

# Butterfly Mobile

## Papercrafting Project

It's time to think pink with the Butterfly Mobile papercrafting project! This project uses four different colors of pink cardstock and gold foil paper to create a lovely handmade décor piece. A butterfly mobile is the perfect addition to a nursery or bedroom or a festive decoration at a birthday party or baby shower.

It's easy to cut all the shapes needed for this project using the Cricut Design Space™ project file we've created. All the prep work for cutting your butterflies and flowers is done for you! For Cricut® cuts and assembly, plan seven to eight hours to complete the project.

What you need to complete this project:

- My Acrylix® Banner Love Stamp Set (B1572)
- Bashful Cardstock (5 sheets, X5941)
- Blossom Cardstock (2 sheets, X5973)
- Pixie Cardstock (2 sheets, X5984)
- Raspberry Cardstock (2 sheets, X5974)
- Gold Foil Paper (1 sheet, Z3365)
- Bashful Exclusive Inks™ Stamp Pad (Z2819)
- Blossom Exclusive Inks™ Stamp Pad (Z2810)
- Pixie Exclusive Inks™ Stamp Pad (Z2844)
- Raspberry Exclusive Inks™ Stamp Pad (Z2812)
- White Twine (qty. 3, Z3216)
- Glue Dots® Micro Dots (Z2089)
- Adhesive Runner (Z3372)
- Versamat™ (Z1279)
- Cricut® Artbooking Collection (Z3399)
- Cricut® Artistry Collection (Z3190)
- Cricut® Flower Market Collection (Z3290)
- 10" Embroidery Hoop
- Hot glue gun
- White thread



## Step 1—Cricut® Cuts

Cut the following shapes using the Cricut® Artbooking, Artistry, and Flower Market Collections. Set these shapes aside until Step 2.

The Cricut® cuts are also available as a Cricut Design Space™ project file at <https://design.cricut.com/#/design/75370168>. When using the project file, make sure to change the quantity to two when you cut the project. You will need two of each cut.

Cricut® Shapes:

### Artbooking

- 1½" Icon <g> (p.62, #M41139)  
*Cut 6 Dark Bashful*  
*Cut 4 Light Bashful*  
*Cut 6 Dark Blossom*  
*Cut 4 Dark Pixie*  
*Cut 6 Light Pixie*  
*Cut 2 Dark Raspberry*  
*Cut 10 Light Raspberry*
- 1½" Shift+Icon <G> (p.62, #M41139)  
*Cut 4 Light Blossom*  
*Cut 2 Dark Pixie*  
*Cut 4 Light Pixie*  
*Cut 4 Dark Raspberry*  
*Cut 2 Light Raspberry*  
*Cut 6 Gold Foil*
- ¼" Shift+Border <TeamWork> (p.83, #M46F6E)  
*Cut 18 Gold Foil*

### Artistry

- 1¾" <Summer> (p.42, #M58A2E4)  
*Cut 10 Light Bashful*  
*Cut 4 Dark Blossom*  
*Cut 2 Light Blossom*  
*Cut 4 Dark Pixie*  
*Cut 6 Light Pixie*  
*Cut 6 Light Raspberry*
- 1¾" Shift+<Summer> (p.42, #M58A2E4)  
*Cut 2 Dark Bashful*  
*Cut 4 Gold Foil*

### Flower Market

- 4" <Poppy> (p.45, #MFADB88)  
*Cut 18 Bashful*
- 4" Shift+<Poppy> (p.45, #MFADB88)  
*Cut 18 Bashful*

Tip: There are two sizes of butterflies for this project. The short butterfly is from the Cricut® Artbooking Collection, and the tall butterfly is from the Cricut® Artistry Collection. Keep this in mind as you assemble the strands in Step 3.

## Step 2—Stamp Butterflies

- After completing the Cricut® cuts, stamp solid butterflies as listed below to add texture to some of the butterfly wings. This is an optional step. The mobile can also be completed without stamping.

