

## Cricut Crafts: Dimensional Word Art with Amber of Damask Love

### Chapter 1 - Dimensional Word Art

#### Overview

(upbeat music) - Hey there, this is Amber from Damask Love and I am going to show you how to use your Cricut Maker to create something that you're gonna love for your home. Dimensional word art made from chipboard is something that you probably have never tried before. I was inspired after looking at lots of home decor stores and seeing beautiful word art made out of wood. But I'm not a wood worker so I had to figure out a way to make it with my Cricut Maker and I did and it's super simple. In this project I'm gonna show you how search design space to find the perfect word for your word art. I'm gonna show you how to use the Cricut Maker to cut chipboard, and then I'm gonna show you how to assemble the project and finish it off to make it beautiful with paint. This project is super versatile. You can use it anywhere in your home, customize it for any occasion. So think a children's room or maybe your office or your mantle. Think of all the words that might be inspiring to you and customize them in this project.

#### Materials

- For your dimensional word art, you're gonna need a chipboard. I ordered a 50-pack of 24-point chipboard for this project. You'll also need craft glue, acrylic paint, paper plates to put your paint and glue on, a skewer, a small paintbrush, foam brushes, sandpaper, some news print or anything to protect your work surface. You'll also need the Cricut Cutting Mat, I'm using the 12 by 24 inch mat for this project. And then finally, we're gonna need a computer or mobile device to access Cricut Design Space and of course, your Cricket Maker.

#### Selecting word and cutting out with Cricut

- The first part of making your dimensional word art is to decide what word do you want to make. To do that, I'm gonna go into Design Space and open up a blank canvas. Go over to the left and click Images. And now just search for whatever word it is that inspires you. I wanna use the word thankful, so I'm just gonna type the word thankful into the search box on the top right hand corner of Design Space. There's a ton of options that are gonna show up, and really at this point it's up to you. You can search any of the words that you want. My only tip is this: make sure that it's a word that is connected. Something like cursive or hand-lettering will work best. You don't wanna use anything where the letters are individual, because then it won't come together as one cohesive piece. I really like this piece of word art right here. It kind of looks like hand-lettering, which I really like, so I'm gonna click it and insert the image onto my Design Space canvas. All right. From here I'm just gonna resize it. My chipboard is 12 by 18, so I wanna make sure that my word art fits on that piece of chipboard. I wanna make it as big as I possibly can, so I'm gonna bring it all the way out until the edge of my word is about 17 1/2 inches. I want to duplicate this image multiple times because we're gonna cut it out a bunch of times from chipboard. So I'm gonna click it and go over to the tip right hand corner and click Duplicate. I'm gonna continue to click Duplicate until I have about 10 different layers of the word thankful. With that done, I'm ready to cut my project. Now, you may be wondering, couldn't I just cut the same image over and over and over again? You could, but here's the thing. By duplicating that image 10 times, I can sent this project to my Cricut, let it cut, and when the project is done, it's done. I don't have to keep count. Less work, more fun. Now I'm

ready to click the green Make It square. And now my project is ready to cut. It's already sized and ready to go to my mat. Now I'm gonna select my material. I'm gonna click on View All, and here I have some options. I can either select light chipboard, but for this project the chipboard I'm using is a little bit heavier so I'm actually gonna select mat board. Mat board is a very similar material to chipboard. And this way I'll make sure that the cut goes through clean on the first try. Place my chipboard onto the cutting mat and place it into my machine. And I have my Cricut machine fitted with the deep point blade. Now I'm ready to click the flashing arrow button. Let that mat feed in. And now it's time to cut. Take out the mat. I love taking the material off the mat and watching my design come to life. You wanna be gentle when you're peeling this up, because it is delicate. And you don't wanna rip any portions of that word. Ah, look at it, it's coming up! I love this! Let's see. All right. Success, my friends. Look at that. You're gonna wanna repeat this step about nine more times. I'm not gonna lie, this is gonna take some time, but it's totally worth it in the end. Pick your favorite movie, grab your favorite streaming television show. You can Netflix and chill with your Cricut.

### Assembling your word

- Now it's assembly time. I've got all of my chipboard words cut out over here. And one by one, I'm gonna start adding some glue with a foam brush. So I'm just gonna open up the glue and dump a nice little pile of it onto a paper plate. And here's a trick. So I'm gonna load my brush up with a just a little bit of glue. And I wanna dab rather than brush. That way I kinda get nice little pockets of glue all over. This way it's really gonna stick together. We're gonna do this and go all over the word. Again, this is a process. We're crafting and we're making stuff here. It doesn't always go quickly. Now I'm gonna grab another layer that is identical. That's the cool thing about the Cricut. It's gonna cut identical layers every single time. And I'm gonna line them up with my fingers so that they look like one piece. And because I've got that glue on there, they're gonna stick together beautifully. Keep working your way down all the way across the word so that each of the layers is lined up nicely and those edges are clean. I like to use a skewer. It kind of helps me push the layers together and also clean up any of the glue that might be seeping off the edge. Because I'm using wet craft glue, it does give me a little bit of time to maneuver things around. So if you don't get it placed perfectly the first time, just slide the chipboard around until you kinda get it into place so that the edges are perfectly aligned. Between layers, because there is a lotta glue, I like to switch out my craft paper to protect my work surface and not get things too messy. Now I'm ready to put on my second layer of chipboard. There's really no need to let the glue dry in between layers. You could just keep working. Keep Netflix-ing and chilling until you've got all your layers of chipboard on your word art. Now that I've got it assembled, I want to sand the edges a little bit. Because it is sort of like a wood piece, you wanna make sure that any extra glue pieces or any uneven edges are smooth. So you just wanna take a piece of fine sandpaper and go over those so we can smooth those out before we paint it. My surface is ready to paint. This is the fun part because now you can customize it with whatever color you want. I'm using a really fun shade of deep teal. And I'm gonna go in with a small detail paint brush to paint those inner parts of the word art. Now that I've gotten all the paint into the little areas of the word art, I'm gonna go in with a flat one inch foam brush and make some more broad strokes that I can paint the entire piece. (whimsical music) I'm all done painting and I love how this turned out. I'm gonna let it sit here for about an hour to let the acrylic paint dry. And once it's done, I can hang it on my wall with some mounting tape. Or you can just let it sit by itself on maybe your mantel or your desktop.