

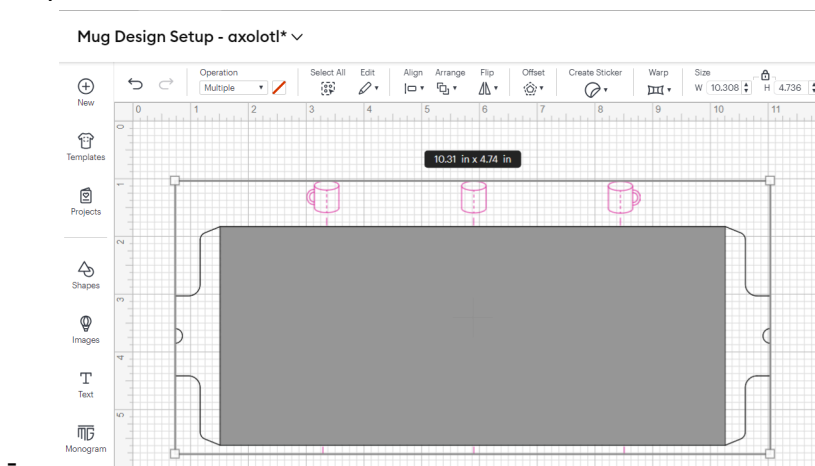
Guide to Cricut - Cricut Maker and Mug Press

Set-up and Cricut Design Space

- Create or find a design (if possible, it's recommended that images made up of simple lines are in .svg format)
 - Use a third-party program like Canva
 - Use file converters if helpful
- Go into Cricut Design Space
 - Login may be necessary
 - Some functions, fonts, and objects are not free for use. In this instance, using Canva, or preparing the exact look of your design, before putting it into Cricut Design Space, may be helpful.
 - There are many tabs to navigate in Cricut Design Space. The main ones of focus are Projects, where you will find the projects you have started, and Templates, where you may find helpful pre-started projects to use...
 - At the top of the page, there is a Home tab and a Make tab. Active projects, or the projects you are working on, are in the Make tab.

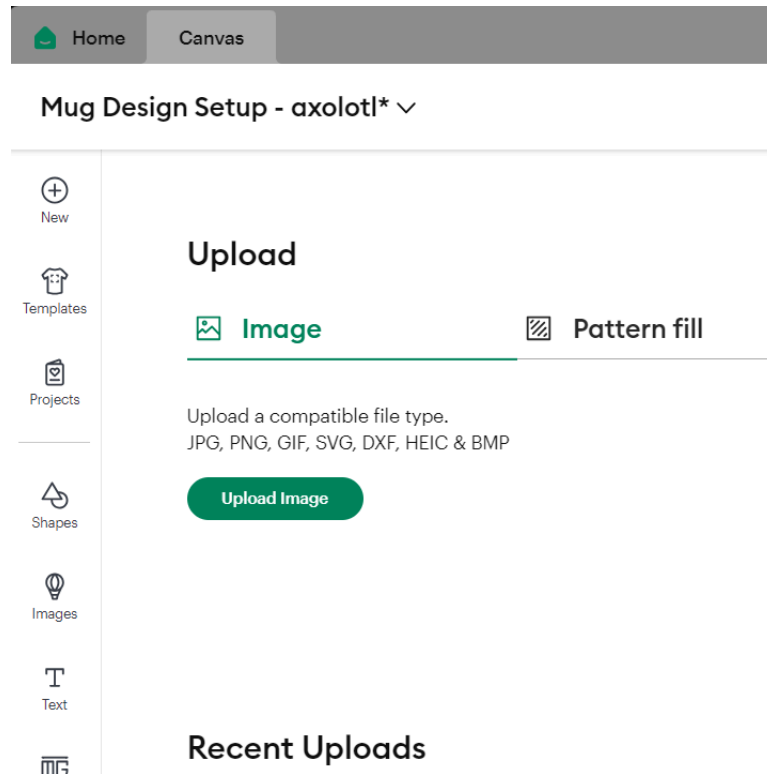
Templates

- If you are working on a design for a mug, the Mug Template is useful for sizing and spacing.
- There are templates available for other purposes, and you don't need to use one if it is not helpful.



