Papercut Pot Plant Instructions

What you'll need:

- Printed templates and instructions
- A cutting mat
- Scalpel and blade
- Paper to cut
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Blu-tack or masking tape

Choose one of the two pot plant designs. Transfer the design to your cutting paper using either a light table, window or tracing paper. You can also stick the template to the paper and cut through both the template and your cutting paper if you need. You should trace the image on so it is backwards, this way when you have finished cutting the pencil marks will be at the back of your artwork.

Once your design is transferred you are ready to start cutting. Place your cutting paper onto your cutting mat and start cutting. You should aim to hold the scalpel a bit like a pencil and apply firm pressure. You might like to do a few test cuts on the edge of your paper to get a feel for how hard you need to press.

Start from the inside and cut out all the little details. You should cut towards yourself, not away, and don't be afraid to move the paper to make it easier to cut. Also straight lines tend to be a bit easier to cut than curvy ones so they are a good place to start. Once you cut out all the internal details you can cut around the outside edge of the design, flipping it over to reveal your finished papercut.

For more helpful hints and a first hand look at how it's done, check out my video tutorial on my instagram @ellenmarieartistry

I'd also love to see your creations so please tag me in any photos you post!

Templates

Design 1



Design 2

