

## JND381 – Simple Alphabet – by John Lockwood



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John has created a 'You Tube Video' dated November 2023, using JND381 Simple Alphabet, where he demonstrates how to make a card using the dies. There are the normal 26 dies from the alphabet also you have an extra P. I. Y. & E, In the set. This means that you can cut out 'Happy' with only 1 pass of your dies through you die cutting machine. Today we are making an Eclipse Card. I would advise that you visit it as well as following these instructions.

### Materials

6" x 8" Top Folding White Card Blank (cut down from an 8" x 8" card)

JND381 Simple Alphabet (26)

Crafts Too Template Sheets

Papers from the Mouse paper pad

Essential Denim Blue Card

Essential Red Card

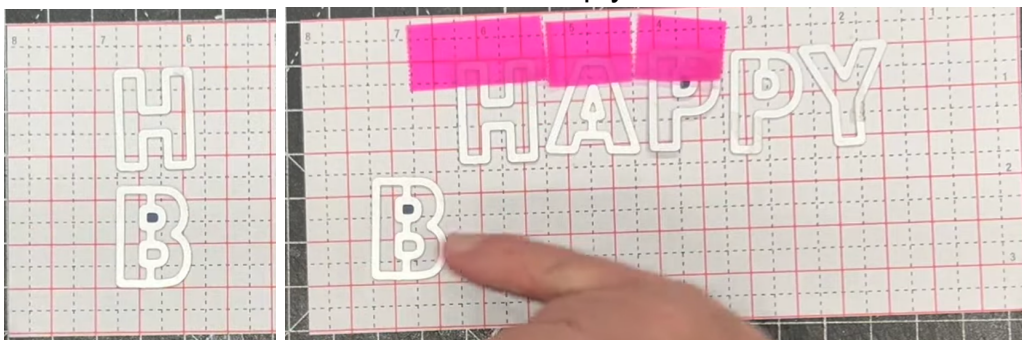
Essential Tea Card

A5 Die Cutting Machine

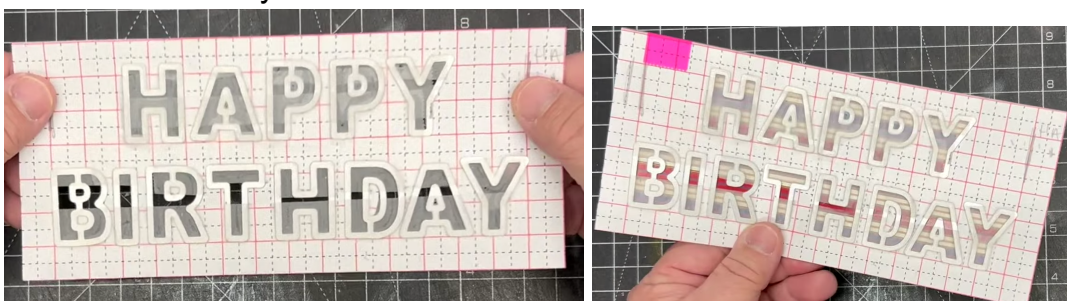
2JJs Floral Circle Embossing Folder, or similar  
Pinflair Glue Gel  
3M Craft Mount Permanent Spray Adhesive  
2mm Foam Tape  
Craft Kit

**Method:**

- Cut a piece of the Template Sheet to 8" x 3½", John has already measured the height and width of the dies to get to this measurement. What he did was to place the letter 'H' just onto the first red line coming down and lined up with the 3<sup>rd</sup> black dotted line in from the left-hand side. The letter 'B' will temporarily go underneath the 'H' but sitting on top of the first red line up from the bottom. So, we now know the top and bottom lines that the dies will be aligned onto. Also, how much space/gap he will need in between each die. We know that the first word has 5 dies, and the second word has 8 dies in total, this means that we need to centre both words going across lengthways, again John has already worked this out for us, you might find this a bit daunting at first but believe me once you have done it a couple of times you will be more confident and make up your own words.

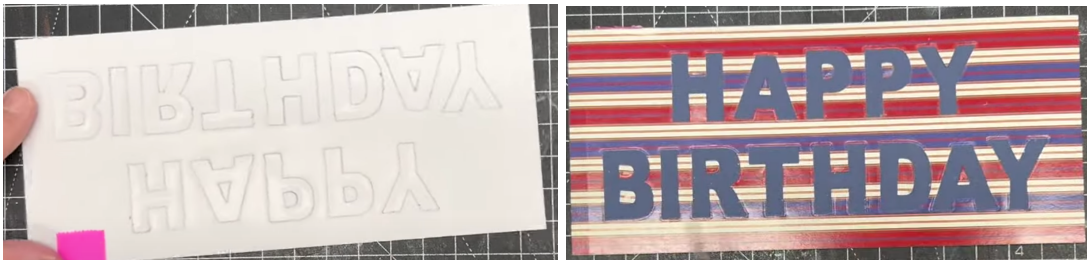


- We need to add each die along the top so that it sits exactly on the red line above it, and tape down each individually letter. Then repeat this on the bottom line so that the letters are taped down with the bottom of the die on the bottom red line and the gap at each end of the word is even. Here is the photo of the finished positions, John has used clear tape for this so you can see it clearly.



- Take a piece of the patterned paper from the Mouse paper pad, cut it to 8" x 3½", and tape your grid and dies onto it with another piece of tape over one edge to stop it moving about when you then run it through your die cutting machine. When it comes out of the machine we want to make sure that the

letters stay into position, so holding the plates either side of the dies, turn them over and remove one of the glass plates, that way you can see if the dies have cut through properly and that all the fall away pieces are still in place as we will need these when we put the eclipse card together.



- Add Spray glue over the letters and take a contrasting piece of Denim Blue card cut to the same size and add that on the top and press down. Then turn the card over and carefully peel back the graph sheet making sure that the fall away pieces are in the correct position, you can then carefully peel the letters off leaving the denim blue letters in place and also the fall away pieces.
- Then remove the striped letters, still keeping the dies secure with tape and cut another set of letters out of Blue Denim card.
- We then need to slightly offset the striped letters onto each of the blue denim letters and add a small piece of foam tape on the back. Remove the yellow backing and add the letters back into position making sure that the letters are the right way up so that the colour pattern is continuous.



- Then remove the yellow backing and place the dies back into place. Or you could not use the letters and place the blue letters onto another card. Or use the cut striped letters and put that onto a blue backing without adding the waste centres.



- Make up a card blank which has been cut down, add layers of Denim Blue and Red card onto it, then add foam tape to the back of your stripped piece and add onto the top half of your card, then cut another strip of the stripped paper, add onto a piece of card, and add foam tape to the back of it, remove the yellow backing and add onto the bottom of your card. You have then created a great masculine eclipse card.



Your creation is now complete. I hope you have enjoyed these instructions.