Uploading Designs from your Computer

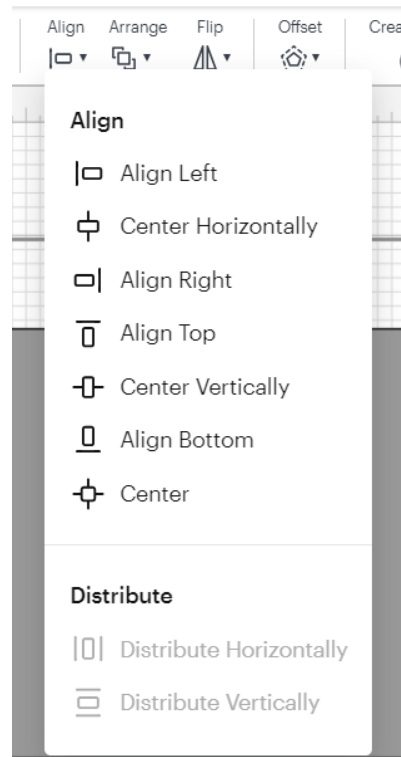
- Upload your design, or find in “Recent Uploads”



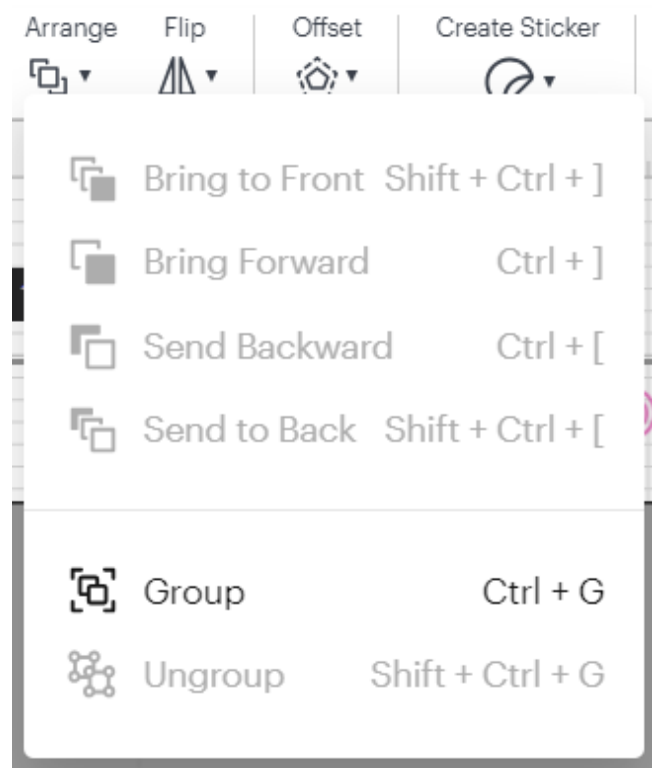
- Choose your preferred settings for your upload.

Editing your Design

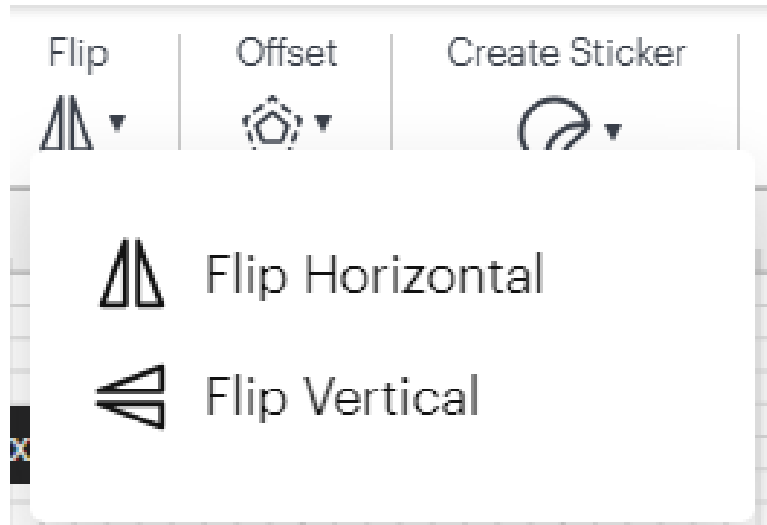
- After uploading your design, you can add additional shapes and text. You can also edit the size, shape, and contents of your uploaded design in certain ways.
- Helpful tools:
 - Align



