

Mother's Day Card

Surprise your mom on Mother's Day with a quick and easy, customizable card made just for her! It's simple when you've got your Brother ScanNCut and CanvasWorkshop at your service! Follow this step-by-step tutorial and in no time, you'll have a card that's as beautiful and unique as your mom.

Skill Level: All

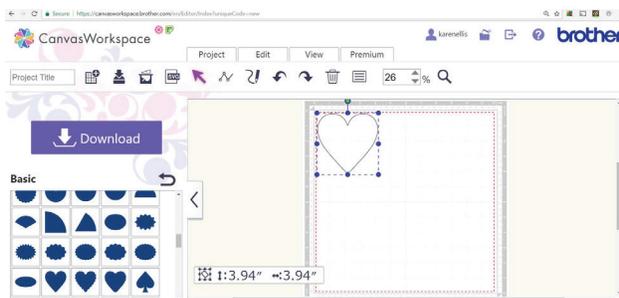
Time Required: 15-20 mins

Supplies Required:

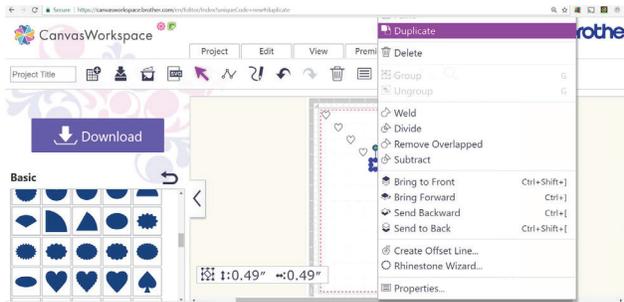
- 4" x 6" blank card (or 8" x 6" cardstock folded to create a 4" x 6" card base)
- 3.5" x 3.5" red cardstock
- 3.5" x 3.5" patterned paper
- 3" x 5" gold metallic cardstock
- ScanNCut (I used the CM650W)
- ScanNCut standard size mat, blade and brown pen with pen holder
- Low tack painter's tape
- 3D adhesive foam squares
- Gold Sharpie
- Double-sided tape or glue stick
- Dye ink and blending tool (optional)

Instructions:

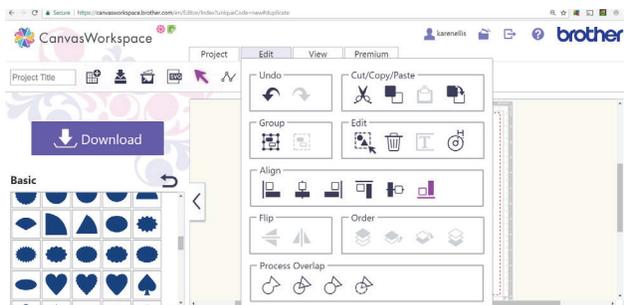
- Create a new cut file in CanvasWorkspace (canvasworkspace.brother.com).
- Place a basic heart shape on the worksheet then re-size it so it's approximately 0.5" square.



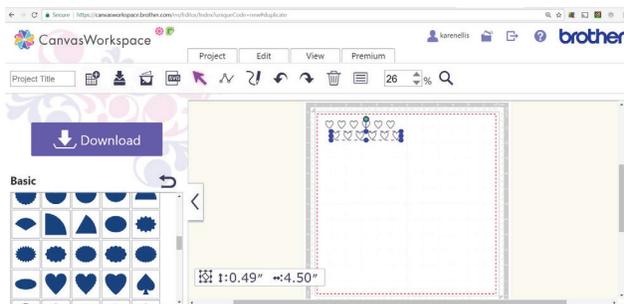
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- With the heart shape selected, right click and duplicate the image 6 times.

