



Cricut Cheat Sheet

Software

[Cricut Design Space](#)

Basic Settings

Artboard size: 290mm width 290mm height or 290mm width 600mm height

Shape fill: Black

Fonts to be converted before uploading to cricut design space

Export as: .svg (best option), .jpg or .png

Cricut Design Space and Cricut Cutter

1. Open Cricut Design Space
2. In the top right, make sure your machine is set to Maker.
3. Choose 'New Project' in the top right corner.
4. On the left-hand menu, choose the 'Upload' option second from the bottom.
5. Choose 'Upload Image' and find your image and select it.
6. If you are using .png or .jpg instead of .svg there will be an extra step where you need to select the pieces of the image that need to be deleted.
7. Choose your image under 'Recent Uploads' and press the 'Add to Canvas' button in the bottom right corner.
8. If you used a .svg the image will automatically be the size that you created it at. With 'png and .jpg uploads you need to make sure the size is right in the size section of the top menu (which is in cm).
9. If you used an svg that has multiple parts, right-click on it in the layer menu on the right side, choose 'Combine' and then choose 'weld'. – you can also do this in Illustrator before hand by highlighting your parts & pressing ctrl + 8 or using the arrangement options.

10. When you are happy with the design press the 'Make it' button in the top right corner.
11. Always choose 'On Mat' on the screen that pops up and choose the mat size that you are going to use.
12. Press 'Continue' in the bottom right corner
13. Make sure the Cricut machine is on and connected to your computer.
14. When the computer picks up the vinyl cutter it will give you material options. Choose the material that you are using.
15. Put your vinyl on your mat and make sure there are no bubbles.
16. Load the mat into the machine by making sure you hold that mat against the loading wheels and press the flashing loading button on the Cricut.
17. The Cricut logo button will start flashing once the mat is successfully loaded. Press the button to start the cut.
18. When the cut is done, press the load button again to unload the vinyl.
19. Remove the vinyl sheet from the mat & cover mat with protective sheet
20. Remove the excess vinyl from the sheet.
21. Put transfer tape over the vinyl if needed and flatten with a card.

Notes:

If you do not weld your pieces together in the canvas layout, cricut will pull them apart & force top left all your pieces - this is a pro & con - use it wisely.

Expand your fonts in your illustrator file to avoid errors.

Never cut on the mat yourself, only the cricut machine cuts on the mat.

Remove your project from the cutting mat immediately and cover it with the protective film

Keep your workspace tidy & throw away your trimmings

Ask your technician if you are unsure about anything.