

# SELF-HELP GUIDE

## for operating The Machine 150

***I just got my button parts. What is a shell, back with pin, and mylar?***

A **shell** is the dome-like piece that is the front of the button.

A **back/back with pin** is slightly smaller and will fit inside the shell. It is indented (concave) and has rectangular pin holes.

The **mylar** is the clear plastic covering.

***Which part of the die does the shell go in?***

The shell fits snugly over the black ring in die #2.. See “Easy Instructions for Use.”

***Is it normal if after the first crimp, the shell, paper and mylar is stuck in the die #1?***

Yes, the die #1 holds the shell, paper, and mylar until the second crimp when the back is attached and sealed.

***Can I put all the pieces in the die at once?***

No. The crimping of the shell and the crimping of the back are two separate operations.

***How much pressure should I apply to the machine handle?***

Extreme force is not necessary to make buttons. We have designed the dies with heavy springs to do the crimping work for you. Pull the handle down on the shell station until you feel the shell “snap” up into the upper die. When sealing the pinned back, pull the handle down and apply pressure only until you meet resistance.

***If my button doesn't seal on the first try, can I use the button parts again?***

**No**, you **cannot** use the shell or the mylar (it has already been crimped and will not fit in the die).

**Yes**, you **can** use the back with pin.

***How do I set the Handi Circle Cutter to the right size?***

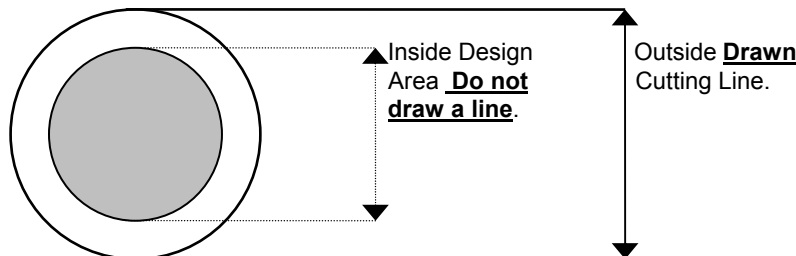
For best results, your design needs to be cut to the exact same diameter as the mylar. Loosen the brass nut on the arm of the circle cutter and slide the blade housing to the approximate diameter you need. Make a few sample cuts and adjust again until you are cutting the correct diameter.

***How do I change the blade in the Handi Circle Cutter?***

Use a pliers to remove the old blade from the blade housing. Extra blades are provided with the Handi Circle Cutter and are stored in the upright column. Extend the blades from the holder and break off a new blade along the scored lines. Insert the new blade in the blade housing. NOTE: The blades only cut in one direction. Attempting to cut with the wrong edge of the blade will tear the material or paper.

***What size do I make the artwork or design?***

<u>Button Size</u>	<u>Outside Cutting Diameter</u>	<u>Inside Design Area Diameter</u>	<u>Designs per page</u>
2 1/4"	2 5/8"	2"	6



***How do I line up the pin to the artwork or design?***

Use the blackened ridge on the die #1 to line up top center of the design and the pinned back.

***Do I need anything special to make photo buttons?***

Because photo paper is too thick to wrap around the shell, cut the photo to the exact size of the top of the shell. Adhere the photo to the shell with a small spot of glue (a glue stick is great for this), cover with clear mylar and crimp.