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EK Tools 1-Inch Circle Punch Instruction Manual

Model: 54-20061

Brand: EK Tools

Product Overview

The EK Tools 1-Inch Circle Punch is designed to create precise 1-inch diameter circular cutouts from various paper materials. This tool is part of the nesting punch collection and features a compact design with a safety lock for convenient storage and safe handling. It is suitable for a range of paper crafts, including scrapbooking, card making, gift tags, and decorations.



Figure 1: EK Tools 1-Inch Circle Punch, main product view.

Features and Setup

- **Precise 1-Inch Cut:** Creates clean, accurate 1-inch diameter circles.
- **Safety Lock:** Features a sliding tab on the back to lock the punch in a closed, flat position for safe and compact storage.
- **Durable Construction:** Made from metal for consistent performance.
- **Versatile Use:** Suitable for cardstock, photos, and various paper types.

Unlocking the Punch

To unlock the punch for use, locate the yellow sliding tab on the back of the unit. Slide this tab towards the center of the punch. The punch mechanism will spring open, ready for operation.



Figure 2: Back of the punch illustrating the safety lock mechanism and instructions for use.

Operating Instructions

1. **Prepare Material:** Ensure your paper or cardstock is flat and free of creases. The punch is designed for single sheets of paper or cardstock. For thinner materials like tissue paper, place them over a piece of cardstock before punching to achieve a cleaner cut.
2. **Position Material:** Slide the edge of your material into the slot of the punch.
3. **Align Cut:** For precise placement of your cut, turn the punch upside down. This allows you to see exactly where the die-cut area will align with your material.
4. **Punch:** Once the material is positioned correctly, firmly press down on the top of the punch until you feel and hear the cut.
5. **Retrieve Cutout:** Release the pressure. The punched circle will fall out from the bottom of the punch.



Figure 3: Demonstrating the punching action on paper.



Figure 4: Example of perfectly cut 1-inch circles.

Video Demonstration: EK Tools Brand Overview

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Video 1: An overview of EK Tools products, including demonstrations of various punches and their applications in crafting.

Maintenance

- **Sharpening:** To maintain the sharpness of the punch, fold several layers of aluminum foil and punch through them multiple times. This action helps to sharpen the cutting edges.
- **Lubrication:** For smoother operation, especially after extended use, punch through wax paper several times. This will lubricate the mechanism.
- **Cleaning:** Periodically remove any paper debris from the cutting mechanism.

Video: EK Punches Best Results Tips

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Video 2: Tips for achieving the best results with EK Punches, including sharpening and lubrication techniques.

Troubleshooting

- **Incomplete Cuts:** If the punch is not cutting cleanly, try sharpening it using aluminum foil as described in the Maintenance section. Ensure you are using appropriate paper thickness; very thick or multiple layers of paper may exceed the punch's capacity.
- **Punch Jamming:** If the punch mechanism becomes stiff or jams, lubricate it by punching through wax paper. Check for any lodged paper scraps and carefully remove them.
- **Material Tearing:** This can occur if the punch is dull or if the material is too thin. Sharpen the punch or use a backing piece of cardstock for thinner materials.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Number	54-20061
Brand	EK Tools
Material	Metal
Color	Gray
Product Dimensions	6.97"L x 3.5"W x 1.08"H
Item Weight	1.41 ounces (0.04 Kilograms)
Hole Count	1
Operation Mode	Manual
Pin Hole Diameter	1 Inch
UPC	0015586945454

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