

## CCL – Peacock Die & Stencils & Box Making – 15 January 2025 - by John Lockwood



Instructions compiled by June Smith.

John was live on the new Facebook page – ‘John Next Door Official’, which is where we will find all his demo’s etc. going forward. Today John is showing us the Peacock Die & Stencils and also how to make a box for the Beautiful Hat box he made on last week’s CCL on Wednesday 8th January 2025, showing Box Making projects and more, I have incorporated these in this set of Instructions. I would advise that you visit them as well as following these instructions through to the end before commencing the project.

### Important:

John demo’d how to make this Peacock Stencil card and added the sparkle pens to the circle of the feathers, if you watch on You Tube you will see it moving and how it glitters so much I can’t do that on here, but please take a look.



### Information:



JND478 – Box Maker Die Set (7)

Die 1 – 4” Square

Die 2 - 3¾” Square

Die 3 – 4” Circle

Die 4 - 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" Circle  
Die 5 – Decorative Circle Panel  
Die 6 – Tall Box Maker Strip (2" depth)  
Die 7 – Short Box Maker Strip (1" depth)

The strips on dies 6 & 7 are every 1/4" and the loops are every 1/2", making these really easy to make.

On the 29th of December 2024, I compiled a 3 page instructions document from a 'You Tube video' by John, on how to make a box using the JND478 Box Maker die set, if you have never made a box before, or want a refresher, I would suggest you go to the group and you can download it to keep, print out, or just view it, believe me you will find this invaluable.

**Materials:**

JND478 Box Maker Die Set (7)  
CAT240 Canvas Soft Pinks Card Pack  
PCD204 Presscut Plain Square Dies  
JND389 Stitched Flower Die  
Essential Coconut White Card  
Essential Black Card  
Black Lace & Ribbon.  
Double sided Adhesive Sheet  
CA Clear Embossing Ink Pad  
CA 3D Glue Gel  
Izink Purple/Mauve Fine Glitter  
Izink Dark Blue Fine Glitter  
Izink Turquoise fine Glitter  
Die Cutting Machine  
Craft Kit

**Method:**

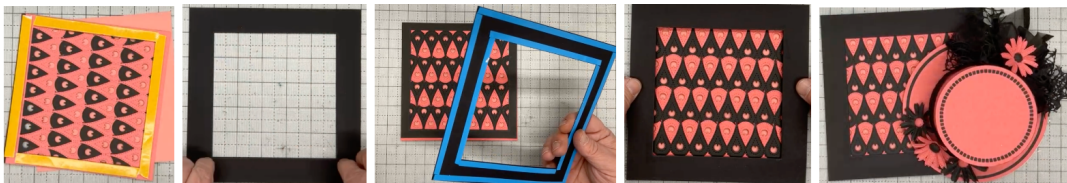
- As many of you saw how to use the stencils to make the beautiful samples on the group, but you don't always need to use the stencil because you can just cut out the Peacock Die from a 6" x 6" piece black card which will give you a nice border around the outside. We want to make a box for the beautiful Hat Box Easel Card that John made last week.
- You will need the sort of Flamingo Pink and a softer Salmon Pink card, again both cut to 6" x 6" (the photos may make the colours a bit different on here). Take the Flamingo Pink and tape down the Peacock die onto it, then run through your die cutting machine. This is a big detailed die so check on the back to see that it has all cut out, if not turn it around and place at an angle then run through again, you will find that the fall away piece just drop out easily, I would keep the fall away piece to use as paper piecing, but that is just me). repeat using the softer Salmon Pink. John has created a swatch of bits

of the various colours for each of the Canvas Card sets, and put them onto a book ring, this is a great idea when you want to match up various colours.

- You can add the Flamingo onto the soft Salmon pink add a couple of flowers to the front and you already have a card.
- See the various combinations when you add the different colours and even offset them. John's favourite is to rotate the black and add over the Flamingo, then overlap the Flamingo round pieces with the black round pieces behind.

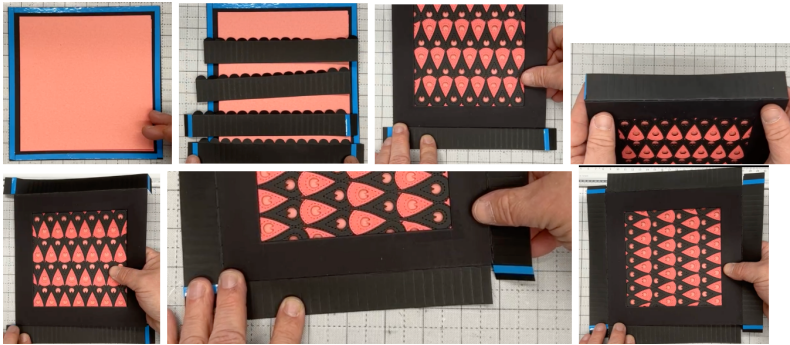


- Turn the card over and add foam tape around the outside and add onto the Salmon soft pink colour.
- We are then going to make this into our box lid. Take a piece of Black card and using your Presscut Square dies no: 7 & no 5, to cut out a 7" frame (a list of the Presscut Square dies is at the end of these instructions).
- Then add blue powertape on the back around the outside and inside of the frame, remove the blue backing from the INSIDE only and using your multi-media mat to get the card straight, add the frame over it. Then turn it over.
- Using black card cut out 4 of the 1"

