsert the word/letters to use a guide).
4. The cut out word/letters can be arranged and popped up on a new card. This is a great opportunity to layer the word/letters with a coordinating cardstock color.

