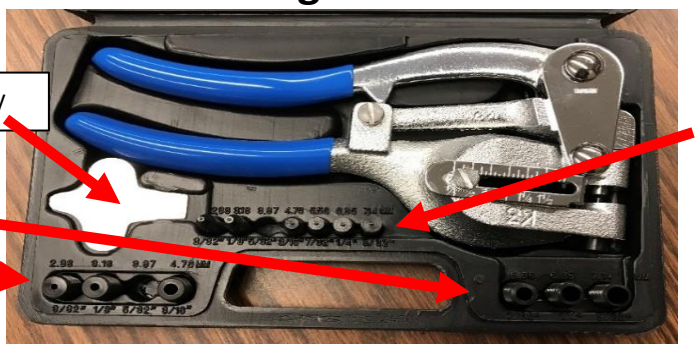
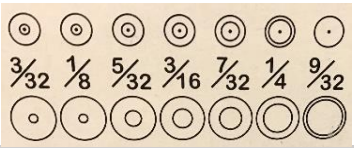
Understanding Your Metal Craft Punch Kit

There are 7 Dies (stored in bottom row) that match up with the 7 Punch



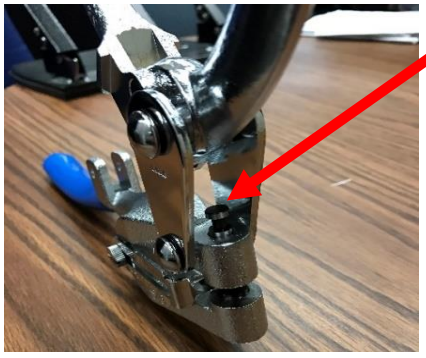
Kit has 7 punch sizes (stored in the upper row) each with a matching sized die that must be paired with it when switching out size of punch.



How to Change out the Size of Punch and its Corresponding Die:

Remove the Pivot Arm Screw with a Flat Head Screwdriver or the Die Key Provided.

This shows where the pivot arm screw is located. Remove the screw with a flat head screwdriver or the silver die key provided in order to remove the Punch & Die that is currently in the punch so that you can replace it with the size of punch and die you wish to use.



This points to the punch currently in your Craft Punch. Remove it by pulling it out.

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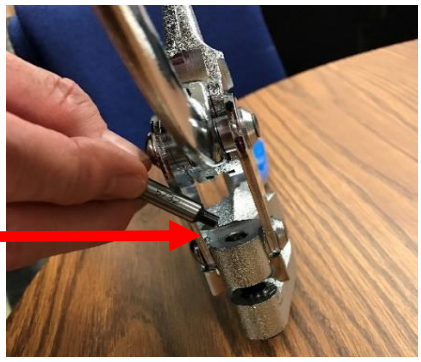
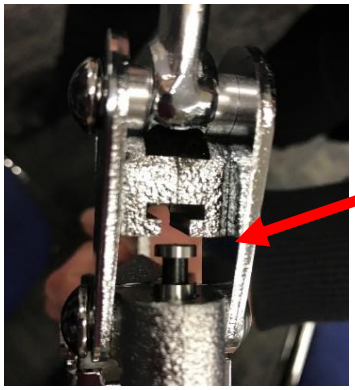
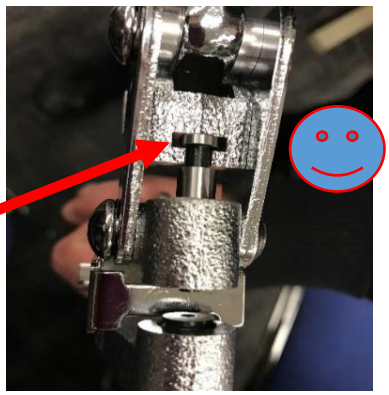
Replace the Punch with the size of Punch you need to make a hole that is right-sized for your project.





Now that the new punch is in, you see that the top head of the punch will need to fit within the hollow notched in the tool. The picture to the left shows that the Head of the punch is not in the Hollowed out space.

The picture to the right shows that you have manipulated the tool so that the head fits within the hollow needed to operate the tool.



With the new punch in, switch out the die. The left picture shows the old die being screwed out. You may need to loosen the screw with the silver die key provided. Once removed, screw in the new die that matches the size of the punch you inserted. The die is screwed in so that the end of the die ends up flush to where the arrow is pointing in the picture at right.

Flip Over for Page 2 Instructions

Once both the new punch and the matching sized die is in the tool, manipulate the tool so that the hole in the metal arm is lined up with the hole in the tool bracket. Once lined up, insert the screw as shown with the head of the screw on the same side as the Throat Depth Gage affixed on the tool. Using a screwdriver or die key, turn the screw until the head is tight against the bracket.

How to Adjust & Use the Throat Depth Gauge so holes are a consistent distance from metal edge.

The picture to the right shows the adjustable throat depth gauge. This is adjusted so that you can punch your holes consistently from one hole to the next. If you are only punching one hole, this feature is not too important because you can "eye" where you want your hole.

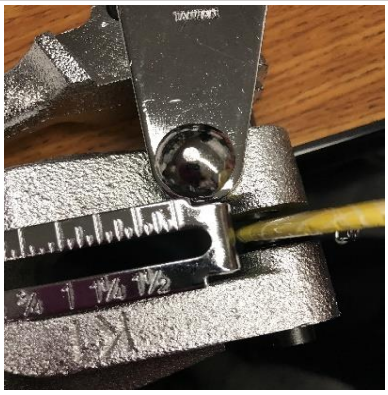
However, when punching a hole in both halves of your ornament, you want your holes the same distance in so that the holes will line up when the two halves are together. For this reason, adjust this gauge so that when you insert your button to punch it, the side of the button inserted rests against the gauge each time you punch.

Selecting a Hole Size and determining how far in to punch your hole.

The picture shows two sizes of holes. The smallest hole you can punch and the 3rd smallest hole you can punch. The Small hole would be great for a string or thin cord. Bigger holes will be needed for thicker ribbons or cords.

Notice that one of the holes was punched too close to the outer edge causing the button to bend a little. The same sized hole punched a little further in did not bend the button. Keep in mind you won't punch a "bare" button front like the one pictured.

How to Punch a Hole in each "Prepared" side of your Button Ornament



After your button half has been prepared in the button maker, place the top of the button front up against the throat depth gauge. With a hand on each Craft Punch blue handle, pull the two handles together until you punch through the front top of the button. Dispose of the metal hole properly.

Refer to the "Assembling an Ornament" Instructions to Prepare your button for Punching.

You should find the following video helpful in operating the Metal Craft Punch.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9O1W8W5coIk