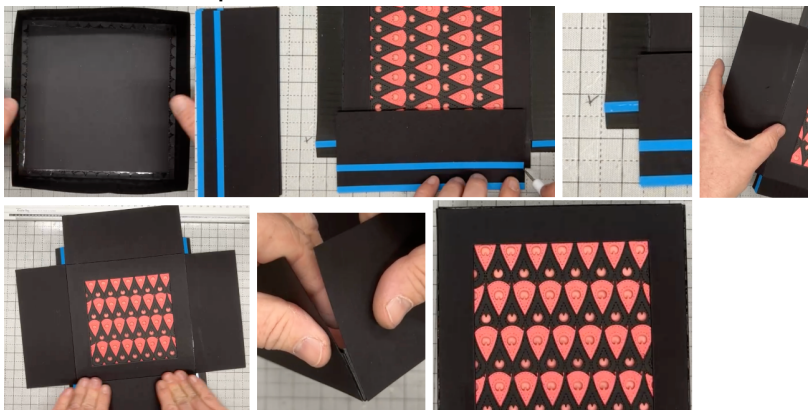


- We are now going to make the sides of the lid, using die no: 7 'Short Box Maker Strip (1" depth)', to cut them out 4 times, these are 8" across which is why we cut the lid to 7". Fold over the 2 ends and add one strip of 3mm powertape down each end, on 2 of the strips and then from the other 2 strips we need to cut these down to 7" wide with now flaps at the end. If you haven't got the Multi-media mat then don't do this next bit because the foam tape doesn't stick to the mat so we can use it as a guide. You could use the grid sheets that go in your stamping platform which might help.
- Lay one of the long sides on your mat and add the main square onto it, then turn it over and fold the edge over and you have made one side of your lid. We are then going to do exactly the same on the opposite end. You then have just the sides, you can see why we cut the end tabs off, so repeat the

same process of adding both the ends on and fold them over but don't fold the corners in yet.

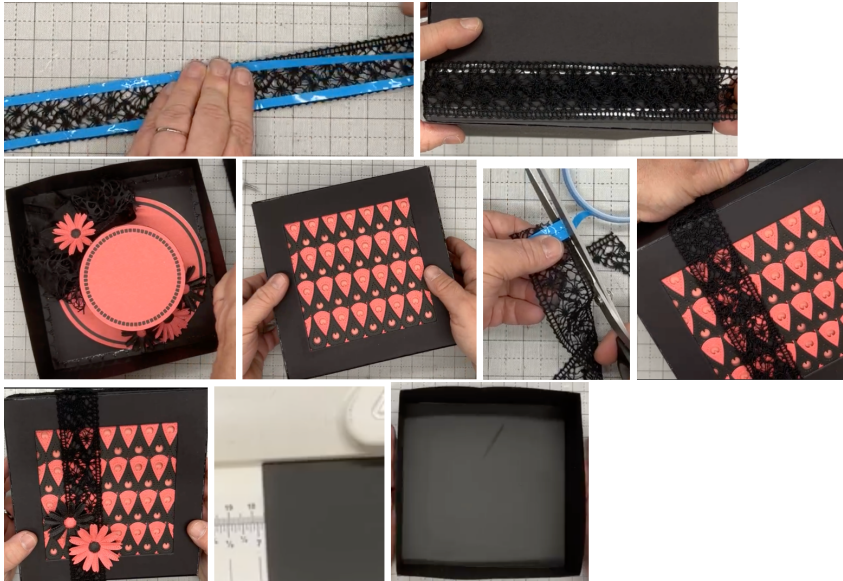


- John has already made the base using die no 8 which is the 2" depth one. However, this is still too short for the height of the Hat Box. Therefore cut 4 pieces of black card that are 7" x 3", then add powertape along the edge and another at the 1" mark, you can see this on the photo below where it is lined up with the mat. Remove the blue powertape and adhere onto the side, then repeat for all sides. Remove the small pieces of powertape and bring up the sides and press down from the inside. You have then made a 7" x 3" box lid.



