

CRICUT[®] COACH PLAYBOOK

*Quick and easy
one-page diagrams
for popular tasks
in Cricut Design
Space[®]*



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ABOUT THIS PLAYBOOK

This Playbook gives you quick and easy visual steps for every popular task in Cricut Design Space®. Just follow along with the steps and you'll be good to go!

I update this Playbook whenever there are major changes to Design Space, and all Playbook purchasers get free updates. Each time I do a major update of the Playbook, I will send you an email notifying you of the update along with a download link to get the update free of charge. If you have suggestions for new pages in this Playbook, please email me at hello@jennifermaker.com.

If you'd like to print this Playbook for quick reference, see page 109 for printing tips. You can print at home, or you can take the file to a print shop or office supply store—a print release form is provided in the back of the book for your convenience.

If you have any questions about using the Playbook, email me at hello@jennifermaker.com.

For more Cricut ideas and inspiration, join me at <https://jennifermaker.com/cricutcrafter>

Happy making,

Jennifer



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Notes are in yellow

Warnings are in pink

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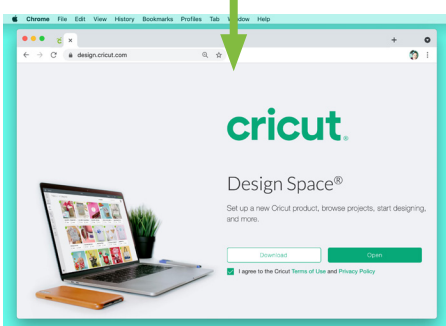
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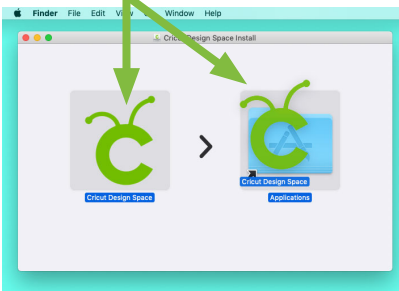
HOW TO INSTALL CRICUT DESIGN SPACE (MAC)

Cricut Design Space is the free software you'll use to make amazing things on your Cricut. To install Cricut Design Space on your Mac desktop or laptop computer, go to design.cricut.com and click the Download button. Design Space for Desktop will allow you to work both online and offline. Follow the directions below to install it on your Mac.

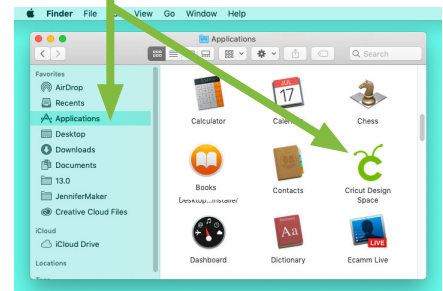
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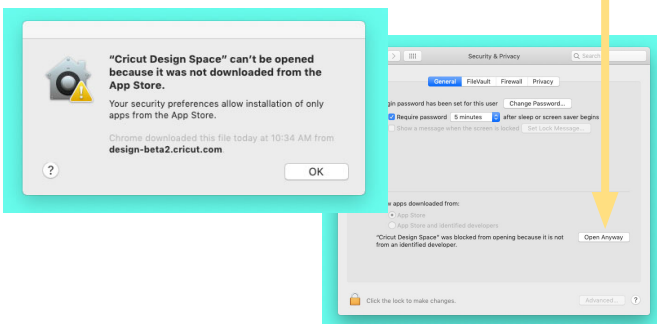
Step 2: Open the downloaded file and drag (click, hold, & move) the Cricut icon over the folder, then let go of the mouse.



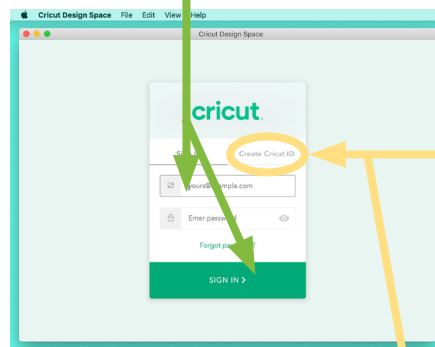
Step 3: Open your Applications folder and double-click the Cricut application to launch it.



Note: If you get this warning, you need to open System Preferences, click on Security, click General, and click "Open Anyway" at the bottom of the screen.

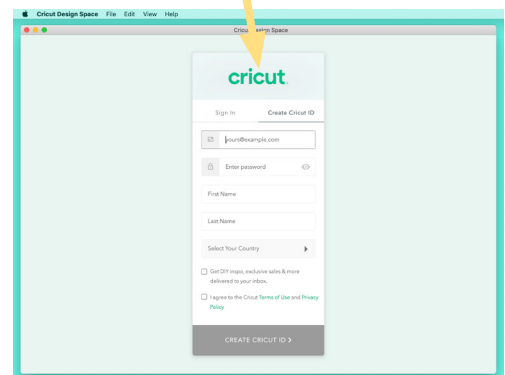
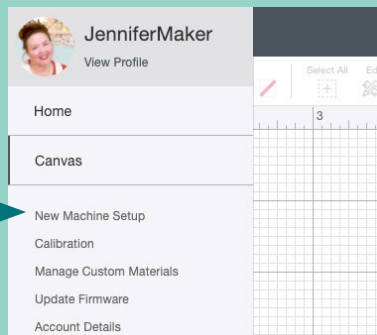


Step 4: If prompted, sign in with your Cricut account email and password. (If you're already signed in, you're logged in automatically.)



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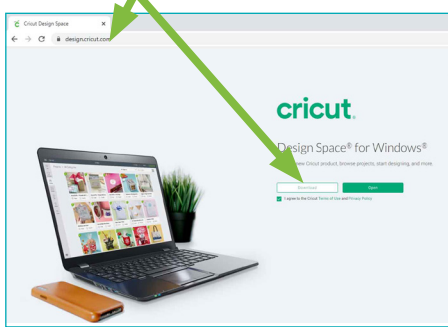
Tip: If you are completely new to Cricut, go to cricut.com/setup and you will be guided through a welcome sequence to cut your first project. If you'd like to revisit this, click the menu icon in the upper left corner and choose **New Machine Setup from the drop-down menu.**



HOW TO INSTALL CRICUT DESIGN SPACE (PC)

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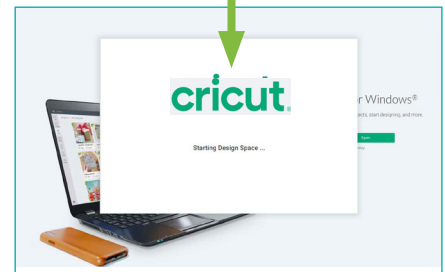
Step 1: Download the installer at design.cricut.com



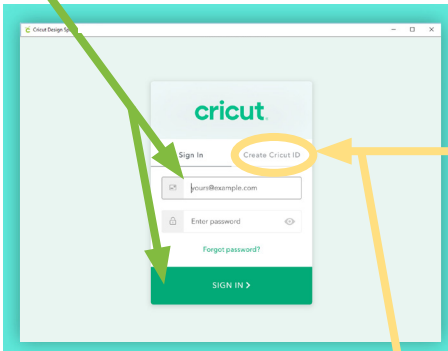
Step 2: Open the downloaded file and wait for it to install onto your hard drive.



Step 3: Once installed, Cricut Design Space will automatically open and you'll see this screen.

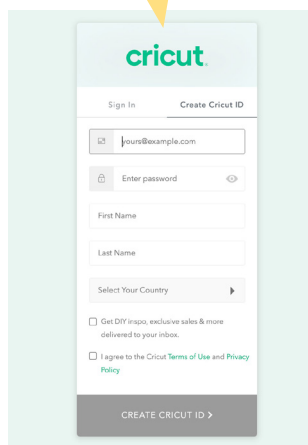
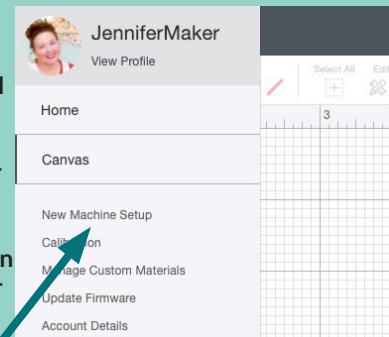


Step 4: If prompted, sign in with your Cricut account email and password. (If you're already signed in, you're logged in automatically.)



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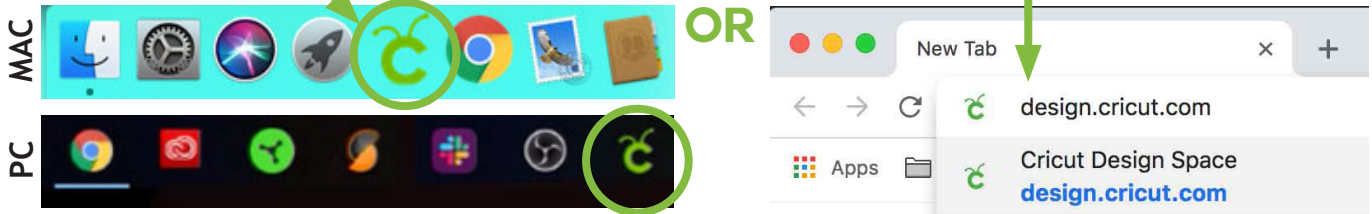


Once Cricut Design Space is installed on your PC, an icon will appear on your desktop as well as in your taskbar. Just double-click the icon to go to Cricut Design Space again. If you cannot find the icon for Cricut Design Space, click the bottom-left Start button on your desktop, tap "All Apps" in the menu and look for Cricut Design Space.

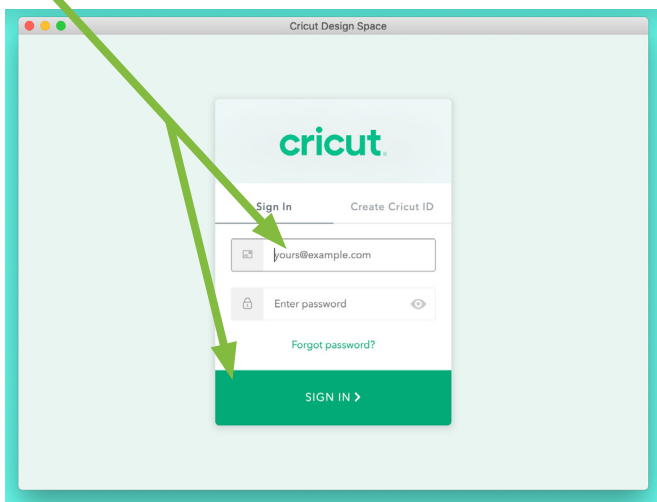


HOW TO OPEN AND START A NEW PROJECT

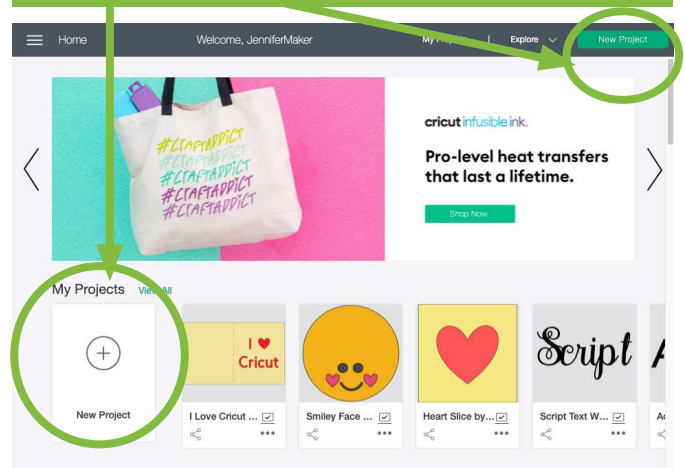
Step 1: Open Cricut Design Space on your Desktop by double-clicking its icon in the dock/taskbar or type design.cricut.com in your web browser to get a page with a button to open the desktop app.