- Group



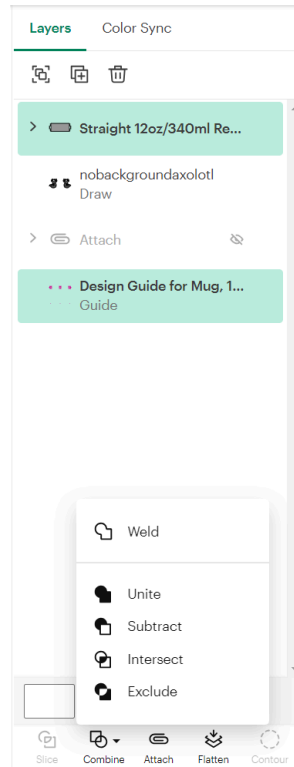
- Flip



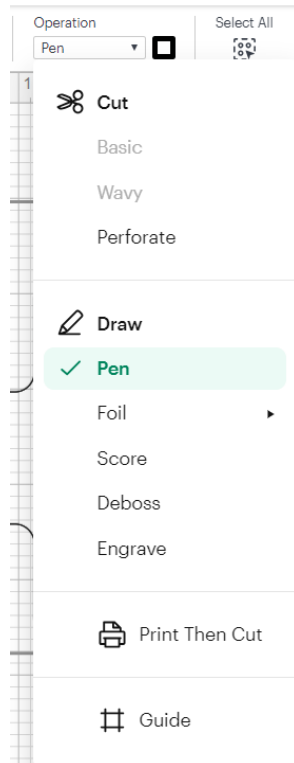
- Size (and size lock)

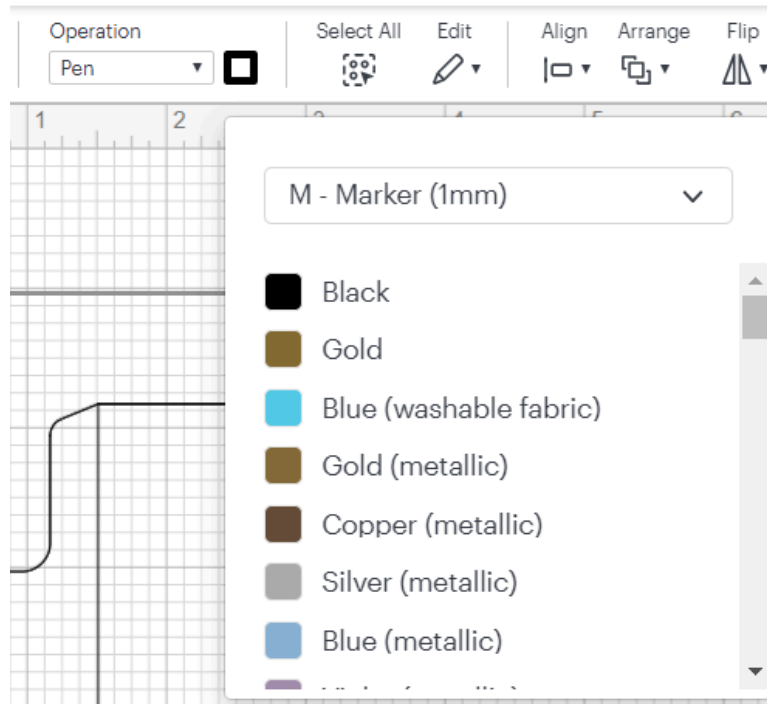


- Layers (and combine layers) to select and join certain parts of your design. You will likely need to use “unite” right before printing, so that your design stays together in the print preview.



- Operation to choose the tool you will be using for your print. If you are drawing, you will need to specify “pen”. If you are cutting, you will need to specify “cut”





- Undo/redo



- Play around with other functions! There's lots you can do, and each function will help you create a mug more specific to your vision.

Making your Design

- Unite your design - anything you want to draw/cut
 - For a mug, you might be drawing with sublimation pens. Make sure the pen you put into the Cricut machine specifies that it is "Sublimation". Use these pens on plain printer paper.
 - For a mug, you might be cutting out sublimation sheets. Make sure the paper you are cutting on is sublimation paper. Ask the Digital Navigator if you aren't sure.
- Click "Make", and choose the correct settings for your draw/cut. For images and text on a mug, make sure that "Mirror" is selected.

