

in a bind



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Ever find yourself confused by a cool tool? Gadget Girls to the rescue! In each issue we'll show you how to use a different gizmo.

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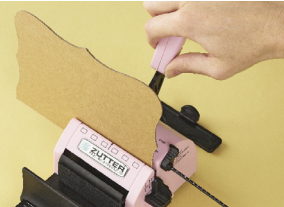
Zutter Innovative Products Bind-it-All V2.0; \$74.99; 949/643-9526; binditall.com

what it does

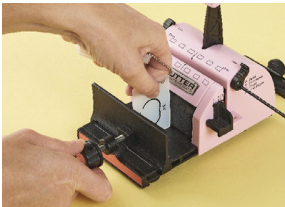
This tool punches and binds spiral albums and journals from 1½" to 12" in width. Version 2.0 has several improvements, including the ability to punch thick materials and an extension guide bar and plate to help line up punched holes. Wires, covers, and other accessories are sold separately.



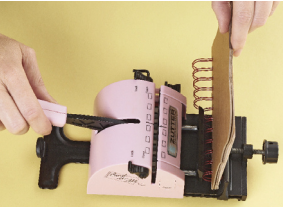
using the bind-it-all step-by-step



1 Place your project in the punching channel and press the lever down. Use the extension guides to punch the rest of the holes.



2 Adjust the binding channel using the template that corresponds with your wire.



3 Insert the wire through the holes in your album, place the album in the binding channel, and press the lever down.

leslie's take

You can do so many things with this sturdy tool—it's a great investment. Very little pressure is needed to punch several pages at once. Plus, it's pink!

SOURCES Patterned paper: Chatterbox (brown), Fancy Pants Designs (blue, cursive text, quote), K&Company (brown stripe), October Afternoon (green). Fonts: Corbel (journaling) off the Internet, Arial (album text). Brads, label holder: Fancy Pants Designs. Wire, album pages: Zutter Innovative Products. Punch: Martha Stewart Crafts (starburst), Zutter (corner rounder).

I punched a continuous line of holes through a 12" strip of cardboard and wove twine through the holes for a dimensional border.



When including an album on a scrapbook page, bind it with the smallest wire possible so it's not too bulky.



I made a mini album of my son's favorite books by scanning the covers, digitally adding quotes about why he likes them, and mounting the printed images on cardstock pages made by Zutter.

erica's take

Figuring out how many holes to punch for your project can be a little intimidating at first. I suggest reading the instructions carefully, watching the instructional DVD (which is included), and checking out Zutter's blog (binditall.blogspot.com) to learn the tricks.

SOURCES Cardstock: Bazzill Basics Paper. Patterned paper: BasicGrey. Font: Industries off the Internet. Covers, wire: Zutter Innovative Products. Design: Erica Hernandez.



The tool can punch six holes at once, so I centered my covers and pages in the punching channel to bind the spiral in the middle.



To make foldout pages, double the width of your page and subtract ½" before cutting. Fold in the pages, leaving space at the left-hand edge so they will still fold out after you bind the album.

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