



BEGINNERS GUIDE TO CRAFT METAL TUTORIAL

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Craft Metal Enhances Your DIY Card making and Craft Projects and in this pdf you will learn:

- *What Craft Metal Is*
- *Basic Ways To Work With Craft Metal*
- *What Tools You Need to Work With Craft Metal*
- *How Safe Craft Metal Is To Work With*
- *How Craft Metal Can Enhance Your DIY Card making and Craft Projects*
- *Where to purchase Craft Metal*

Craft Metal:

*Craft Metal is 40 gauge Aluminum and best suited for crafting projects. When purchased through the **AALD store** it comes in 18 beautiful colors, and depending on the color comes in 5" x 7" or 9" x 12" dimensions.*



How to work with Craft Metal and Tools You Will Want to Have On Hand:

Working with Craft Metal is similar to working with paper. You can basically do everything you do with paper with Metal with some exceptions, such as, you couldn't make a card base with it and you may have to do some things a little differently. There is no limit to what you can create with them and it really enhances your crafty creations.

To cut Craft Metal you can use the following tools safely:

- Paper Trimmer
- Rotary Trimmer
- Scissors
- Punches
- Scoring Blades (used to pre-cut when using Paper Trimmer Blade)
- Framelits/Metal Dies
- Sizzix Die Cuts, Thinlits, Bigz, etc.

The following Machines are proven safe to use with Craft Metal

- Textured Boutique Machine (Stampin' Up!)
- Big Shot Die Cutting Machine (Stampin' Up!)
- Cuttlebug



Tools and Ways to Emboss Metal

- There are several ways you can emboss metal
 - With Textured Impression Embossing Folders
 - By Hand
 - With Stencils
 - Heat Embossing



Adhesives proven best for Craft Metal:

- Sticky Strip/Red Liner Tape is best for beginners
- Stampin' Dimensionals will work to adhere dimension as a layer
- Beacon 3-in-1 Glue



Is Craft Metal Safe to Work With?

Craft Metal is Safe to Work With and it's unlikely that you will get cut with the Craft Metal. If you do it's similar to a paper cut. Paper cuts rarely happen, Craft Metal is the same.

How Can Craft Metal Enhance My Card making and Crafting Projects?

*Using Craft Metal is fun and easy and will help you enhance your **DIY** Card making and Crafting by adding some bling and enhancements to your crafting projects. Here are some (not all) ideas for using Craft Metal for Cards and Crafting Projects:*

- *Metal Embellishments such as butterflies, flowers, etc.*
- *Embossed Metal used as a background on your cards*
- *Embossed Metal used as a band around a candle*
- *Embossed Metal used to enhance a picture frame*
- *Embossed Metal used to enhance a cake topper (not food safe be sure it doesn't come in contact with food)*
- *Embossed Metal used to enhance a decorative banner*
- *Embossed Metal used to decorate gift bags, boxes and more!*
- *Use Metal as a card layer*
- *Use Metal to create sequins*

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