Save

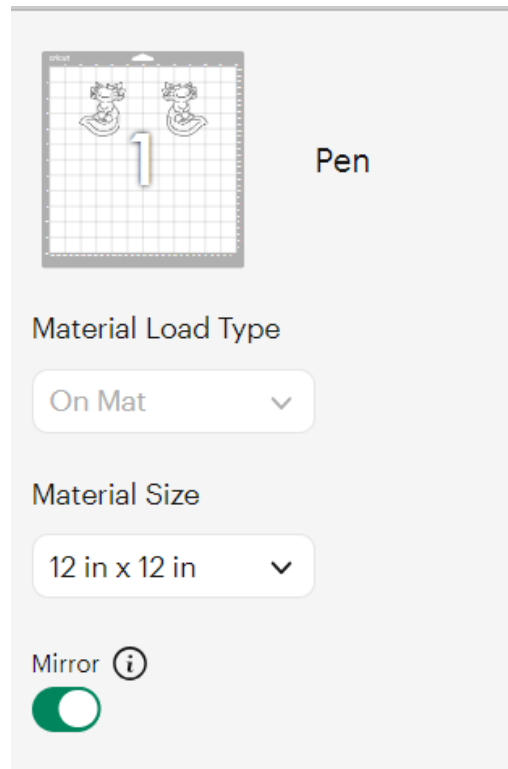


My Stuff

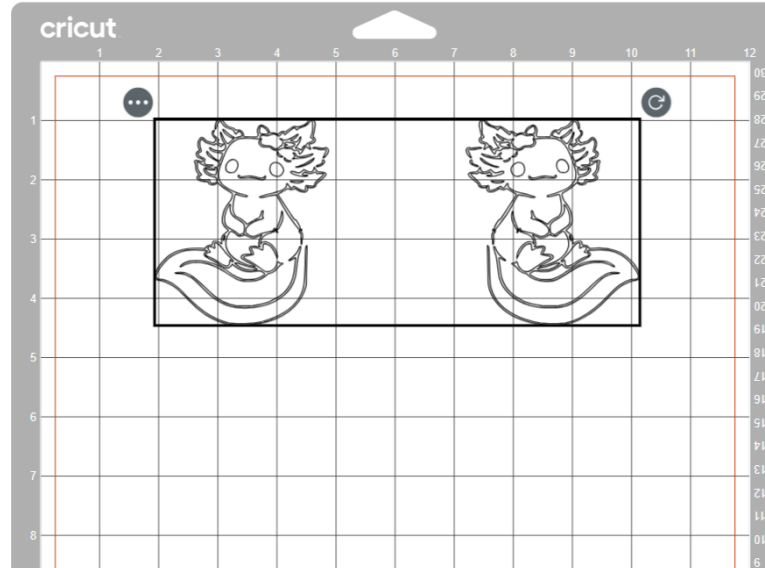


Maker

Make



- Ensure your design's placement on the preview is consistent with how your paper is placed on the Cricut mat.



- Place the correct paper on the mat and smooth down. No paper should be extending beyond the limits of the mat's grid.
- Press continue, connect the machine to power and, through USB, to the laptop you are using. Choose the right settings for your drawing/cut and follow the directions to make it. If you are not sure what settings to use, ask the Digital Navigator for help.

Using the Mug Press

- Your sublimation ink design, a blank mug, heat-resistant tape, and butcher paper should be at the ready.
- Plug the Cricut Mug Press in



- Preheat the Cricut Mug Press





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- Cut and wrap your print around your mug. Tape it in place with heat resistant tape.



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- Safety Checklist:
 - Make sure your print is within the bounds of the mug, and not wrapping around the top, bottom, or handle.
 - Make sure the paper is snug to the mug.
 - Make sure the heat resistant tape is not covering any part of the design.
- Cut and wrap butcher paper around your mug. Tape it in place with heat resistant tape.



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- Safety Checklist:
 - Make sure there are 4 layers of butcher paper. If there is too little paper, the ink will seep into the mug press and ruin it.
 - Make sure the paper is not largely sticking out from the top or bottom of the mug, as to avoid a fire hazard.
 - Make sure the heat resistant tape is not covering any part of the design.
- Make sure the lid is open. Place your mug into the press. Close the lid



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- The press will light up the five white lights to indicate its progress in heating your mug.



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- Once done, it will beep. Lift the press' lid and remove your mug by the handle only - it is hot!



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- Let the mug cool on a fire-resistant surface, such as a trivet or our Cricut cooling mat.



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- Once cool (at least 15 minutes), remove the paper and tape from the mug.