

1. Unbox and connect Cricut to the MakerSpace laptop if it's not already set up. Make sure you have an internet connection — use PSU Guest.
2. Load your .svg file design created in Illustrator or Inkscape into a folder on the Desktop.
3. Open **Cricut Design Space** bloatware and **Sign In** with your account. If you don't have a free-level Cricut account, create one in the sign-in dialog by selecting **Create Cricut ID** and filling in the fields. Cricut will try to get you to subscribe to pay-level services (e.g. **CricutAccess**). DON'T! YOU DON'T NEED IT! You just need the free ID.
4. Click the **+New Project** button at the upper left of the software dialog. This opens the **Canvas** tab. You WON'T DESIGN HERE, so you don't need the interface much.
5. On the left side toolbar, find the **Upload** icon and select. Ignoring everything else, see the green **Upload Image** button and click.
6. Drag and drop your design file into the field.
7. If desired, modify the image name and tags here and select the green **Upload** button.
8. The software returns to **Canvas**. Select all objects, find **Combine > Unite**, and select.
9. Find and hit the **Make** button at the upper right. The software MAY ask you to "activate" the machine. Follow the prompts, choose **Maker3** as the machine, and SKIP the test cut. If you were forced to activate the machine, choose your project again. Select the green **Make It** button at the lower right.
10. This opens the **Prepare** tab. In the dialog, select how you will load materials. When using a pre-cut 13" x 13" or smaller vinyl sheet, select the setting: **Cricut Smart materials only**. This will work even though you are not using a proprietary "smart material" from Cricut. You will not need a sticky mat.
11. If desired, under **Review** artwork you may move the design around on the layout, otherwise select **Continue** at the lower right.
12. Using USB, the machine connects, and when you see **Set Base Material** choose **Smart Vinyl - Removable** for your precut sheet. Once selected, choose **Default** for pressure and follow the prompt to hit the Load/Unload button on the machine.
13. Follow the prompt to hit the Go button on the machine.
14. When cutting is complete, hit the Load/Unload button on the machine and you're done!