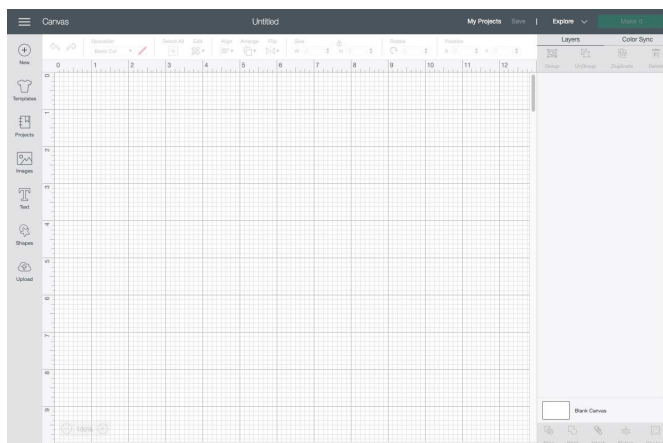
Step 2: If prompted, sign in with your email and password. (If you're already signed in, you will be taken to the next step automatically.)



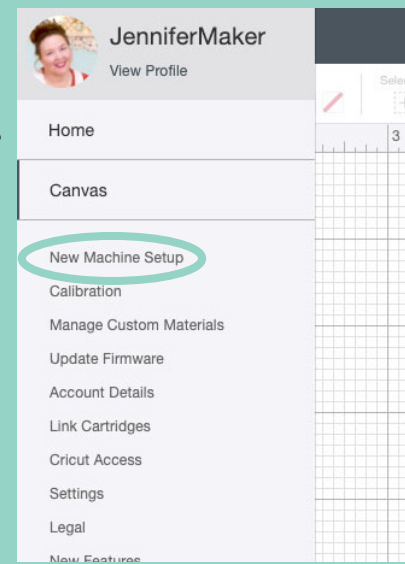
Step 3: Click the **New Project** icon on the left side or the **New Project** button in the upper right corner (they do the same thing).



You will get a new canvas, ready for you to add images, shapes, text, and projects!

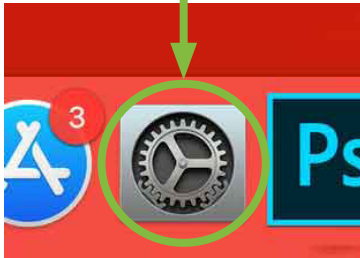


Tip: If you are completely new to Cricut, you will be guided through a welcome sequence and your first project upon your very first visit to this page. If you'd like to revisit this, click the menu icon in the upper left corner and choose **New Machine Setup** from the drop-down menu.



HOW TO CONNECT A **MAC** TO CRICUT VIA **BLUETOOTH**

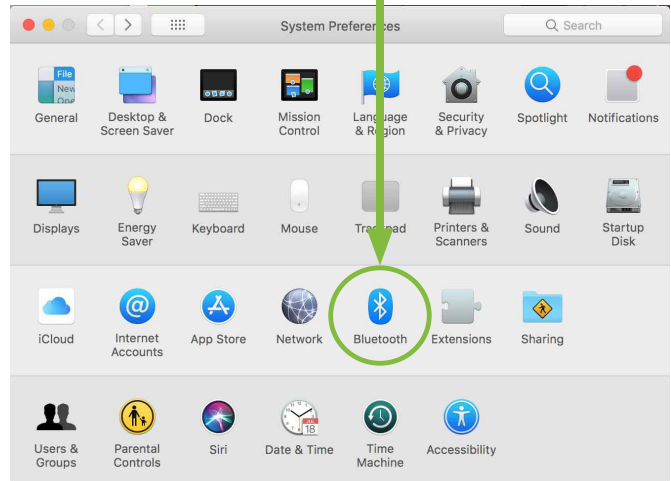
Step 1: Open **System Preferences** in your Dock.



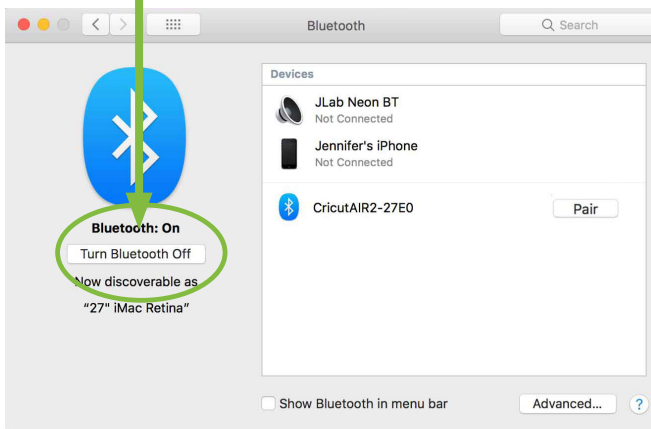
You can also find System Preferences by clicking on the Apple menu in the upper left corner and choosing System Preferences.

Note: Your Cricut must be within 10-15 feet of your Mac to connect with it. If your Cricut needs to use a Wireless Bluetooth Adapter (Explore and Explore One), make sure it is inserted.

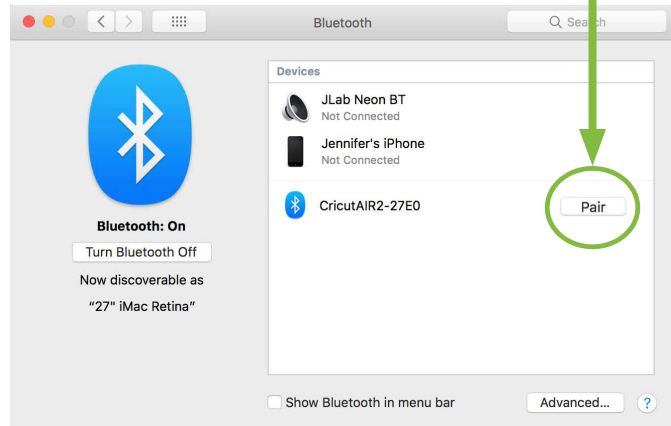
Step 2: Click the **Bluetooth** icon to open it.



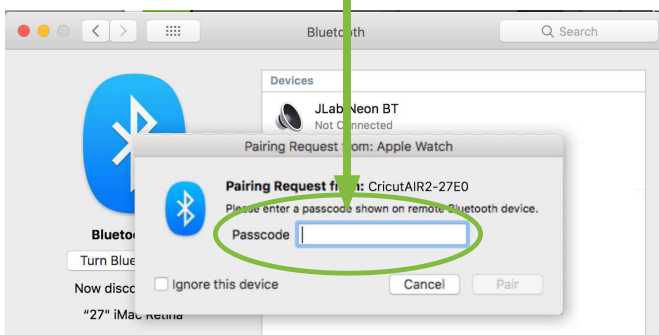
Step 3: If Bluetooth is off, click **Turn Bluetooth On**.



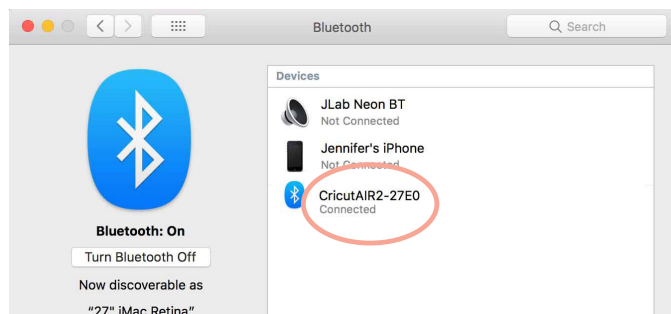
Step 4: Locate a device that starts with "Cricut" and click **Connect** or **Pair**. If you do not see it listed, make sure your Cricut is turned on and no other Bluetooth device is connecting to it.



Step 5: If you get a pairing request, type **0000** (that's four zeros) as the passcode and click **Pair**.



Your Mac will not always show "Connected" unless Design Space is communicating with the Cricut during a cut.



Once connected, you can select your machine from the drop-down menu in Cricut Design Space.



HOW TO CONNECT A PC TO CRICUT VIA BLUETOOTH

Step 1: Open the Control Panel app.

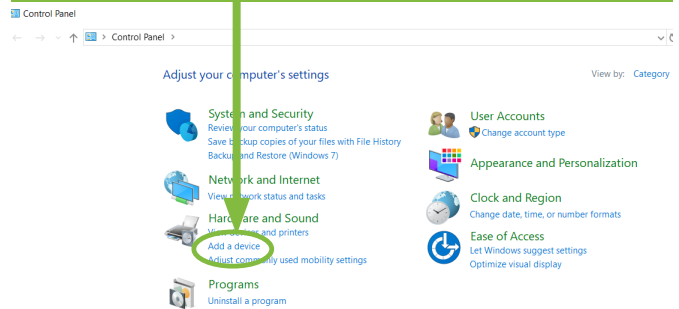


Control Panel

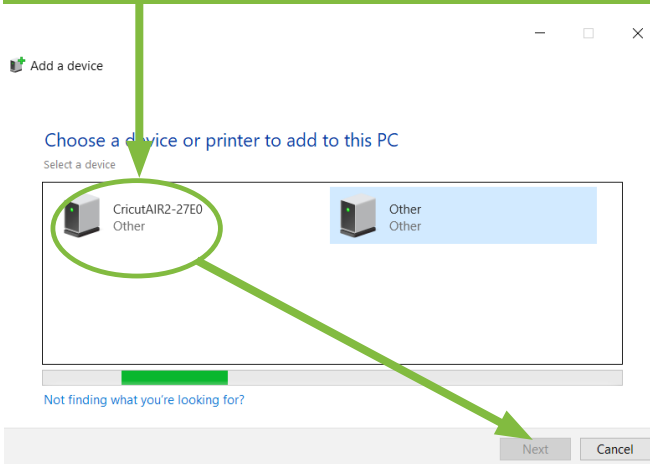
Find it by typing "Control Panel" into the search bar at the bottom of your window.

Note: Your Cricut must be within 10-15 feet of your PC. If you need to use a Wireless Bluetooth Adapter, make sure it is inserted.

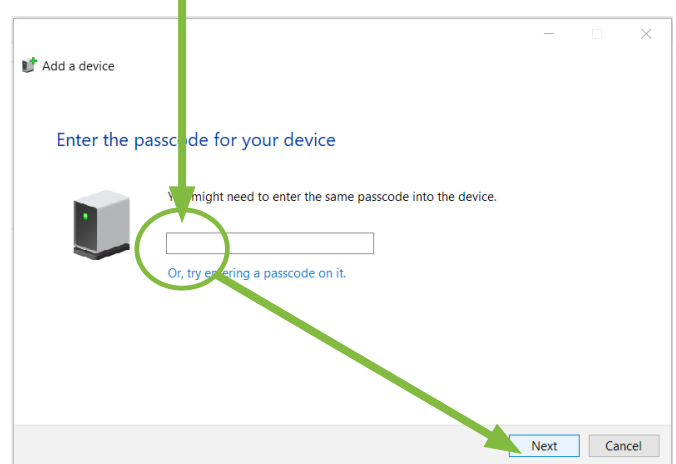
Step 2: Click on Add a Device under Hardware.