### Tall Butterfly

- Solid Light Bashful: stamp hearts in Bashful ink (2 total)
- Solid Light Bashful: stamp hearts in Pixie ink (4 total)
- Solid Dark Blossom: stamp hearts in Raspberry ink (4 total)
- Solid Light Pixie: stamp dots in Bashful ink (4 total)
- Solid Light Pixie: stamp dots in Blossom ink (2 total)

### Short Butterfly

- Solid Light Raspberry: stamp dots in Raspberry ink (4 total)



### Step 3—Assemble the Butterfly Strands

- Start assembling the butterfly halves for strand A. Make sure to assemble by adhering each layer in the center only. Keep in mind you will need two of each butterfly listed below to back the thread on the strand. Place the inside butterfly on the mat and glue the middle or outer butterfly on top in the center for each half.
- On your VersaMat™ place one of each butterfly half approximately 3" apart, lying face down. Then add glue dots to the centers.
- Lay white thread across the butterflies, attaching to the glue dots. Make sure to leave 6" of thread at the top to secure strand to embroidery hoop in Step 6.
- Attach the second half of your butterfly facing up, securing the thread between the two butterfly halves. Adhere the wings with adhesive only on the two butterflies that back the string.
- Repeat with strands B and C.



Tip: Remember as you assemble the strands, only adhere the wings of the butterflies that back the thread. Make sure the remaining layers are attached in the center only, allowing the wings to be bent upward for added dimension.

#### Strand A (qty. 2)

##### *Tall Butterfly*

In: Solid Light Raspberry  
Out: Solid Light Bashful  
(Pixie hearts)

##### *Short Butterfly*

In: Solid Dark Blossom  
Out: Cutout Dark Raspberry

##### *Tall Butterfly*

In: Solid Light Bashful  
Middle: Solid Light Pixie (Bashful dots)  
Out: Cutout Gold Foil

##### *Short Butterfly*

In: Solid Light Raspberry  
Out: Cutout Light Blossom

#### Strand B (qty. 2)

##### *Short Butterfly*

In: Solid Light Blossom  
Out: Solid Light Raspberry (Raspberry dots)

##### *Short Butterfly*

In: Solid Light Pixie  
Middle: Solid Light Bashful  
Out: Cutout Gold Foil

##### *Tall Butterfly*

In: Solid Dark Pixie  
Out: Solid Dark Blossom (Raspberry hearts)

##### *Short Butterfly*

In: Solid Dark Bashful  
Out: Cutout Light Pixie

#### Strand C (qty. 1)

##### *Short Butterfly*

In: Solid Dark Pixie  
Middle: Solid Light Blossom  
Out: Cutout Gold Foil

##### *Tall Butterfly*

In: Solid Light Raspberry  
Out: Solid Light Pixie (Blossom dots)

##### *Short Butterfly*

In: Solid Light Bashful  
Out: Cutout Light Raspberry

##### *Tall Butterfly*

In: Solid Light Blossom  
Middle: Cutout Dark Bashful  
Out: Solid Light Bashful (Bashful hearts)

##### *Short Butterfly*

In: Solid Light Pixie  
Middle: Solid Light Raspberry  
Out: Cutout Dark Pixie

#### Step 4—Assemble the Poppies

- Adhere the large petals of the poppies to the flower base.
- Then layer with the small petals and the flower centers.
- Embellish centers with ¼" gold foil circles.

Tip: To add dimension to the poppies, gently bend each petal before gluing to the flower base.



#### Step 5—Prepare Embroidery Hoop

- Wrap the embroidery hoop with White Twine, securing ends with hot glue.
- Cut two 12" strands of White Twine and tie them together with a simple knot in the center. Place the center of the knot in the center of the embroidery hoop and stretch the ends outward, spaced evenly to form an X flat against the embroidery hoop. Attach each of the ends to the base of the embroidery hoop with hot glue.
- Cut two 18" strands of White Twine and tie them together with a simple knot in the center. Form an X and make sure each end is evenly spaced. Attach the

ends to the embroidery hoop with hot glue. Make sure the twine for these pieces is not flat with the embroidery hoop. You should be able to pick it up to have 1½" to 2" of height to hang the mobile.

- Use an additional piece of White Twine to loop around the center knot to hang your mobile and secure with a small amount of hot glue. The length will vary depending on where you plan to hang it.

#### Step 6—Attach Butterfly Strands and Poppies

- Attach butterfly strands A and B, alternating on the embroidery hoop. Secure with hot glue.
- Attach strand C to center of white twine.
- Space the poppies as desired on the outer rim of the embroidery hoop and attach using hot glue.

Tip: To add dimension to your butterflies, fold the wings out to see each layer of the butterfly.

Now you have a delightful mobile with fluttering butterflies and sweet flowers! You can use the same Cricut Design Space™ project file to create this project in other monochromatic color schemes by substituting pink with shades of blue or yellow.