

How to make buttons?

With these devices you can make all kinds of buttons in 2 pushes.

To start, put the red handle up. This allows the base with the bottom 2 dies (1,2)

to spin. Attention: With a new greased button maker this base can be a little stuck to the bottom plate.

If this is the case, take the die and pull it up very evenly. The base is then released from the bottom plate.

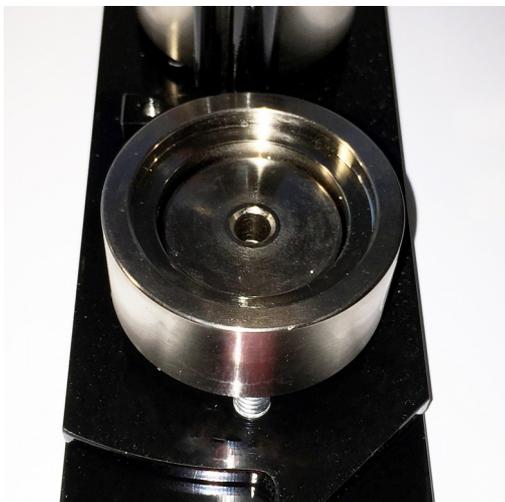
* **STEP 1: Construction front (Pickup die 1)**

Here you put all parts of the front:

1. Shell (with the sharp side down, convex up)
2. Cut paper (with text or image horizontal before you)
3. Plastic foil (Mylar)

Turn die 1 under the presser (hanging die) and push the red handle all the way down in one controlled, even motion. Then move the red handle back up. The parts stay in the top presser. In the meantime, die 2 is facing you.

(The button front is always the same for pinned back, magnet, keychain, mirror, opener, flatback, ...)



* **STEP 2: Construction rear side (Crimp die 2)**

Here we put all the parts for the back (see: **Structure variants**).

When die 2 is filled you turn it back under the presser. Press the handle again with a smooth, even motion all the way down. This way you press all parts together. Pull the handle up again and your button is ready!

To work **faster**, you **have to** leave the finished button in die 2 for a while.

Die 1 is directed at you. Put the front parts in here, turn and press (= step 1).

Then take the finished button out and immediately finish step 2.



Construction of variants (step 2)

Pins, magnets, keychains, openers, mirrors, flatbacks, ...

You always put the visible side downwards in the die.

- **Pinned Back:** Place the pin back side with the needle facing down. To get the image straight on the button, place the pin horizontally with the rectangle to the right and the circle to the left. That way the button will open in the right direction afterwards.
- **Pin 25mm (1 inch):** Place the ring with flat side down and the upright sharp edge facing up. Press everything together, afterwards the pin has to be inserted. Everyone has their own technique for the badges to put in easily. The most important thing is that you do not bend the pin. Then the tension goes off and it will be loose behind the ring. Our way is to take the pin so that the bow is to the right and closed from the bottom. The side that is further from you is first placed under the ring. Then place your thumb on the button on the right so that the pin cannot come outside the ring after the next step. With your other thumb you simply push the bottom corner until just behind the ring. The pin then perfectly snaps into place.
- **Magnet :** Place the magnet back with the flat side facing down. The raised edges face upwards.
- **Magnet (self-adhesive) (75mm):** Place the flat backside down, raised edge upwards. Press the whole together. Then fix the self-adhesive magnet centrally. It is also possible to stick these self-adhesive backs in advance and then process the whole in the button machine.
- **Key Hangers 32 / 38mm:** Place the ring (or tin plate with opening) with the upright edge facing up. The flat side faces down. Now press these parts together. Afterwards you put the black plastic element (versa-back) in the back. Tighten a little so that all the hooks are firmly behind the edges. Finally, click the key-chain part on the black eye. Ready!
- **Key Hangers 44 / 56mm:** Place the flat backside down, standing edge upwards. Press the whole together. Afterwards you put the 'snake chain' with little hook into the provided groove on the back.
- **Opener:** Place the opener with the convex side (where 'bottle opener' is on) facing down. After compressing the parts you can still attach the split ring through the 2 provided holes.

- **Magnetic opener:** Place the magnetic opener with the flat side and the magnet facing down in the mold.
- **Mirror:** Place the ring with the upright, sharp side up in the die. In that ring you put the mirror with the mirror side down. Finally, you put the cardboard on the mirror centrally. This ensures that the mirrors are firmly seated and do not rattle.
- **Flatback:** First lay the 'insert' (flat metal plate with groove on the side) in die 2. The flat side without groove down. Then you put the black plastic flatback on it. Press together. The insert always remains in the mold.

Tips:

- * Paper: use high quality printer paper from 80 to 120g. Heavier paper is possible however cutting and making buttons becomes also heavier, the edges of the buttons are also a bit rougher because more material is compressed in the same place.
- * Beware of double parts. Especially front shells and rings creep together. Drop them on the table and they often jump loose.
- * You can also have quality prints made (and cut) at an economical price by LickMyButton.
- * Foil: Try to leave the foil in the packaging as much as possible. Leave what you use as much as possible on a nice stack. The foil thus attracts as little dirt and dust as possible.