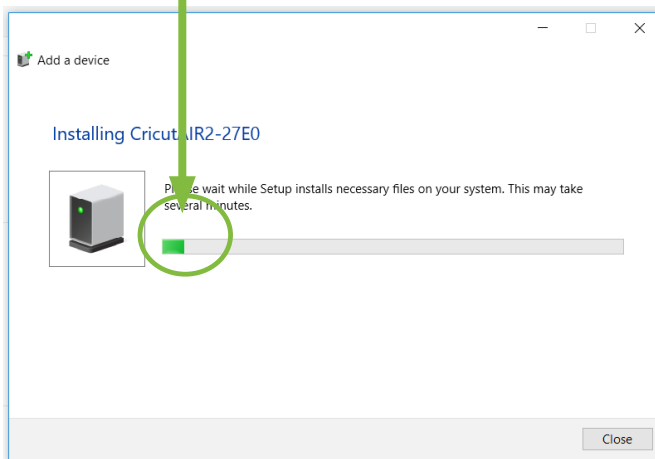
Step 3: Let your computer look for your Cricut, then click its icon and click Next.



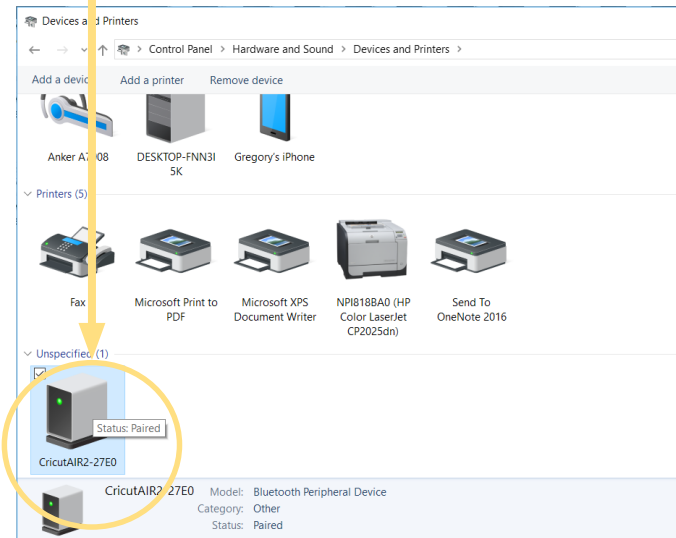
Step 4: If you get a pairing request, type 0000 (that's four zeros) as the passcode and click Next.



Step 5: Allow your PC time to setup the Bluetooth connection to your Cricut.



Once paired, it will appear in your Devices and Printers window of the Control Panel.

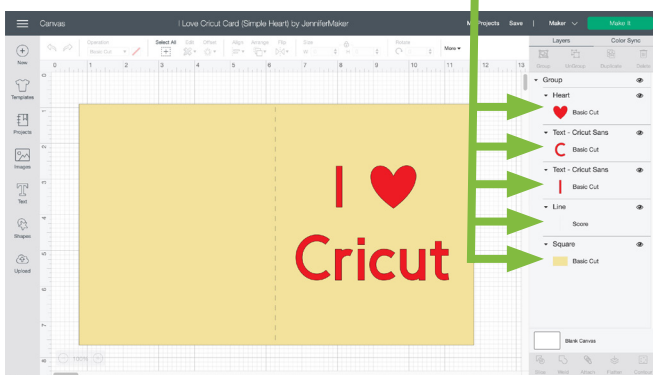


Once connected, you can select your machine from the drop-down menu in Cricut Design Space.

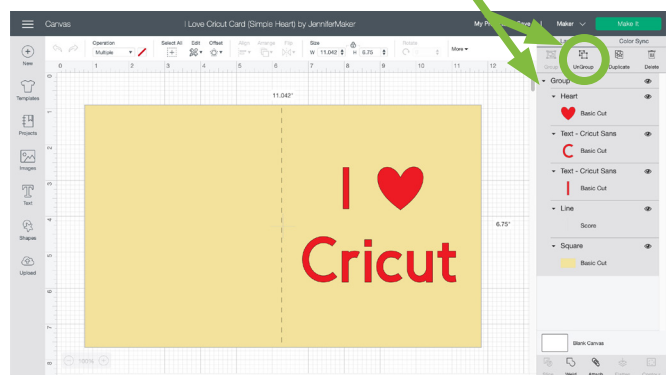
HOW TO ATTACH TO KEEP THINGS TOGETHER

Did you click Make It and find all of your elements re-ordered and out of place? Fix this and keep everything exactly where you want with the ATTACH button. Use Attach to hold your cuts in the same position relative to each other on the cutting mat. The Attach feature also helps you affix a write or score layer to a cut layer.

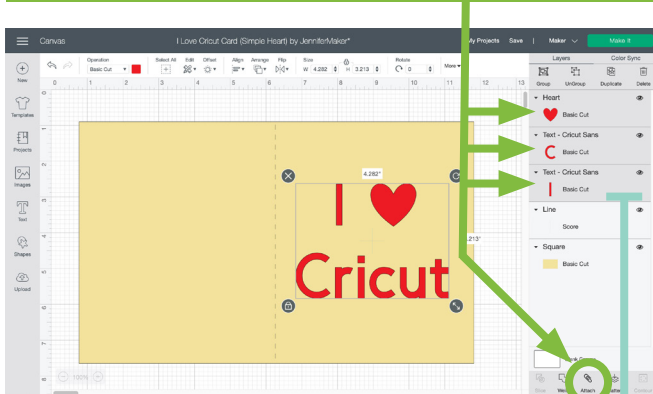
Step 1: Add all of your elements to Cricut Design Space, including text, SVG designs, score lines, write lines, etc.



Step 2: Ungroup any groups. To do this, click on any layers called **Group** and click the **Ungroup** icon.



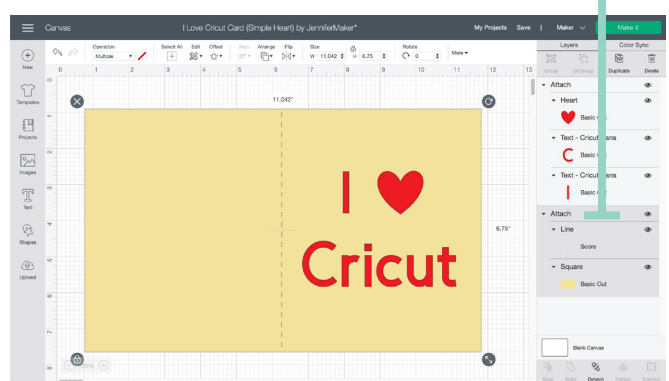
Step 3: Select any layers (two or more) you want to attach together (hold down the Shift key while you click to select multiple layers), then click **Attach** in the lower right corner.



Note that attached layers will take on the same color. So only attach layers that you really want to be the same color!

Tip: If you are having a problem attaching layers, try ungrouping layers first.

Score lines must be attached with the appropriate cut layer in order for them to score on the right layer, as shown below.



Tip: Layers may change or re-arrange when attached. To update your layer order, select an **Attach** layer, click on **Arrange**, and select a new order.

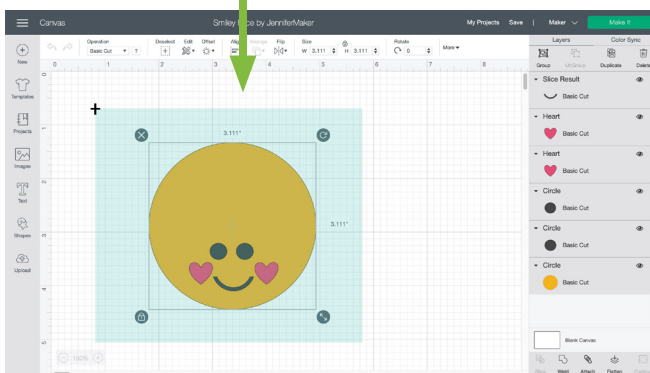
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HOW TO GROUP AND UNGROUP

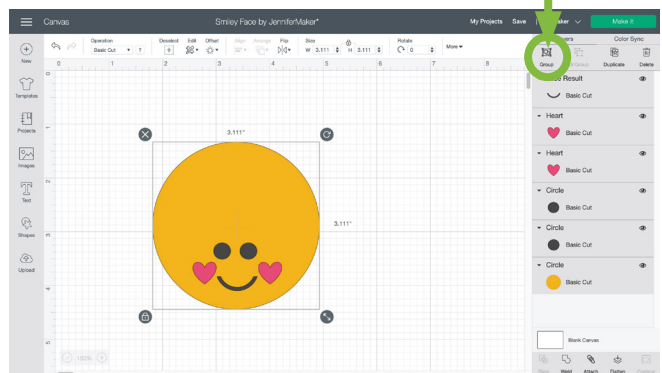
Grouping lets you keep objects together in your design but not necessarily on your mat (you still need to use the Attach function to keep things together on the mat). Sometimes projects and uploaded images will be grouped when you open/insert them, and you'll need to ungroup them so you can make changes.

HOW TO GROUP:

Step 1: Select each layer in the Layers panel you want to group together. Alternatively, you can click and drag a rectangle to select objects.



Step 2: With all objects you want to be in a group selected, click the **Group** button at the top of the Layers panel.

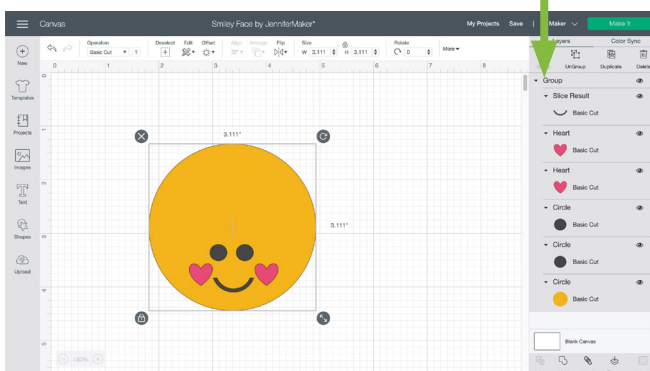


Tip: Once your objects group, they will be nested under a new line item in your Layers panel called "Group."

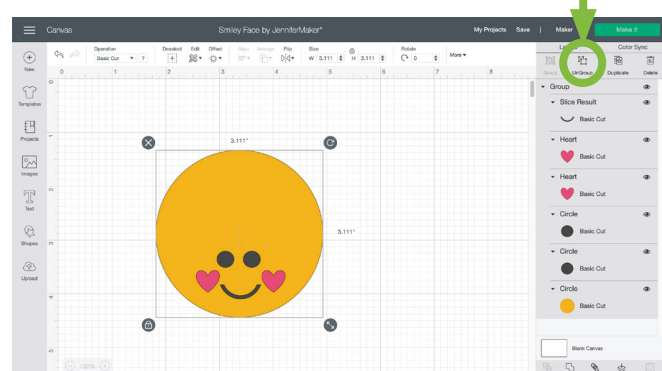
▼ Group

HOW TO UNGROUP:

Step 1: To ungroup, start by looking for the word **Group** in your layers panel and click it.



Step 2: With the group selected, click the **Ungroup** button at the top of the Layers panel.



You often need to ungroup before you can attach objects. Sometimes, a project or image set has multiple groups. So if you want to attach and have an issue, look for ALL groups and ungroup them first.

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/smiley-face>

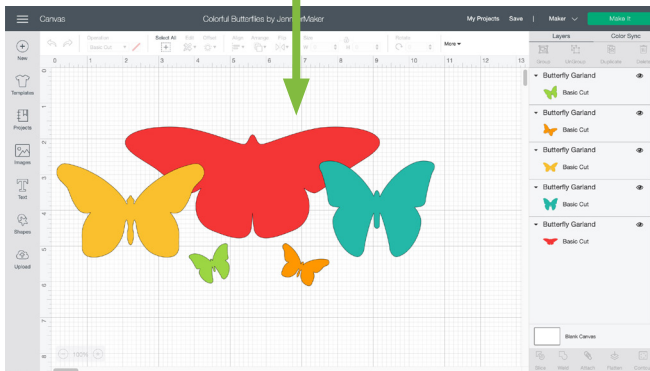


HOW TO WELD

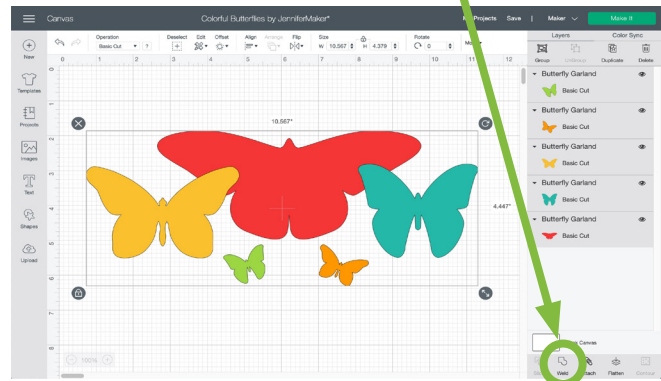
WELD

Need to join elements to create a new image? Do it with the Weld tool! The Weld tool can simplify a design, keep the letters of a word connected, and combine shapes to create new designs.

