# **Cricut EasyPress 2 Overview**



A heat press is used to permanently apply a heat transfer to a surface. Common transfer types are heat transfer vinyl cut with a vinyl cutter, printable heat transfer vinyl, inkjet and laser transfer paper, plastisol transfers, and sublimation. Using a heat press to apply a heat transfer is a way to ensure accurate time, temperature, and pressure, which are all essential to the transfer process.

#### **Materials**

Tualatin Makerspace will have heat transfer vinyl available for use with the EasyPress2.

Materials that can be used in the EasyPress2 are varied. For examples of the best material combinations (and temperatures) use the online guide at <a href="https://cricut.com/en\_us/heatguide">https://cricut.com/en\_us/heatguide</a>.

You may bring in your own materials to use in the EasyPress. All materials must be approved by a staff member.

## **Using the EasyPress**

- Turn on the EasyPress 2.
- The material or project you are doing may tell you the temperature and/or time needed for pressing. If not, go online to <a href="Cricut's heat guide">Cricut's heat guide</a> and determine what temperature and time is necessary for your project.
- Press the temperature button and use the arrows to change the temperature up and down.
- Press the time button and use the arrows to change the amount of time up and down.

- Wait until the machine beeps and the start button changes from orange to green.
- Place the item you are embellishing onto the provided heat mat and make sure it is flat.
- If pressing onto cloth, warm the cloth for 5 seconds by using the press. Make sure to remove wrinkles and avoid seams, buttons, clasps, etc.
- Place your design on the item to be embellished.
- Lay the press over your design and press the start button.
- Press firmly and evenly down until the timer counts down.
- If using cloth, flip over your cloth and press for 15 seconds on the backside of your project.
- Peel away the film on top of your embellishment; material type will determine whether you do this when it is warm or cooled down.
- Turn off the EasyPress.

### **Overviews and How-Tos**

■ How to Use the Cricut Easy Press 2 with Iron-On Vinyl

## Safety

The EasyPress 2 can heat up to 400 degrees. Do not touch the underside of the EasyPress while in use. Always place the EasyPress back into the safety cradle after pressing.