

product review:

border punches



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ADDING JUST THE RIGHT dash of eye-catching texture to your layouts is easy when you reach for a border punch. But how to choose the best border punch for you? Whether you want one that's easy to use or one that simply takes up less space in your craft room, there's a punch for you! Take a look at some of the top border punches—you're sure to find the punch that best fits your needs.

Please note: Border punches vary from design to design as to how easy it is to punch the design in a straight line. The more basic the design, the easier it is to stay on track.



EK Success
eksuccessbrands.com
 Retail Price: \$13.99

Creative Memories
creativememories.com
 Retail Price: \$21.00

Fiskars Americas
fiskars.com
 Retail Price: \$15.99

Martha Stewart Crafts
eksuccessbrands.com/marthastewartcrafts/
 Retail Price: \$14.99

Punch Size	5" x 3" x 1½"	4¼" x 1½" x 2¼"	7" x 2⅝" x 2¼"	5½" x 3½" x 2¼"
Collapsed Storage Size	5" x 3" x ⅞"	NA	NA	3⅞" x 3½" x 2¼"
Ease of Punch Action Rating* <i>1=Easy 5=Difficult</i>	2	4	2	1
Amount of Pressure Needed Rating* <i>1=Easy 5=Difficult</i>	3	4	3	2



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<p>Design Line Up and Rating Guide 1=Easy 5=Difficult</p>	<p>3 Center dot and template combination guide.</p>	<p>2 Line up design within plastic molding.</p>	<p>2 Center line, template, and grid. Lever flips back for easy initial line up.</p>	<p>4 Notch and double template (for punching around a page).</p>
	 	 	 	 
<p>Lever Design and Placement</p>	<p>Wide easy to operate lever. Lever faces away from user, which may be awkward for some.</p>	<p>Straight down action; may be hard on the wrists.</p>	<p>Wide and comfortable, ergonomic lever presses down toward user. Lever may flip backward during use.</p>	<p>Slim rounded lever design may be difficult to operate. Lever faces away from user, which may be awkward for some.</p>
<p>Design Options Available</p>	<p>127 edge punches; 21 "ribbon style" double-edge punch designs; 10 designs with coordinating corner punches.</p>	<p>1 design. Both punched and negative pieces are extremely usable.</p>	<p>24, including 7 Border and Corner Punches.</p>	<p>121 edge punches; 7 "ribbon" style, double-edge punches; 46 punch-around-the-page combinations.</p>

* When punching through 65 lb. cover-weight cardstock with a brand new punch. ck