Step 1: Insert any images you want to weld onto your Canvas.



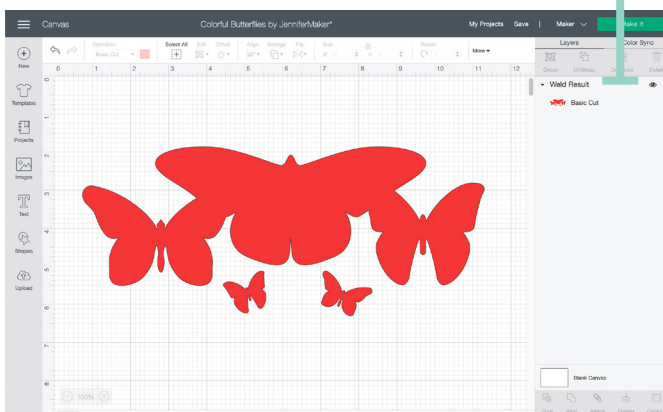
Step 2: Select all images to be welded together, then click the **Weld** button in the lower right corner.



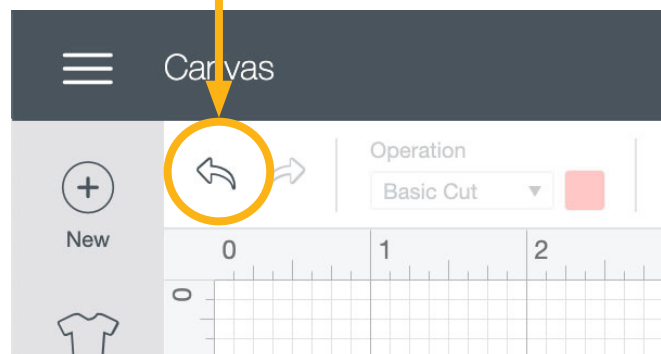
Note: If you are trying to create a single image with Weld, make sure all elements are overlapping.

Tip: You can select items within groups to weld by clicking on their names in the Layers panel while holding down the Shift key.

Once your images weld, they will change to the same color and a new image appears in the Layers panel.



Note: You can unweld ONLY if it is the current project on your Canvas and you recently welded it. In this case, you can click the Undo button until you unweld the image(s).



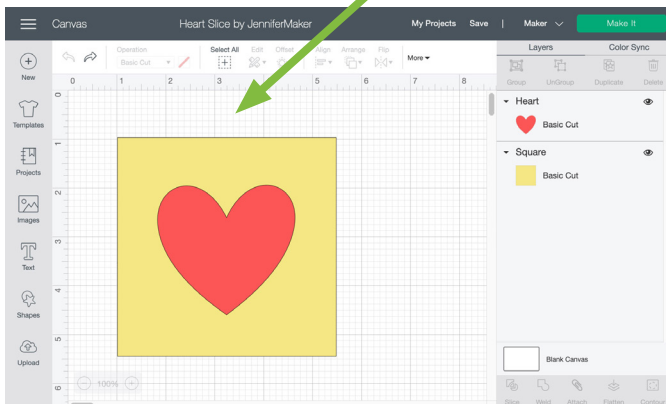
Weld is like permanent glue. Use Weld when you want to eliminate the cut lines between two images or letters. Weld keeps your project together on the canvas and when you send it to the mat to cut. But beware, there is no Unweld button (only Undo). Weld is permanent!

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/butterflies>

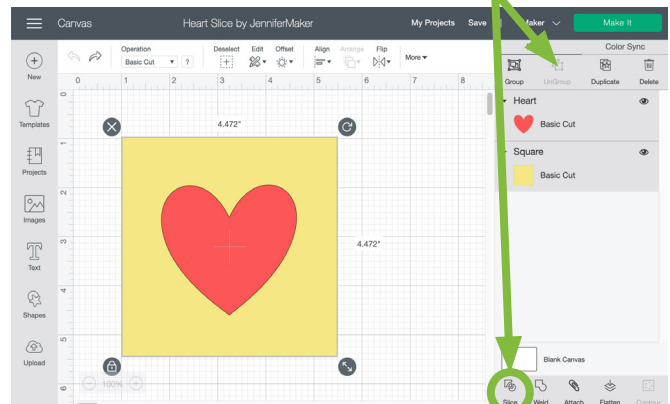
HOW TO SLICE (CUT ONE IMAGE OUT OF ANOTHER)

Want to cut out parts or even make your own custom designs? If so, Slice is the tool for you! Slice lets you cut out parts of another object. If you keep slicing, you can make some pretty amazing designs!

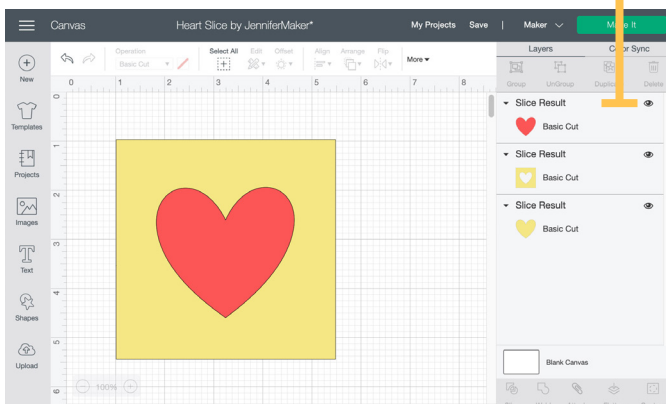
Step 1: Insert your images onto your Canvas so that they are overlapping.



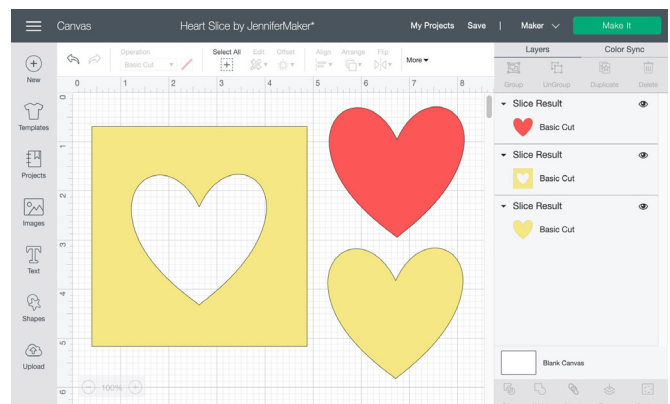
Step 2: Select just two layers (hold the Shift key as you click each layer), then click **Slice.**



After you click Slice, three or more new layers called "Slice Result" will appear.



Step 3: Move, hide, or delete the layers you do not want, then you're good to go!



Slice Tips:

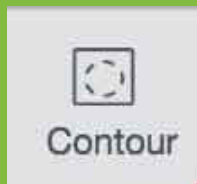
- You can Slice both images and text.
- You can only Slice with two layers. If you have multiple images you want to Slice out of another, use the Weld tool on the multiple images first.
- Layers in groups can be Sliced if you select just the individual layers, not the entire groups.
- If you use Slice with hidden layers, all hidden layers will be removed.
- If text is multi-layered and one layer is hidden, you can use the Slice tool. However, if you ungroup text from its shadow layer, it becomes an image and will no longer work with the Slice tool unless the text is ungrouped to individual letters.

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HOW TO REMOVE PARTS WITH CONTOUR

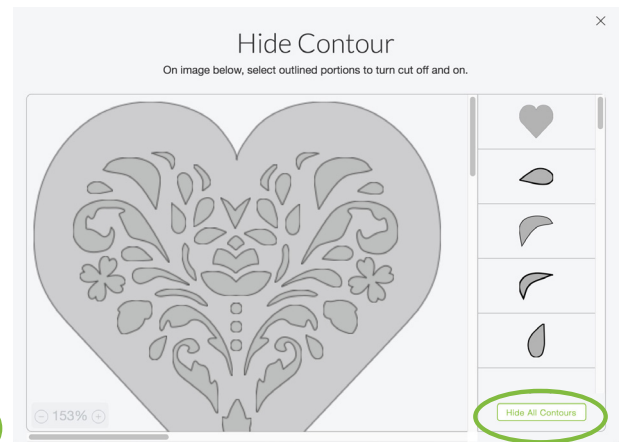
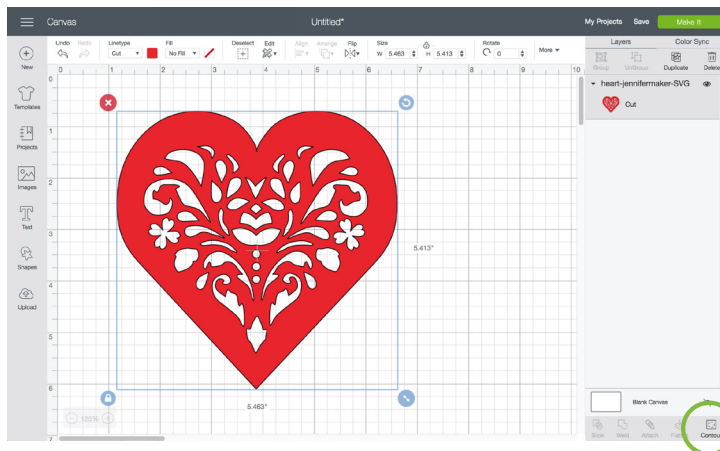
Need to erase parts of an existing design? Don't want that word or that circle, but can't ungroup or hide a layer? Use Contour to remove existing parts from projects.

Step 1: Choose an image with elements you'd like to remove then click the **Contour** tool in the lower right corner of the app window.



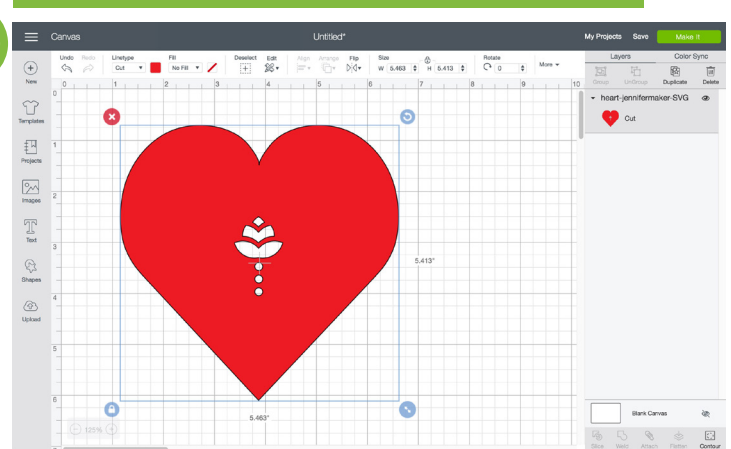
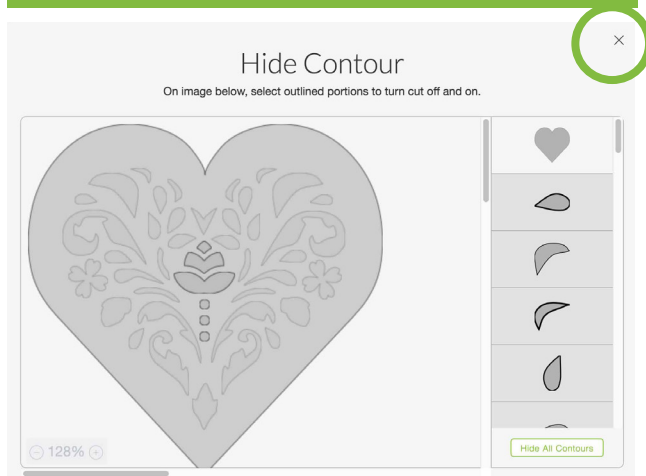
Step 2: Click on the elements you want to remove. If you want to remove all elements (contours), click the **Hide All Contours** button.

