

Welcome to Cosy Craft Club's paper cutting month! We really want to encourage you to have a go at paper cutting yourself, and we'll be sharing the key things you need to know to get started. You can find all our paper cutting posts in one place [here](#).

Paper cutting commonly involves cutting away areas of a single sheet of paper away to reveal a beautiful design. Other forms of paper cutting involve layering cut paper shapes to amazing effect - but we're going to focus on the main type here.

The great thing about paper cutting is that all you need to get started is a craft knife handle, a blade and a cutting mat - oh, and some paper to cut, of course!

Craft knife

You can get disposable craft knives which include the blade, but since you may end up getting through a lot of these, it's probably better to get a separate handle and just change the blade. Samantha from [SAS Creative](#) recommends the Swann Morton No. 3 handle and 10a blades, but she also says that it's important to find the right knife that feels comfortable in your hand - you might want to try a few different ones. In her [paper cutting videos](#) (which I'll mention more later), Grace Hart recommends Excel no. 11 blades.

If you get more proficient at paper cutting, and want to invest in further tools, Kyleigh from [Kyleigh's Papercuts](#) recommends a Fiskars Swivel Blade Scalpel for cutting curves and small shapes (available from Hobbycraft).

Most craft shops will sell craft knives and blades, although eBay and Amazon are the cheapest places to buy blades in bulk (which you might need if you really get into it!).

Make sure you change your blade often and keep a stock of spare blades. I get through hundreds and change my blade regularly as paper blunts a blade quite quickly especially if you are cutting a heavier weight of paper. If you try cutting with a blunt blade you'll be pressing harder, be more likely to make a mistake and not cut a clean line. - [Lisa Jay](#)