- If you are concerned about the sides not meeting, all you need to do is bring in some of the black lace or wide ribbon, add 6mm powertape along the inside top and bottom, remove the backing and add that around the outside box keeping the base in place so you keep the sizing right, overlap the end just a little bit before you cut off the excess. The main thing to remember is that the 7" is the width you want for one side, if you want it to be much deeper you just change the 3" depth to a 5" or more. Then take the lid off as we want to decorate it. Bring in some more of the lace/ribbon and add 2 pieces of powertape side by side on the end and fold this over the side of the box and wrap it around the front, you can then see where to cut off the excess lace/ribbon, add 2 pieces of powertape on the end, remove the blue backing and add onto the inside of your lid and seal it down.





- You will notice that when you look inside the box you can see the fold tabs and some of the sticky. We know that the base is 7" x 7" so what we do is to take your guillotine and place the black card at the 7" mark, then move back by  $\frac{1}{16}$ " for a really tight fit so you cut it to  $6 \frac{15}{16}$ " x  $6 \frac{15}{16}$ " or for an  $\frac{1}{8}$ " gap cut it to  $6 \frac{7}{8}$ " x  $6 \frac{7}{8}$ " and this can easily fit onto the inside.
- Make up 2 of the flowers, or you might have them left over from another project, they are from the Stitched Flower die, so you have a pink flower with a black centre and a black flower with a pink centre, add glue gel onto a stick and add onto the back of a flower and add onto the lid.

### Peacock Stencil 7 die

- Normally when we are inking we use the larger stencil first then the smaller stencil, but for doing what we are doing now is to use the smaller one first then the larger.
- Cut a piece of white card to  $5 \frac{3}{4}$ " x  $5 \frac{3}{4}$ " and add a  $5 \frac{3}{4}$ " x  $5 \frac{3}{4}$ " piece of double sided adhesive onto it. Bring in your embossing ink pad. Remove the protective cover from the adhesive sheet. Take the embossing ink pad and press down all over the stencil. Then add the stencil onto your white card. Place this onto an A4 sheet of copy paper, then add on some Purple/Mauve Fine Glitter and rub it over with your finger. Then lift the piece up and tap off the excess glitter, then use a cheap paint brush to brush off the excess. Then remove the stencil. Note: If you have any of the glitter on your multi-media mat you would need to use hand sanitizer to wipe it off, a dishwasher, or I have used strips of Sellotape around my hand to press down and pick it up.
- We are then going to take the next stencil and add the clear embossing pad over it, then add onto the card. Take another piece of A4 paper onto your mat and repeat this time using the dark blue glitter. Yes you can do this with gilding flakes and mica powders.
- When we take the stencil off you can see a beautiful peacock colour design on your card.

- We are then taking a 3rd colour which is Turquoise and repeating this process again. To clean the stencils, you can lay this onto an A4 piece of card/copy paper and take a micro fibre cloth (50p for 3 from Poundland) and add some hand sanitizer onto it, then rub this over both sides of the stencils. You can then matt and layer this onto a card.



Q: How do you emboss a stencil.

A: You cannot emboss 2 or more stencils at the same time as this doesn't work. Take your guillotine and cut a piece of card to 5¾" x 5¾", John is using the Kaleido so use your rubber mat and 5mm plate, add the piece of card, the stencil and tape onto it then your 2mm top plate and try to run through your machine BUT don't force it so we remove the 5mm plate and replace with the 3mm plate and you might need a shim of card and your metal shim, then try that, so go forward and back. Remove from the plates and you can see from the photo below that it has worked. Add another shim of card and try that. That is how you emboss a stencil.



I hope you have enjoyed these instructions.

Q: The containers you used to store your Fusion inks; can we get them from The Art of Craft please.

A: Yes these are the boxes which are available from the Art of Craft, and you can get 12 pads in there as well as the matching separate daubers. I have another one where I store all my Sparkle, Crystals, Pearls, Brads, Christmas & Buttons.

Q: How do you store the pads, is it upright or on their side

A: John always stores his upright, so you can see the top of the pads and the names of the pads from the side. Nicola said they are great for storing made up flowers in them too.



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Q: Have you settled in on the Highlight Craft TV channel and do you like it,  
 A: yes it is so much nicer, no one is talking in my ear, and no one is saying do this, do that, the people are wonderful.  
 Q: Are you going on Dan & Haley Craft  
 A: That's a new one, never heard it called that, but you will have to wait and see what we are doing, we are not saying anything, but if you know of somewhere that you would like to see us then just go on their facebook page and comment/message in and we will find out.  
 A: We do go to Lincoln for demos, but another thing a lot of people don't know about is York Racecourse and John is due there on 16th February, more information to come.

At the end of the month John will be launching a brand new Frame Maker die on Highlight Crafts, so keep a watch out for that.  
 Also, at 9am and 1pm on Monday 20th with some Festive Pens, so watch out for them. On Saturday on the Art of Craft page.

Presscut Plain Squares – PCD204

32 Die No: Size of Square – inches

1	8"
2	7 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "
3	7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
4	7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "
5	7"
6	6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "
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