Hide All Contours



Step 3: Elements that appear darker are those that you'll keep. When your image looks the way you want it to, click the **X** in the upper right hand corner to return to your canvas.

Step 4: Confirm that your image looks the way you want it. If you need to make more changes, just click the **Contour** tool again.



Tip: Contour isn't permanent so long as you don't Weld your images! If you decide later you want a Contoured image to go back the way it was, or simply edit it further, all the hidden parts are retained!

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/svg-heart>

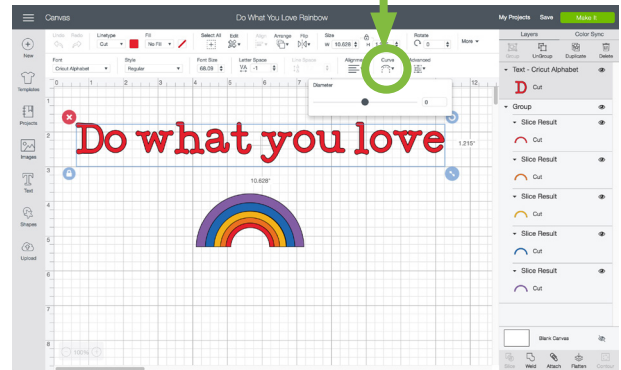
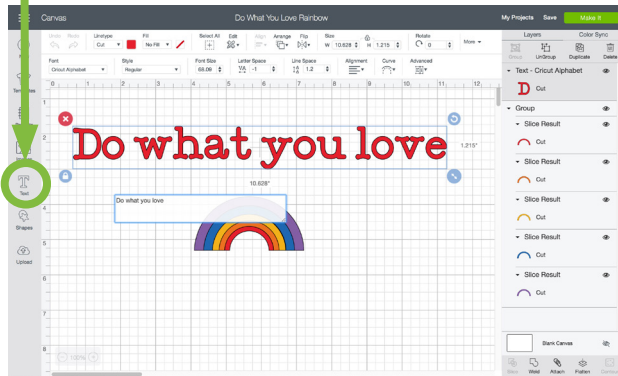
CONTOUR (REMOVE BITS)

HOW TO CURVE TEXT

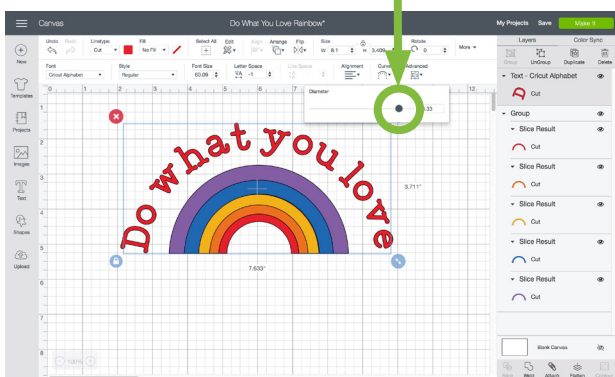
Step 1: Click the **Text** tool and add some text. (You do not need the rainbow—I added that so we could compare the curve to it.)



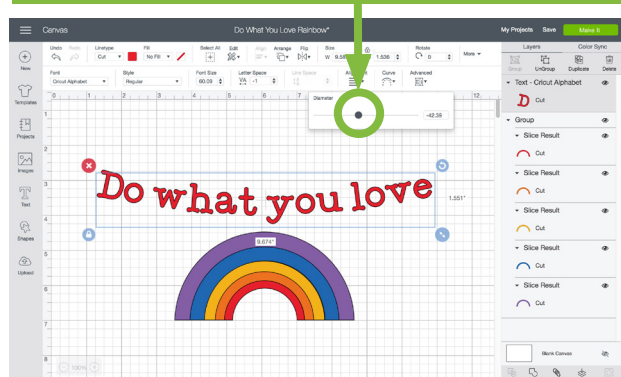
Step 2: Select the text and click the **Curve** tool at the top. The slider allows you to adjust the curve up or down.



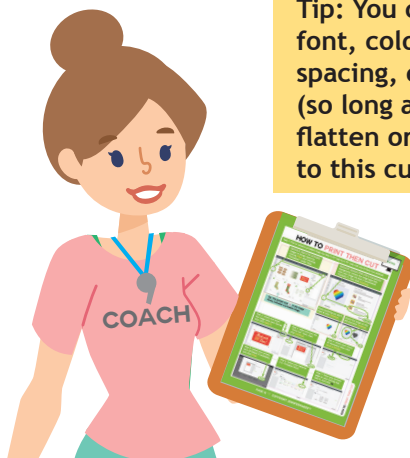
Step 3: Slide the slider to the right for a downward curve. The more you slide, the tighter the curve.



Step 4: Slide the slider to the left for an upward curve. The more you slide, the tighter the curve.



Tip: You can change the font, color, size, line spacing, etc. at any time (so long as you don't flatten or weld it) thanks to this curve text feature!



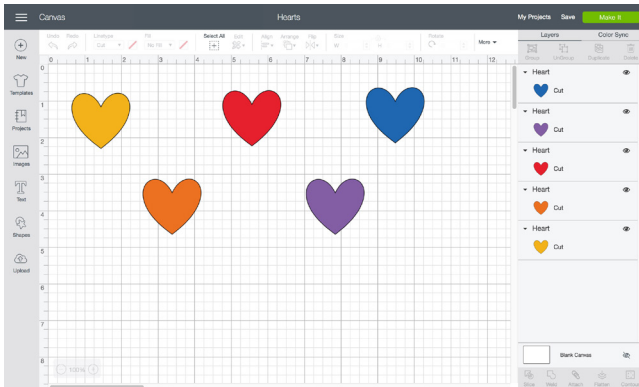
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/rainbow-love>



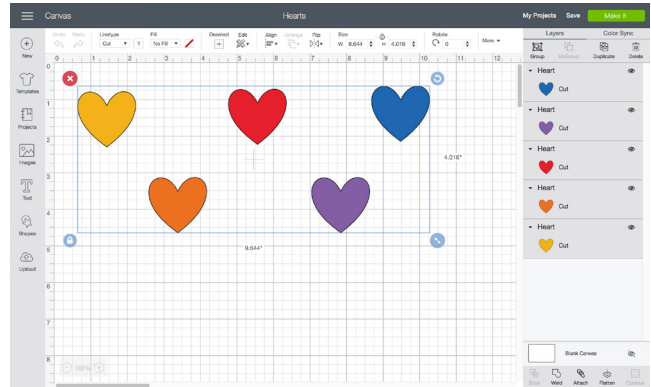
HOW TO ALIGN AND DISTRIBUTE OBJECTS

ALIGN AND DISTRIBUTE

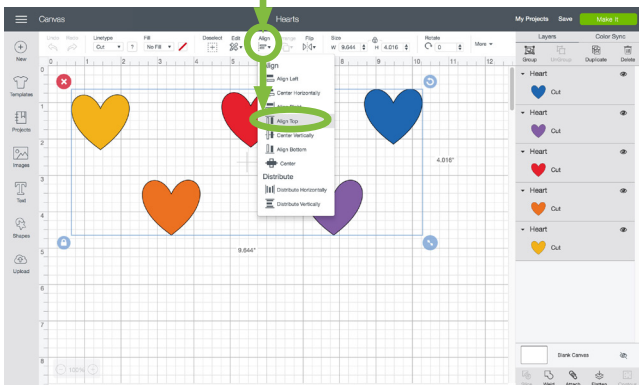
Step 1: Add two or more items to your canvas that you want to align or distribute evenly.



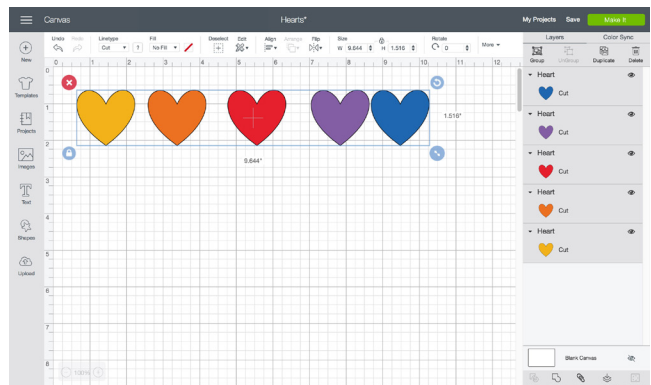
Step 2: Click and drag a selection box around all items you want to align and/or distribute.



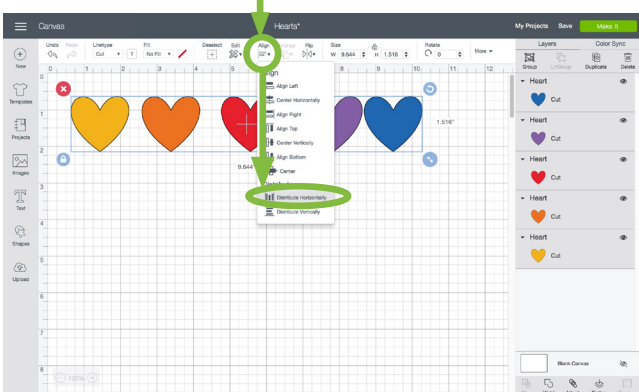
Step 3: Click on the **Align** tool in the toolbar and choose **Align Top**.



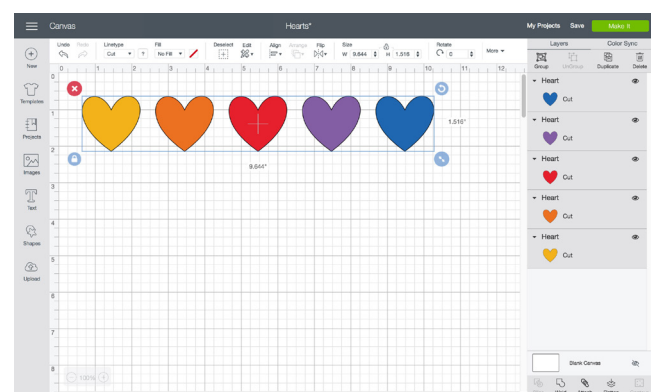
Step 4: All selected items are aligned with the topmost object. Now let's space them evenly.



Step 5: Click the **Align** tool again and this time choose **Distribute Horizontally**.



Step 6: Note that all the hearts are now in a perfect row with the same spacing.

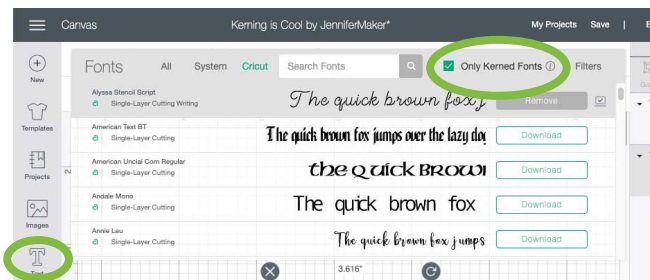


Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/five-hearts>

HOW TO KERN & CHANGE LETTER SPACE

Kerning is when a font's letters are arranged in a pleasing way rather than spaced oddly. Kerning is automatic for many—but not all—fonts in Cricut Design Space. Here's how to identify which fonts will kern for you automatically and what to do when you need to fix a font that is not kerned.