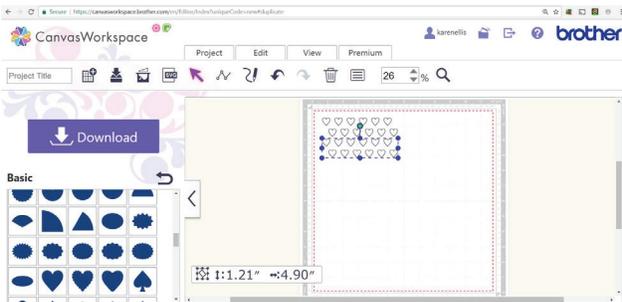


- Select all the heart shaped images on your worksheet and then select the BOTTOM ALIGN function under the edit tab to arrange the hearts in an evenly spaced horizontal line. For ease and convenience, once aligned and while all the hearts are selected on the screen, GROUP the images by selecting the group function under the edit tab.

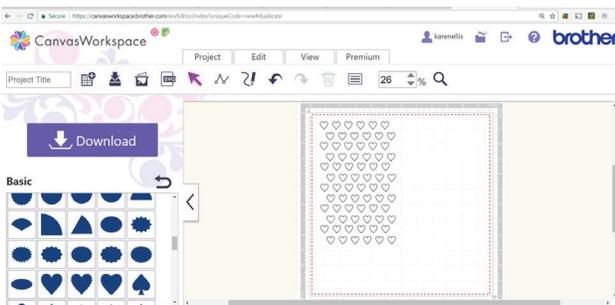


- Use the duplicating feature again to create a second line of hearts. Move that line of hearts so that it is staggered under the original line of hearts you created and then group them in place.

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- Once grouped, duplicate the grouping and drag and drop it in place under the original two rows. Select all and group and duplicate once more. Repeat this process one last time so that your file will more than cover your 4" x 6" card front.



- Once complete, download the file and send it wirelessly to your ScanNCut machine.



- Place a letter size sheet of printer paper on your cutting mat and then mask it off to the left of the card spine to ensure that your printing will remain cleanly on the front of your finished card. Add a little more of the tape to the top and bottom of the left (back) side of the card for extra stability while printing.

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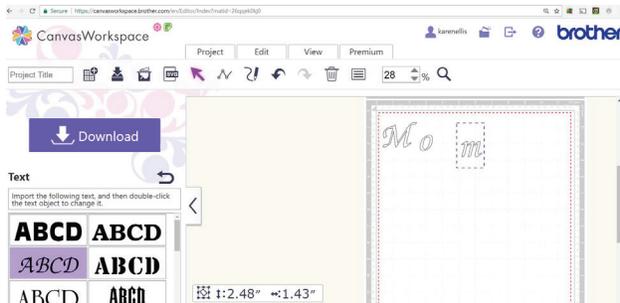
- Insert the brown ink pen into the penholder and place it securely in your ScanNCut machine. Insert and scan your prepped cutting mat so the image of your card front is clearly visible on your machine's LCD screen. Move the file so that the hearts appear on the right side of the card front. Once in place, select the draw function and draw the file. When completed, remove the printer paper from the cutting mat and carefully remove the painter's tape from the printed card front.
- Using the fonts available on your ScanNCut machine, select a font (I chose FO-A010) and type out "Happy Mother's Day". Resize and insert the cut file so that it fits on the right side of the opened card. I resized the words so that they were approximately .5" tall on two lines. Open the card and place it face up directly on your cutting mat. Scan the mat so you are able to see the placement of your card. Draw. Once the sentiment is drawn on the card, remove and set aside.
- Switch out the pen and pen holder and insert the standard cutting blade.

Using the Welding Feature in CanvasWorkspace:

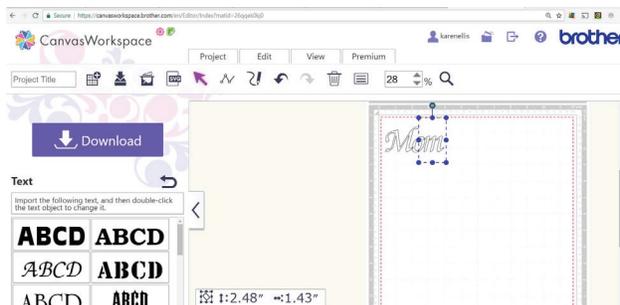
- There is a fun "logo" title with the word MOM already programmed in your ScanNCut machine but it wasn't the style I was looking for this project. I created my own welded title in CanvasWorkspace using the FO-A001: Calgary Medium Italic font.

