

## Die Compatibility Chart 2007

This is a die cutter compatibility chart that I've compiled from various sources on the internet. I own one of the original Sizzix machines, a Sidekick, and the Big Shot, so I can definitely attest to compatibility in those machines.

For the Big Shot, it's definitely easiest to use the multipurpose platform. It eliminates the need to shim dies to their specific heights for effective cutting. It lets you use embossing plates and brass stencils, too. The Big Impressions kit and/or Texturz kit are very useful for embossing. Both come with the silicone rubber as well as the impressions plates needed for making good impressions. I've discussed how these work elsewhere in my blog. Just do a search for them.

For the Cuttlebug and Wizard, there are sandwich combinations for the various thicknesses of dies. I won't get into those here since I don't own either of those machines and I don't keep that info handy.

As far as using dies in the Sizzix, thick dies work fine, so long as one aspect is less than 4 7/8"--that's the width of the platform. You may need to experiment with shimming to get good cuts or impressions. I've heard of folks using more than one white pad or more than the usual two cutting pads to get the correct thickness of material to work, but they will work in this machine with some tinkering. The Sizzix converter and adapters can be very useful here. It's also hard to beat this machine when it comes to flattening bottlecaps or cutting chipboard.

The Sidekick basically can take only thin dies or impression/embossing folders that are 2" or less in one aspect. That's the width of the opening. The dies can be any length, so long as you have a cutting pad long enough for them.

I don't have either the Bosskut or the Zipemate. My info is a bit sketchy on those two machines. I can say that their dies work quite well in the Big Shot. The Zipemate platform is the same as the old Sizzix, so 4 7/8" max width. Bosskut max width is 3".

A few final notes...

- I think it's safe to say that if a die works in the Big Shot or Big Kick, it will work in the Cuttlebug, and vice versa.
- For the Big Shot, Big Kick, and probably Cuttlebug, it's best to use dies with the cutting side up.
- I'll be making a chart of materials that the various dies can cut. That's still to come.
- The Big Shot/Big Kick, Cuttlebug, and Wizard are the most versatile cutters when it comes to non-commercial dies.

If anyone has more information about one of the machines or sees something that needs correction or clarification, just leave me a comment and I'll address it or add it when I get a chance. Or you can email me at [jay@indigojay.com](mailto:jay@indigojay.com).

	<i>Sizzix (red)</i>	<i>Sidekick/ Tagalong</i>	<i>Big Shot/Big Kick</i>	<i>Cuttlebug</i>	<i>Wizard</i>	<i>Quickutz handle</i>	<i>Quickutz Revolution</i>	<i>Bosskut</i>	<i>Zipemate</i>
<b>Sizzix original dies (red, yellow, green, purple)</b>									
<b>Sizzix Bigz/Ellison Thick Cuts</b>									
<b>Sizzix Sizzlits/Ellison Thin Cuts</b>									
<b>Sizzix Clearlits/Ellison Window Cuts</b>									
<b>Sizzix Embosslits/ Ellison Cut 'n' Emboss</b>									
<b>Sizzix Decorative strips/Ellison Extended cuts</b>									
<b>Sizzix Alphabars</b>									
<b>Sizzix Simple Impressions/ Ellison Easy emboss</b>									
<b>Sizzix Texturz/Ellison Big Impressions</b>									
<b>Quickutz dies (2x2)</b>									

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<b>Quickutz GooseBumpz (2x2)</b>									
<b>Quickutz GooseBumpz (4x4)</b>									
<b>Quickutz Revolution dies</b>									
<b>Quickutz Grand alpha dies</b>									
<b>Quickutz Rev embossing dies</b>									
<b>Cuttlebug dies</b>									
<b>Cuttlebug embossing folders</b>									
<b>Cuttlebug A2 embossing folders</b>									
<b>Bosskut dies 2x2 or smaller</b>									
<b>Bosskut dies bigger than 2x2</b>									

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<b>Spellbinders Wizard dies</b>									
<b>Spellbinders texture plates</b>									
<b>Spellbinders Nestabilities</b>									
<b>Zip e cut dies 2x2 or less</b>									
<b>Zip e cut dies bigger than 2x2</b>									
<b>Zip e slim dies</b>									
<b>Fiskars texture plates</b>									
<b>brass stencils</b>									