Step 1: Click **Text**, choose a font, confirm that **Only Kerned Fonts** is checked, then choose on a font.



Note that text in older projects may not automatically be kerned. To fix this, click on the text, and then if it is a kerned font, it will automatically kern the text.

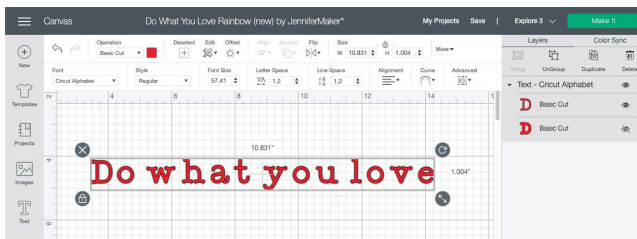
Step 2: Type your text and see it kerned! Compare the kerned line (top) with a line that is not kerned (bottom) to see the difference!



Kerned fonts are automatically welded after you click Make It, so there is no need to weld manually unless you ungroup your text.

If your font isn't kerned, here's how you can manually change your letter spacing:

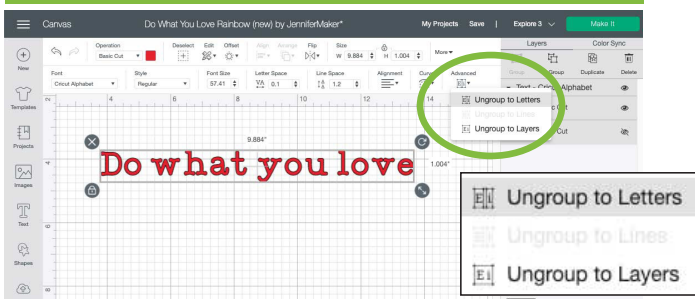
Step 1: Identify text that is not kerned by how the letters do not seem to fit together well, like this text below:



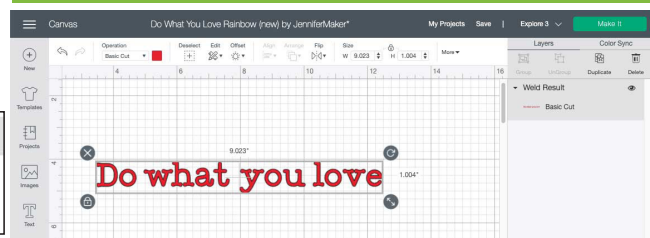
Step 2: Select the text and click the down arrow in the **Letter Space** box until the letters look better.



Step 3: The letter "w" is too far away from the "h" — select the text and click **Advanced** then click **Ungroup to Letters**.



Step 4: Select just the letter "w" and move it to the right, holding down the Shift key to keep it in line. When you are done, select all letters and click **Attach** to cut them together. If your letters touch, click **Weld** instead.

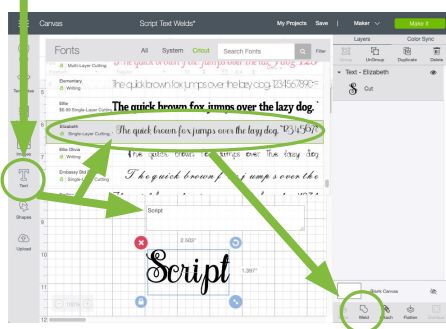


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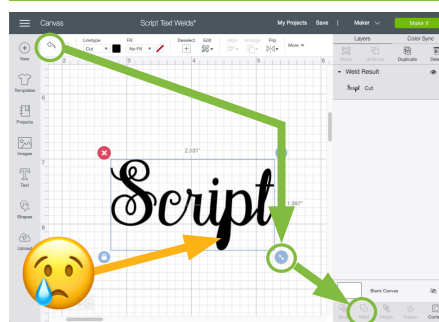
HOW TO WELD TEXT AND KEEP LETTER CENTERS

Welding text can be a little tricky. Typically, you weld script fonts (which can have overlapping letters) so words cut out as single units. Sometimes when you weld, the centers fill in—here's how to fix that:

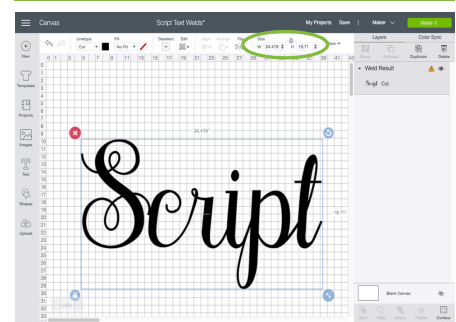
Step 1: Click **Text**, type in script text, change your letter spacing so they are overlapping a bit (see directions on page 16), click **Select All**, then click **Weld**.



Step 2: If you get a center filling in (like the p's descender here), click **Undo**, then use the **Resize** handle to make your text MUCH larger, then click **Weld** again.

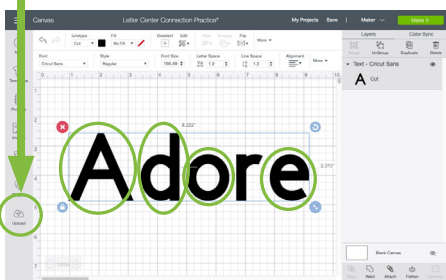


Step 3: Repeat step 2 until you can weld and the letter center does not fill in (you may have to get REALLY big), then resize back down to the right size.

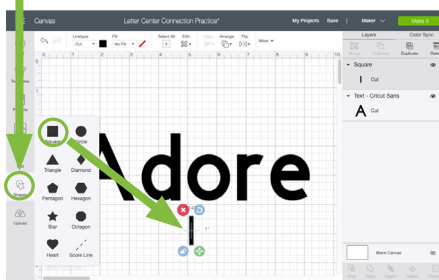


Another thing that can happen with text is that letter centers (the interior white space) can disappear when you cut them out. But you can connect the spaces and keep the centers! Here's how to fix that:

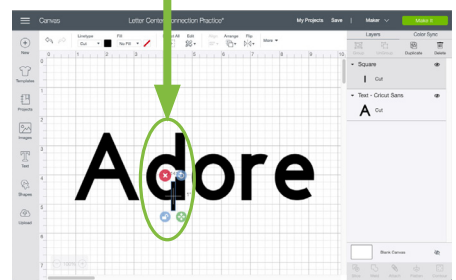
Step 1: Click **Text**, type in your text, and look for letters with interior white space (counters), like these letters (A, B, D, O, P, Q, R, a, b, d, e, g, o, p, q) and numbers (0, 4, 6, 8, and 9)



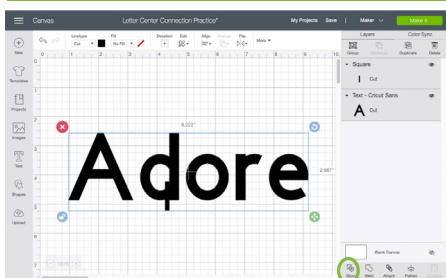
Step 2: Click **Shapes**, select a **square**, and **unlock** it and **resize** it so it forms a rectangle about the width of the letter's strokes.



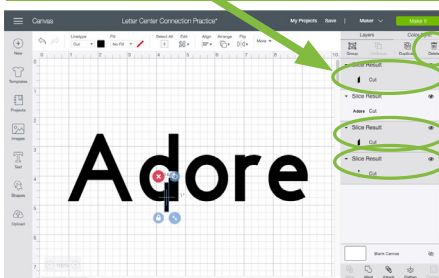
Step 3: Click and drag the rectangle over a letter with interior white space so it's connecting the space inside to the space outside, like this:



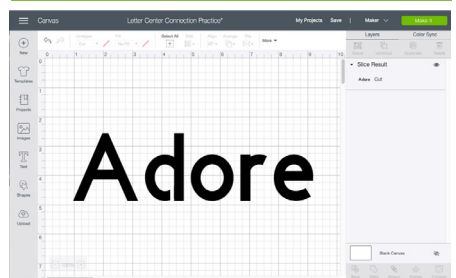
Step 4: Select the word and the rectangle, then click **Slice**.



Step 5: Delete all layers except the word layer.



Repeat steps 2-5 for all letters as needed.

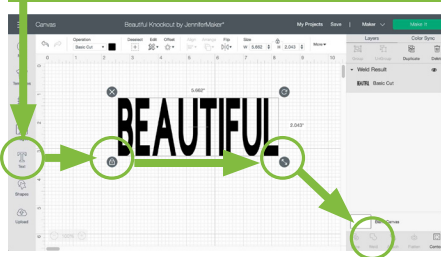


Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/script-text> and <https://jennifermaker.com/adore-text>

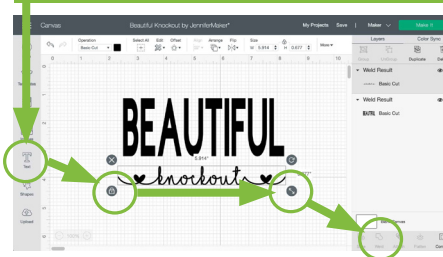
HOW TO OFFSET & KNOCKOUT TEXT

Offset and inset is a beta feature of Cricut Design Space that allows you to create outlines around or within text and images. Here's how to use the offset feature to make a knockout design.

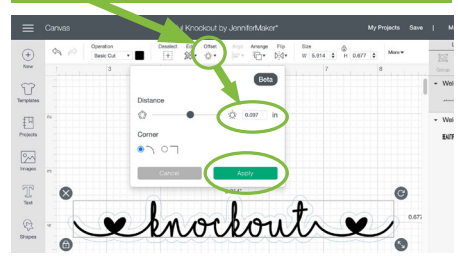
Step 1: Click **Text**, type in your main word using a bold font like **Cricut Sans Bold**. Unlock it, resize it to make it taller, and click **Weld**.



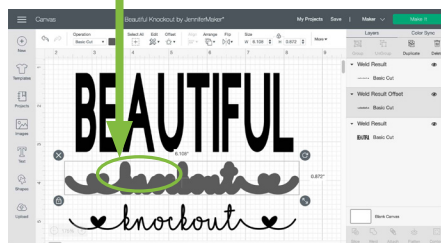
Step 2: Click **Text**, type an accent word in a script font (i.e., **I Love Glitter**). Adjust lettering as needed, unlock it, resize it, and click **Weld**.



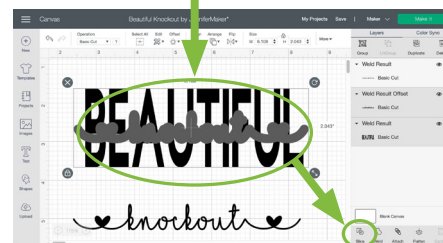
Step 3: Select the accent word layer, click on **Offset**, and slide the distance bar to the right about .1 inch, then click **Apply**.



Step 4: Select and separate the new offset layer, which you can see looks similar to the accent layer but is thicker and bolder.