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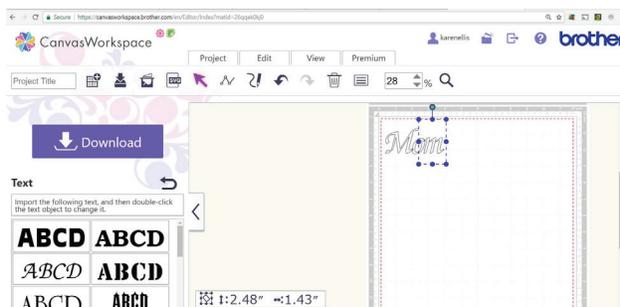
Here's how:



- Start a new project and individually add the letters in your desired font to the workspace. I chose the italic font because it had “tails” on the letters that would work well for welding.



- Drag and drop the letters so that they are in order and slightly overlapping.



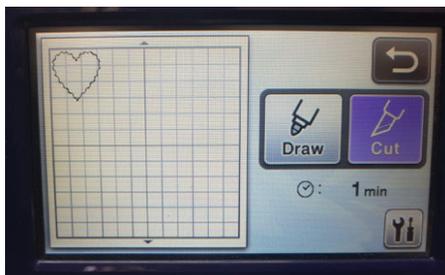
- Select all the letters and then, in the edit tab, bottom-align the letters (like you did with the heart lines above) and select the weld icon to weld the letters together into one file. Once complete, download the file and send it wirelessly to your ScanNCut machine.

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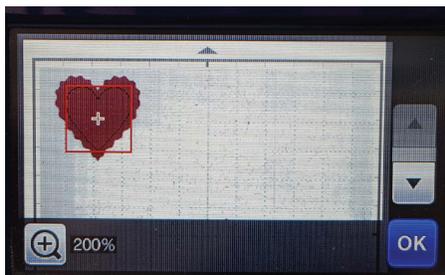
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- Place the metallic cardstock on your cutting mat and scan it to place the file accurately. Open the file in your machine and cut the file. Metallic cardstock is generally thicker than traditional cardstock so be prepared to adjust the cutting depth accordingly.

Cutting the Scalloped Heart Layered Embellishment:



- Cut a 3" x 3" scalloped edge heart (BA-A08) from the red cardstock. Remove the outer edge of the cut leaving the red heart shape on the cutting mat.



- Press home and create a new project. Open a heart file from the basic shape menu (BA-A067) and resize it to approximately 2.25" x 2.25". Using the scanning feature, scan your cutting mat to reveal the placement of the red scalloped heart shape on the mat. Centre a 2.25" x 2.25" plain edged heart shape cut file over the image and cut.
- Resize the plain edged heart shape so that it's approximately 2.5" x 2.5". Place the pattern paper on the cutting mat, scan to reveal the image on the LCD screen and then cut the heart shape from the paper.

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- Ink the edges of your cardstock pieces for a more dimensional finished look.
- Assemble the card by adhering the pattern paper heart to the front of your card and then adhering the scalloped heart as shown. The metallic “mom” piece is raised using 3D adhesive foam squares. I cut the squares with a pair of scissors to make them narrower to fit on the back of the word and then inked the non-sticky edges of the foam with a gold Sharpie to camouflage the edges when placed on the card. The Sharpie makes the foam less obvious and adds a professional finish.



Wishing you and your mom a Happy Mother's Day!
We're sure she'll love this card as much as you love her. Have some fun experimenting with CanvasWorkshop and its draw feature to create your own customized cards for every occasion!



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