



# Paper Bead Crafts Cutting Guides

## How to use the Paper Bead Strip Cutting Guides

### Materials Needed

- A cutting guide of choice.
- A Guillotine Paper Cutter
- 3/4" Blue Painter's Tape
- Pretty Paper\*
- Clear Packing or Shipping Tape.

When cutting your sheets, depending on the quality of your guillotine cutter, cut one or more sheets less than the manufacturer suggests, at one time. The cutting guide takes up the thickness space of one to 3 sheets of paper on the bed of your cutter so you may need to adjust how many sheets you can cut at one time. Experiment until you find what works best for your needs.



*1 Clear Shipping Tape Attached to Edge of Paper.*

### Prepare Your Paper

This is a suggestion if you want to cut a whole sheet of paper and want to get as many strips as possible out of your sheet of paper.

Put a piece of clear packing or shipping tape down the edge of your paper, opposite of the blade end. This will help to keep your paper from shifting while cutting your sheets. You should use two layers of tape, adhered together, sticky side facing each other. This will give you a handle on the edge of your

paper that you can hold onto when you get close to the blade side of your cutter. It will make it possible to actually use the cutter to cut every strip that you can from your sheet of paper. There will be very little waste. Just put the tape on the very edge, no more than 1/8" in from the edge. The image shows it about 1/2" from the edge because the edge has a hole in it. I pull this paper out of a tablet of scrapbook paper. This is enough to hold layers together and give you that handle to hang onto. Watch my video to see how I do it.



*2 Guide Taped to Cutter Bed Horizontally*



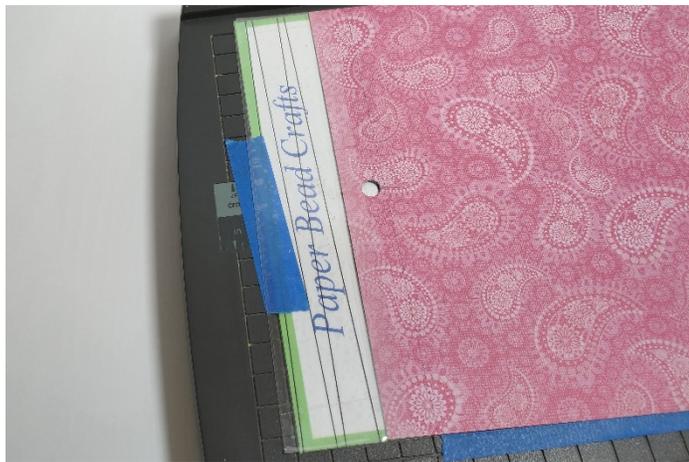
*3 Cutting Guide Taped to Cutter Bed Vertically.*

### Prepare Your Guide

1. Lay the guide, with the side of the strips you want, facing up, onto your guillotine cutter, making sure to butt the end up to the blade and not beyond the

edge. The best way to do this, at least with my cutter, is to lift up on the blade just a little, as not to expose the edge but just so you can see the blade.

2. Tape the template to the surface of your cutter along the bottom edge, top edge if there is room and along the opposite end of the cutter from the blade. Do not add tape to the edge where the blade is. This way you can prevent the cutting guide from moving.



4. Notice the clear shipping tape, you can see through it!

3. Place the prepared paper, you want to cut, onto the cutting guide, lining it up with the cutting guide making sure the handle you made is opposite of the blade side.

4. Lift the blade of your cutter, slide the paper to the first line on the left side of your guide, lining up the edge of your paper. Make your first cut. This cut will most likely be a wasted strip, but that is ok. You can roll it up anyway and use it as a waste bead if you glaze your beads like I do, strung up on fishing line.

5. Move your paper down to the next line on your guide, line it up carefully with the line, getting it as perfectly lined up as you can and make your 2nd cut. This should be a keeper!

6. Cut the rest of them as you did for the 2nd strip, lining up the edge of your paper with each subsequent line on the guide.

7. If you did not add a handle to the opposite end from the blade side, there will be a point, very near the end of your paper where it will be very difficult to

cut the last few lines. This is to be expected. At this point, you can line up the edge of your paper with one of the lines on the guide and mark the top and bottom edges where your last cuts should be. Hopefully you will only need to do this for 2 or 3 strips at the end of your paper. If you did prepare your paper and have a handle on the edge, you should be able to continue cutting your strips all the way to the edge of the tape! Almost no waste!

8. If you didn't add a handle, after you make your marks. Cut the rest of the strips on a self healing cutting mat using straight edge and a craft knife or ruler and rotary cutter if you have one. If you are quilter, you should already have what you need. In fact, if you are very familiar with your ruler and rotary cutter, you may not even need to mark the top and bottom of your paper, just keep cutting your sheet with your rotary cutter and ruler using the ruler's measurement markings.



5. Cutting sample sheet of plain paper.

## Storing Your Cutting Guides

You can store your cutting guides in page protectors in a 3 ring binder, or you can use a 3 hole punch and punch holes on one long edge to also store them in a 3 ring binder. It's up to you. If you collect all 44 cutting guides, you will need a 1" 3 ring binder. If you can think of another way of storing them, that works better for you, great!

\*The paper should be the same size as the cutting guide. Or at least the same length as the edge of the guide you are using that is up against the blade of your cutter.