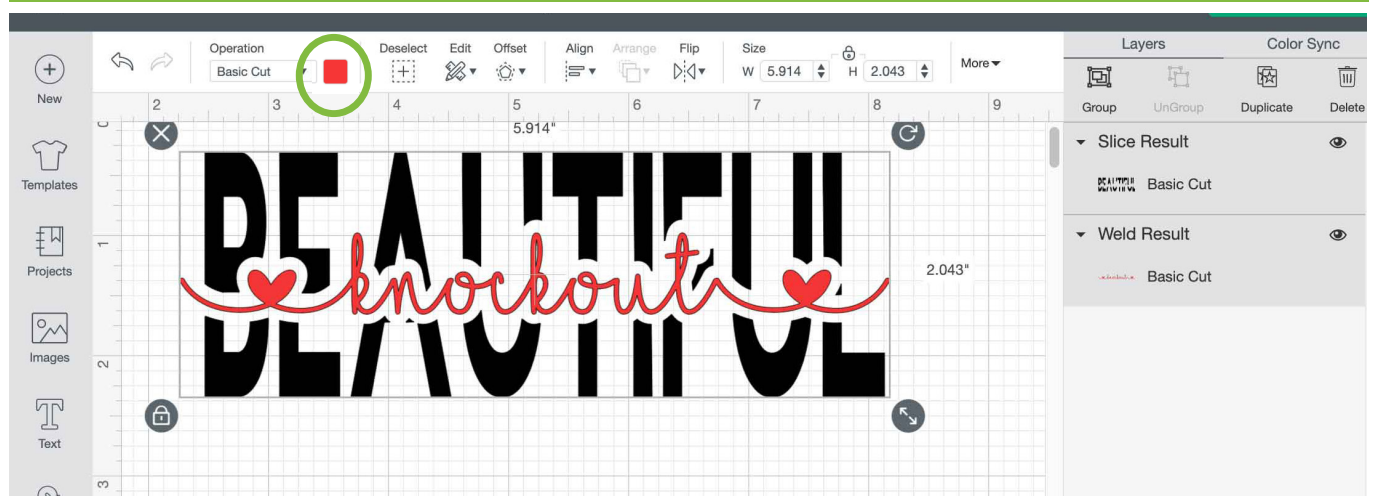
Step 5: Position the offset layer over your main word, select both layers (and only those two layers), and click **Slice**.



Step 6: Delete the sliced out layers by selecting and clicking the **Delete** button. In this image, I moved the layers to see better.



Step 7: Click and drag the accent word inside the empty space sliced out of the main word, with the accent word selected, click the color box to change the accent word color if desired, and click **Make It!**

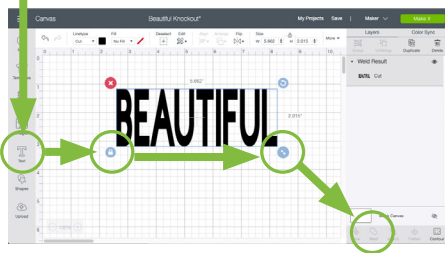


Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/beautiful-knockout>

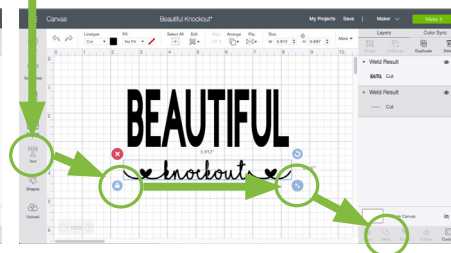
HOW TO KNOCKOUT (ALTERNATE)

Knockouts (see previous page) are a popular decorative effect made with offset. Not all Windows users have the system requirements to use Offset, however, so here is an alternate workaround:

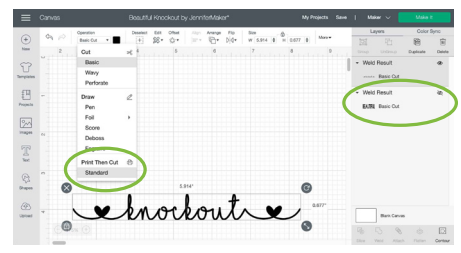
Step 1: Click **Text**, type in your main word using a bold chunky font like **Cricut Sans Bold**. Unlock it, resize it to make it taller, and click **Weld**.



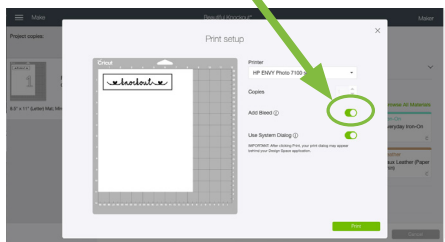
Step 2: Click **Text** again, type an accent word in a script font (i.e., **I Love Glitter**). Adjust lettering as needed, unlock it, resize it, and click **Weld**.



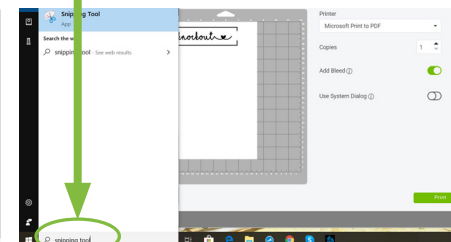
Step 3: Select the main word layer and click the **Eye** icon to hide it. Select the accent word layer, go to the **Linetype** menu, and change it to **Print Then Cut**.



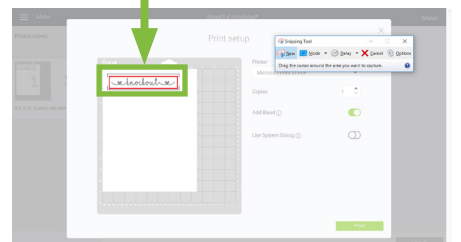
Step 4: Click **Make It**, click **Continue**, click **Send to Printer**, toggle on **Add Bleed**.



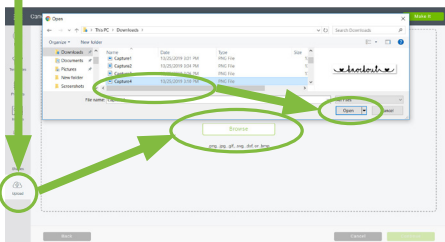
Step 5: Open the **Snipping Tool** by searching for "snipping tool" in the **Search Box** next to the **Start** menu. Once found, open it.



Step 6: With the **Snipping Tool** open, click and drag a box around the words inside the box, then save the snipping to your hard drive.



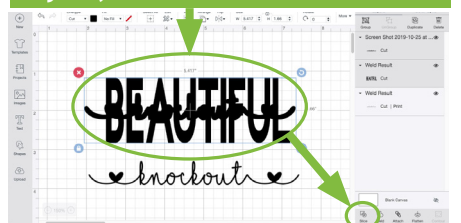
Step 7: Return to Design Space, cancel everything until you're back to your **Canvas**, then **Upload** the file you saved (look in your **Downloads** directory).



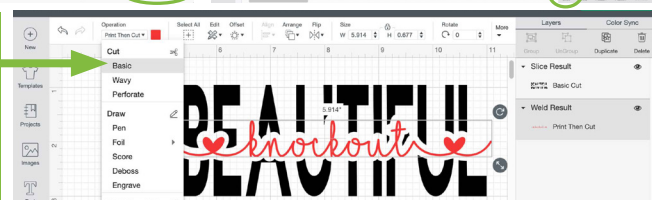
Step 8: Select **Simple** as your image type, **Erase** the background, and click **Continue**. Then click **Save as a Cut Image** and click **Save**.



Step 9: Insert the knockout on your canvas, resize it to match your accent word, unhide your main word, position the knockout over your main word, select both layers, and click **Slice**.



Step 10: Delete the three sliced layers (leaving the main layer), click and drag the accent word inside the empty space sliced out of the main word, with the accent word selected, click the **Operation** menu and change it to **Basic Cut**, click the color box to change the accent word color if desired, and click **Make It!**

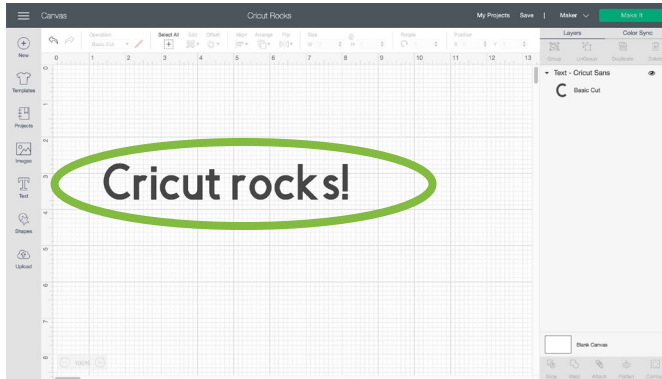


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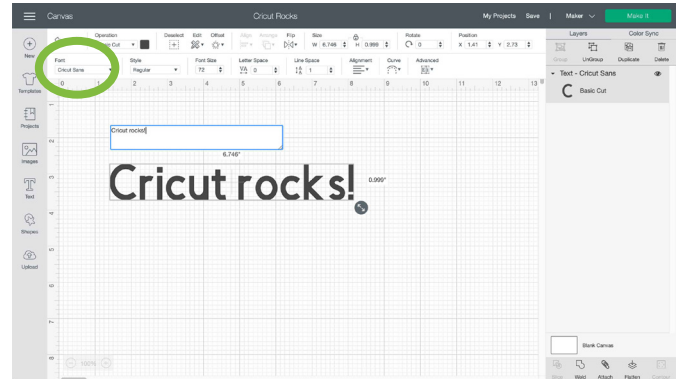


HOW TO CHANGE THE FONT FOR EXISTING TEXT

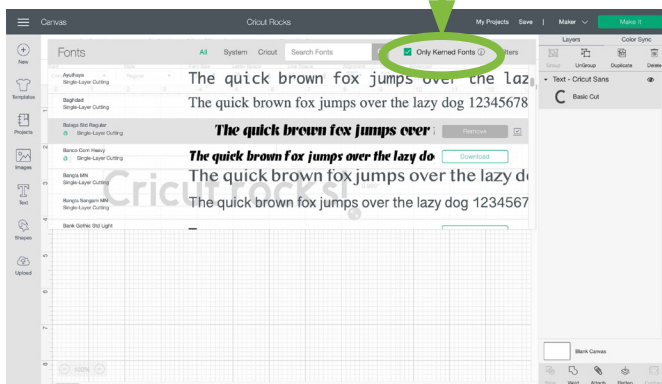
Step 1: Open your project and double-click the text you want to change the font for.



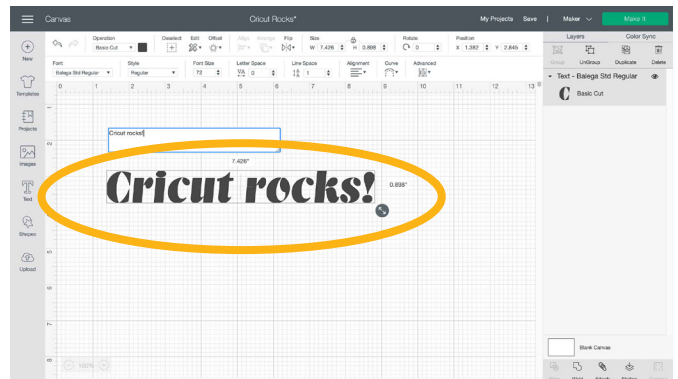
Step 2: Click the drop-down font menu in the upper left corner.



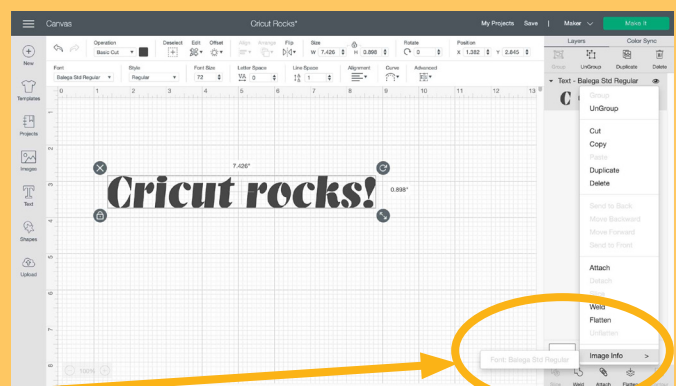
Step 3: Choose a new font from the list that appears. If you don't see the font you know is there, uncheck the "Only Kerned Fonts" box to see ALL fonts available.



Your font changes!



