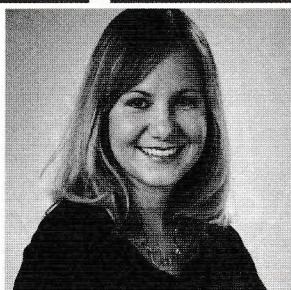


# Tips, Tools, & Techniques



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Your go-to guide for the hottest tools, freshest tips, and coolest techniques.

## Fuse Creativity Center

How does die-cut and letterpress in one pass sound?

The **Fuse Creativity Center** by Fiskars does just that. It can die-cut, emboss, and letterpress in one pass through the machine. Its intuitive plating system only requires the essential components: one cutting plate and one rubber mat. And each design set (one cutting die and two letterpress plates) comes with a customized stackable lid (labeled on the top and side) for easy storage and identification. The starter set includes the machine, one design set, one ink pad, a cutting plate with rubber mat, and a base plate. Additional design sets can be purchased separately. Another bonus feature... the Fuse Adapter Kit (sold separately) contains the cutting bases and instructions for using competitors' dies.



Retail for Fuse Creativity Center Starter Set \$299.99

[www.fiskars.com](http://www.fiskars.com)

Using the Fuse Creativity Center, I created these fall-themed tags to showcase the tool's three main features. First, I die-cut a tag from cardstock. Then, I die-cut and embossed a tag with one pass. Finally, I die-cut, embossed, and letterpressed a tag with one simple pass. Easy-peasy!



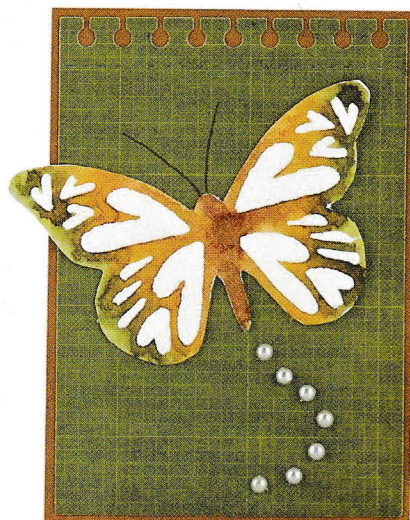


## Creating Magic with Markers

Who knew you could do so many cool things with markers? We asked Go-to Gal Jennifer McGuire to come up with six different techniques using Tim Holtz's new Distress Markers (see p. 18 for more information). The result? Six terrific tags that use markers in a bold, new way.



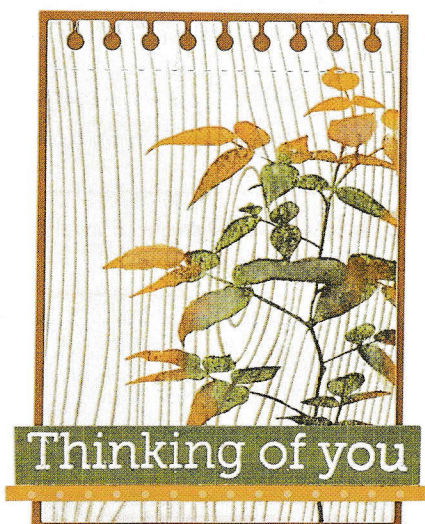
Stamp with a white distress marker on dark cardstock.



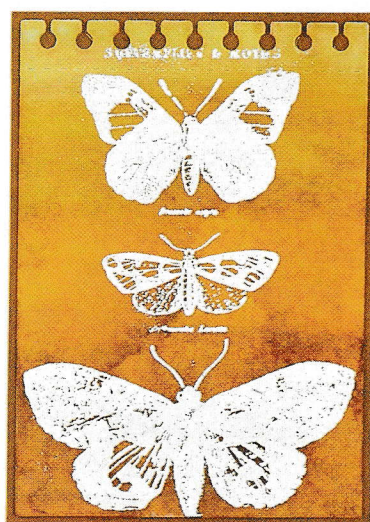
Watercolor with markers. Scribble on plastic, add water, and pick up with brush-like watercolor.



Blending! Color with light, add dark, and then go back and blend with light.



Water blended background. Wet watercolor paper, scribble areas of color, and mist more. Let colors blend.



Stamp with distress markers. Color the rubber portion of the stamp, huff, and stamp.



Watercolor stamping. Color the rubber portion of the stamp, mist several times, stamp on watercolor paper, and let dry.

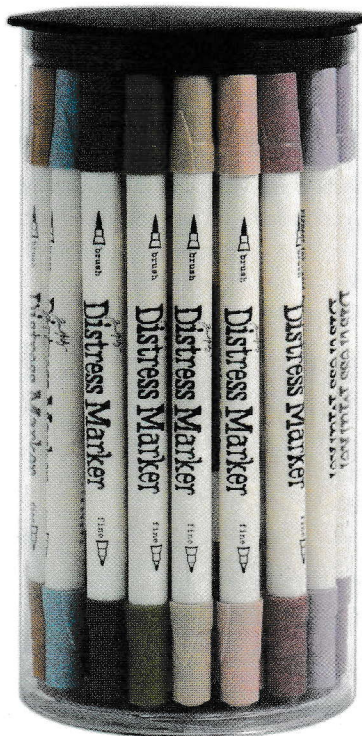


## Tim Holtz Distress Markers

For those of you who enjoy stamping, staining, and aging your projects with Tim Holtz's Distress Ink Pads, you're going to love his new line of **Distress Markers** by **Ranger Industries**. These dual tip, water-based markers are ideal for coloring, stamping, shading, journaling, and drawing (turn to p. 17 for six technique tags by Go-to Gal Jennifer McGuire). Available in the same Distress Ink palette of colors, the markers also coordinate with Ranger's Distress Stains, Distress Crackle Paint, Distress Sticks, and Distress Embossing Powders. The full 37 marker set is sold in a clear storage canister or you can buy them individually for the consumer-happy price of \$3.

Retail for Distress Markers in Canister \$114.99

[www.rangerink.com](http://www.rangerink.com)

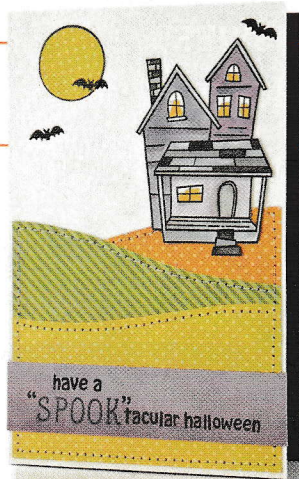


## Scissor Mouse

If you love the feel of your computer mouse, it's time to meet his paper crafting cousin—the **Scissor Mouse** from **Westcott**. Available in five fun colors, this portable trimmer can cut straight or long wavy lines with the flick of the wrist. Simply roll the Scissor Mouse up to the edge of your paper and cut away. There's even a measuring guide on the front of the tool if you're aiming for precision cutting. Since the blade is encased, it's perfectly safe for kids and can be used on any flat surface (no cutting mat required). Ideal for home and craft use, just imagine how handy it is for wrapping presents!

Retail for Scissor Mouse \$14.99

[www.westcottbrand.com](http://www.westcottbrand.com)



Using the Scissor Mouse, Julie Campbell created a spooky landscape for her Spooktacular Halloween Card.



### Online Bonus Projects

Supplies and instructions for P. Kelly Smith's Fall Floral Tags and Julie Campbell's Spooktacular Halloween Card can be found online at [PaperCraftsMag.com/projects](http://PaperCraftsMag.com/projects).

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