

Button Maker Overview

What is a button maker?

A button maker is a manual press machine that allows you to make button pins with your own custom design. We have two button makers available for reservation that each make different sized buttons: 1.25 inches or 2.25 inches in diameter.

Safety and Rules

The button maker works by filling the trays with the appropriate parts and pressing down on the handle. Be sure to keep fingers out of the trays as there is a potential pinching hazard.

A few of rules to keep in mind before you get started:

- Respect the space and equipment, other makers' projects, and yourself.
- Projects must be library appropriate.
- Please do not run your business out of the NBPL MakerStudio.

Reserving the Button Maker

Request a reservation online at newberlinlibrary.org/makerstudio, or you can call to reserve a time. If the button maker is not reserved, it is first come first served. Check with staff for availability. The button maker may only be used during open studio hours.

Meet the Button Maker

Overview

- The button maker must be placed on a stable, flat surface.
- There are two trays that slide to line up with the top presser. One tray (Tray A) is for the domed metal circle, your paper circle design, and a clear plastic circle. The other tray (Tray B) is for the pin pack piece.
- To make a button:
 - First choose a template or make your own design sized to fit the tray.
 - Place a domed metal piece in Tray A.
 - Place your paper circle design on top of it, and a clear plastic circle on top of your design.
 - Align Tray A so that it is underneath the center press and push the handle down gently but firmly. The machine will keep this piece in the upper press for now.
 - Place a pin back in Tray B with the metal pin part facing downward.
 - Slide Tray B so that it is underneath the center press and push the handle down gently but firmly. Now the top of your button has been attached to the pin back.

Tools and Cleaning

MakerStudio staff will clean the button maker regularly. Please alert staff if cleaning is needed.

A **circle punch** for the 1.25-inch buttons is available for your use. A **circular cutter** for the 2.25-inch buttons is also available and must only be used with paper while the clear square cutting board is beneath it.

Material

The library does provide button maker supplies. You are welcome to use some of our templates, or to create your own from scratch. You are also welcome to bring your own button maker supplies, provided they are the correct size to match the button maker you are using.

Resources

Youtube	youtube.com/officialcricut
Cricut	Cricut.com