# **Cricut Crafts: Make Celebration Confetti** with Courtney Cerruti

**Chapter 1 - Introduction**
Overview
(peppy music) - Hi, I'm Courtney. I'm an artist and author of Playing With Image Transfers and Washi Tape 101. I'm also an avid crafter. And like most girls, I like things that are sparkly. So I'm going to show you a project that brings all of those loves together by creating shaped confetti using a Cricut Explore. A bird is a shape that could be used for almost any celebration. You could use it for a baby shower, for a wedding, or just because. I'm gonna show you how to use the template in the Cricut design space, scale it to your paper, and then we'll cut it out. I'll even show you how to package it up so that you can give it to all of your guests.

**Chapter 2 - Materials**
Materials
- The material's for this project are super simple. First you'll need a computer of some kind and your Cricut Explore. I like to use the light grip mat for this project, which is blue. You'll also need some kind of paper and really you can choose whatever paper you like the look of. I'm using a heavier text weight paper. So this isn't like a card stock. It's somewhere kind of in between, like your copy paper or typing paper and then a heavy card stock. This works really nicely for the detail with the birds. And then if you are going to package your confetti into little, tiny pouches, I recommend having a couple rolls of Washi tape and some Glassine envelopes. Nice to have your Cricut tools handy. And then most of these materials you can get at Michael's or your other local craft store.

**Chapter 3 - Make Confetti**
Set up artwork in Cricut Design Space
- To begin you're going to want to go to cricut.com and select the Cricut Design Space. You may need to login for this. And this will bring up an inspiration page. You want to select Create New Project. And this is the actual design space you'll find yourself in. And we want to insert images. You'll find a link in the PDF to the specific template we're using, but you can also search creative bug in the search bar and it will bring up all the templates for our projects. We're going to be doing the bird confetti which you can see is an entire sheet. Select that image and then click Insert Images. The template will open really small in the design space. You're going to want to click and drag it up to the upper left corner. And I like to back it off just slightly from the grids on the top and the side here of the design space. And then if you select any corner, and press down and pull, that will allow you to increase or expand the image and keep it in proportion. So I know that the sheet of paper I'm going to be working with is an eight and a half by 11 roughly, so I wanna make sure that I open this to just slightly under that size. Sometimes the machine can be a little bit finicky if you take it right up to the exact number marking so just slightly under eight and a half by 11. But you could make larger confetti too if you're working on a 12 by 12 sheet of paper and you would just increase or decrease the size here. Once you've sized your template, select Go by pressing on that little green button. And this little cut preview will pop up and it shows you exactly what you're cutting. And from now on, both your computer and the machine are going to start to prompt you so you can kind of look at either. On the computer, you want to select Go. If we look at our computer, you can see that it's asking me to load the mat. And if I go to the machine, you can see this little flashing

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arrow button which is your insert and eject mat. Place your paper directly onto your mat lining it up at the top and side. We're working with an eight and a half by 11, but you could also be working with a 12 by 12 sheet of paper. Once your paper is loaded onto the mat, we need to put the mat into the machine. So just slide it under these little guides here, right up to this first bar with rollers and press the flashing arrow button to load the mat. From here you actually need to select what kind of material you're going to be cutting and it will remind you on your computer. It'll say Set the dial. So if we go to our dial, we want to select something that's going to match the weight of our paper and right now it's at cardstock which is a little bit too heavy. We're going to back this down to light cardstock. I find that that's a good setting for a heavy text weight paper. You're ready to cut, so you can press the flashing C button to start your cut. Now is the fun part. We get to eject our mat and see what has been cut for us. To eject it's the same thing as you did when you load. There's this little flashing arrow button that you want to press. And that just ejects your mat. And then taking the edge of your paper, you're just going to carefully and slowly peel away the negative space. If you have a bird that sticks here or there, then you can just use your cricut tool or pair of scissors to carefully remove it from the negative space. Looks like for the most part all of these cut really smoothly. You may have one or two birds that didn't quite get a clean cut and that may be because you're using an older mat or you need to replace your blade. Then you can save this as a template or something or just set it aside. Using your little spatula, you're going to carefully lift these off of the cutting mat. You can do them one at a time, and you might find an angle that works best for you. I wouldn't recommend coming right toward the little tails because you have a chance to scrunch those little tiny thin edges. I'd recommend coming from the beak side rather than the tail side. Just continue removing these little birds safely from the cutting mat and then I'll show you how to package them up.

Create confetti pouches
^- Your sheet of confetti actually makes a hundred ^little birds, and you can parse them out ^into little envelopes however you like. ^To stretch them out, because they are so special, ^I sometimes like to pair them with just a really ^inexpensive store-bought confetti ^in a simple color and shape to complement ^my specialty little birds here. ^So using a glassine envelope, ^take a little handful of your birds and just slide them in, ^and a little pinch of your sparkly gold confetti. ^And you can fold this over. ^I like to do once, and then twice, ^and then using a little bit of washi tape, ^which is just a low tack, decorative tape, ^you can add a few pieces, ^and if you want to add a little extra special detail, ^you can take one of your birds and a glue stick, ^just carefully add a little bit of glue, ^and just put that right on your bag. ^And you can give that to your guests. ^In addition to these little birds, ^I've also included a template for you ^to make crowns and/or diamonds, ^and you can mix these all together ^or use them separately, depending on what kind ^of event you want to hold.

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