

HOLE IN ONE: EYELETS

Setting Eyelets

Eyelets are a staple material for any crafter and this technique is often one of the first that a cardmaker will master. Early eyelets were very basic but since they have increased in popularity, the choice has widened. You can now find them in all kinds of shapes, sizes and colours, perfect for every craft project.

1. Select the correct size tip for the eyelets that you are using and assemble the tool following the manufacturer's guidelines.
2. Protect your table/desk with a self-healing mat. Mark your card (with a pencil) where you want to set your eyelet and place the hole-punching tool over the top. Hit the top of the tool with a hammer firmly two or three times to make a hole in the card.
3. Insert an eyelet into the hole.
4. Turn your card and eyelet over so the back of the eyelet is protruding up through the hole.
5. Hold the eyelet setting tool in the back of the eyelet and hit firmly with the hammer two or three times until the eyelet has set. The eyelet should have split apart at the back. Give it one final tap directly with the hammer to ensure it is completely flat.

You will need:

Pencil
Eyelets
Card
Hole punch fitted with tip to match hole required
Self-healing mat
Eyelet setting tool
Hammer

TOP TIP

Check the size of the eyelets that you are using and match this to the correct size eyelet-setting tip.



The back of the eyelet



The back of the eyelet, after being set



The finished eyelet from the front

Hole punch, eyelet setting tip for punch, hammer, eyelet and card, all on a self-healing mat. Cut out the hole using the hole punch and hammer.