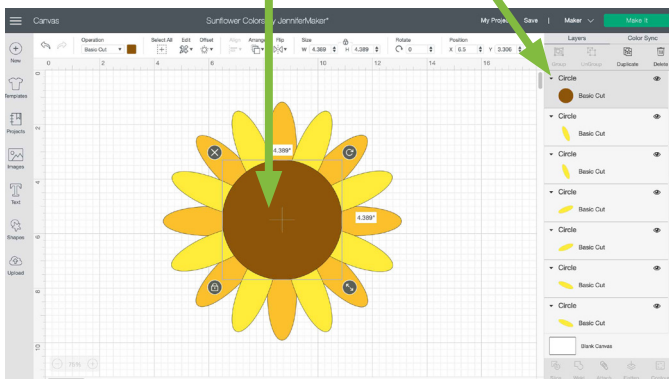
While you can't change a font you've welded (unless you're able to Undo and unweld it because you haven't saved and reopened your project), there is a way to tell WHICH font you used so you can re-create it. Locate the weld layer with the text, right-click on the layer name, and choose Image Info at the very bottom. A box will appear that shows you what font was originally used.



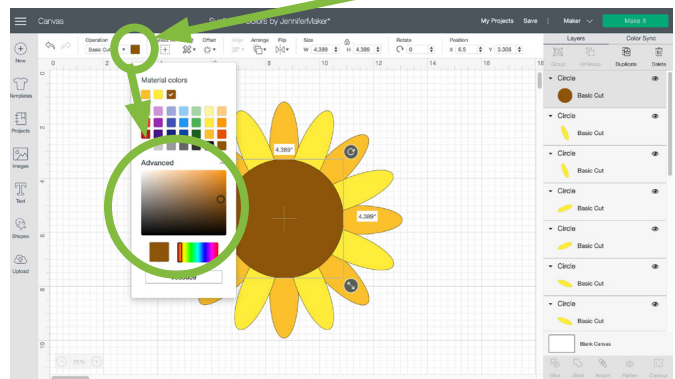
CHANGE FONT

HOW TO CHANGE COLORS AND PATTERN FILLS

Step 1: Select (click) the layer you want to change, like the center of this flower. When selected, it turns a darker gray in the Layers panel.

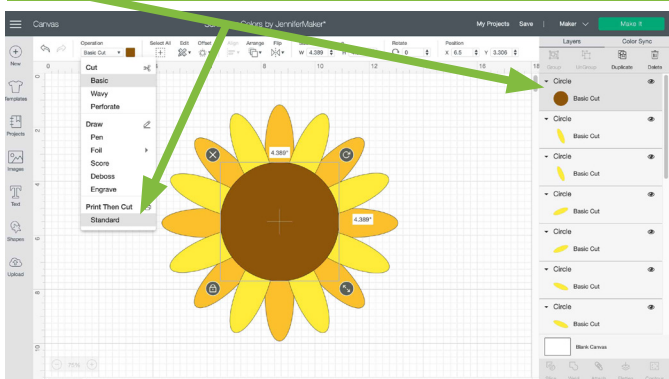


Step 2: Click the square to the right of the Operation menu and click a new color. Click Advanced to choose a custom color.

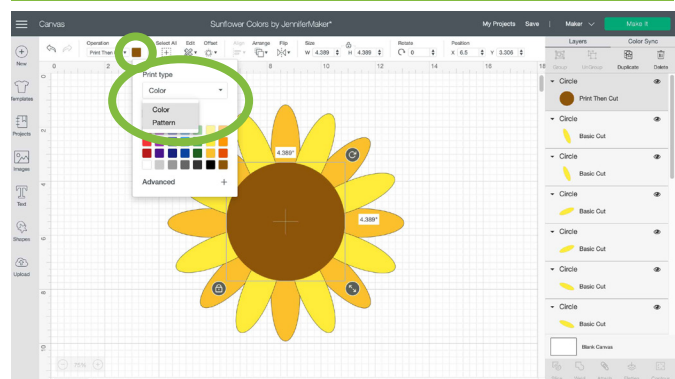


You can also give objects a pattern fill. Be aware that changing an object to pattern fill will also change it to a print then cut image. Here's how you set pattern fills:

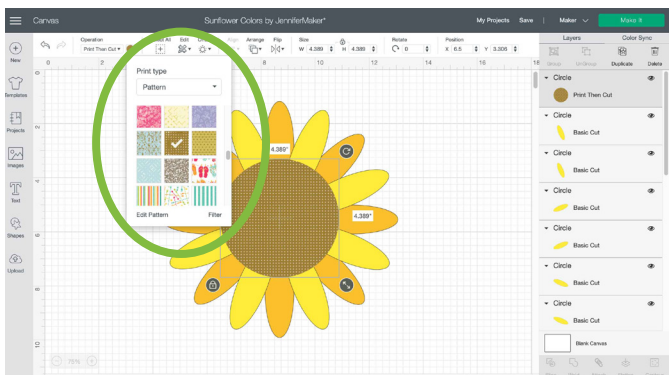
Step 1: Select the layer you want to change, then click Operation and change it to Print Then Cut.



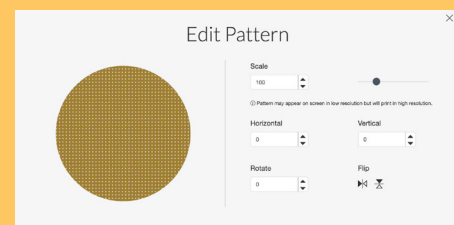
Step 2: Click the Fill menu and change the Print Type to Pattern.



Step 3: Select (click) a pattern from the list.



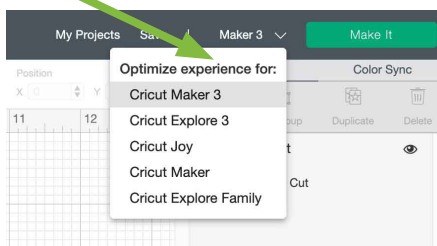
Tip: You can edit the scale, rotation, and orientation of the pattern by clicking Edit Pattern and making changes!



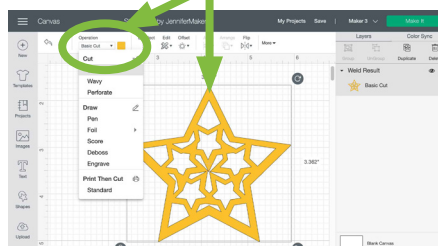
HOW TO CHANGE OPERATION AND TOOLS

The Operation menu lets you change a layer's type. Choices for the Cricut Joy are Basic Cut (default) and Pen. The Explores add Score, Foil, and Print Then Cut Standard. And the Cricut Makers add to this several more choices: Wavy, Perforate, Deboss, and Engrave. You will only see the Makers' operation choices if you've set your machine to Maker or Maker 3. Here's how to set your machine and change the operation.

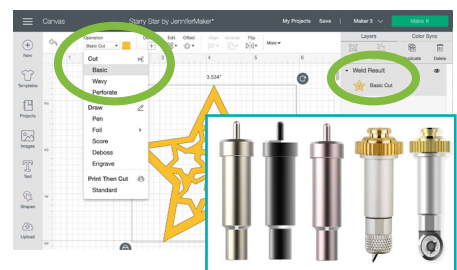
Step 1: Click the menu to the left of the **Make It** button and choose your machine.



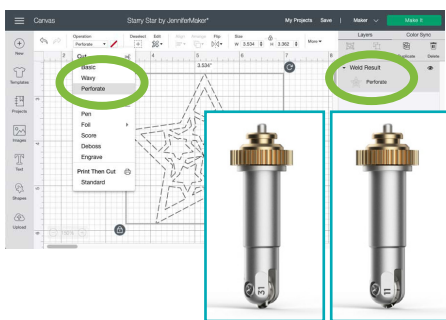
Step 2: Select (click) a layer and click on the **Operation** menu at the top to see the options.



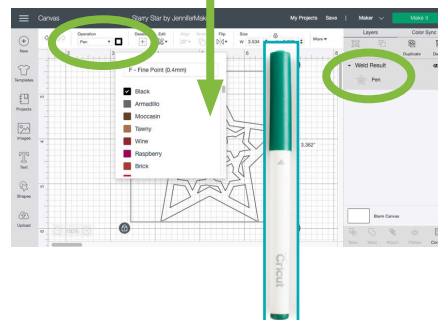
Use **Basic Cut** for fine point, deep cut, fabric, knife (Makers only), or rotary (Makers only) blades.



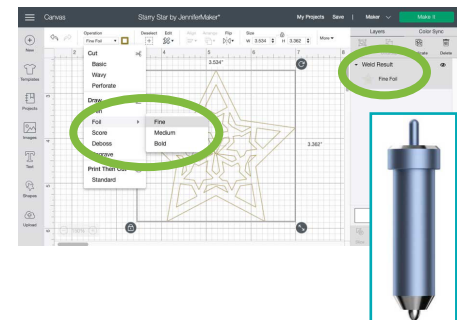
Change your operation to **Wavy** to use the Wavy Edge Tool or to **Perforate** to use the Perforation Tool (Makers only).



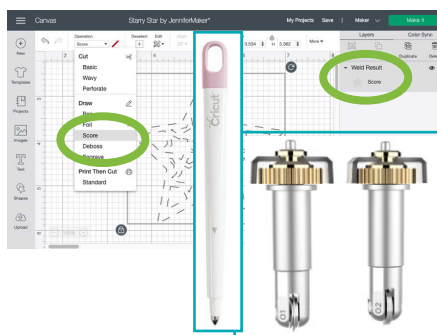
Change your operation to **Pen** to write with pens and markers. Click the box to the right to choose the color and thickness.



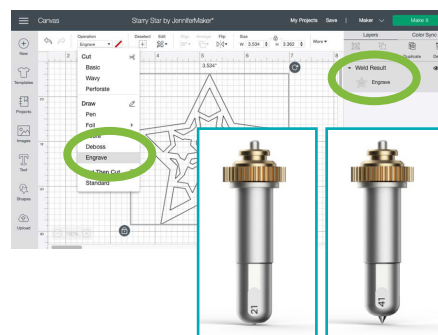
Change your operation to **Foil** to use the Foil Transfer Tool, then choose the tip size (Explores and Makers only).



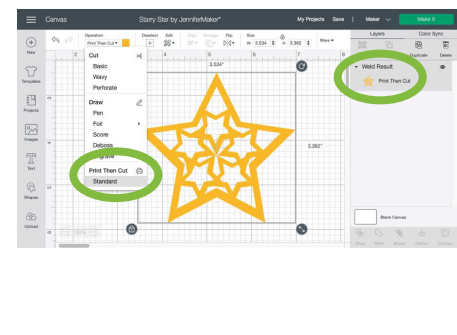
Change your operation to **Score** to score with the Stylus (Makers or Explores) or Scoring Wheel Tools (Makers only).



Change your operation to **Deboss** to use the Debossing Tool, or to **Engrave** to use the Engraving Tool (Makers only).



Change your operation to **Print Then Cut Standard** to use the Print Then Cut feature (Explores and Makers only).

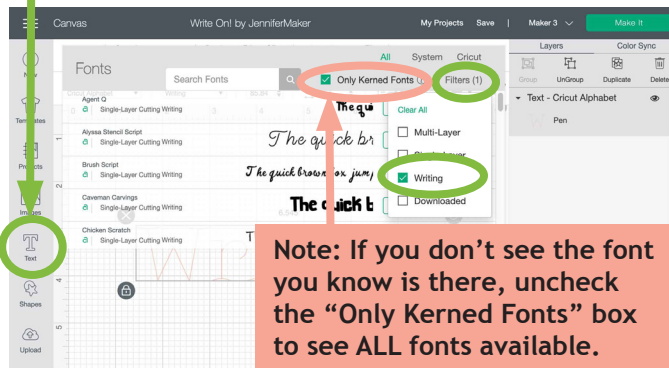


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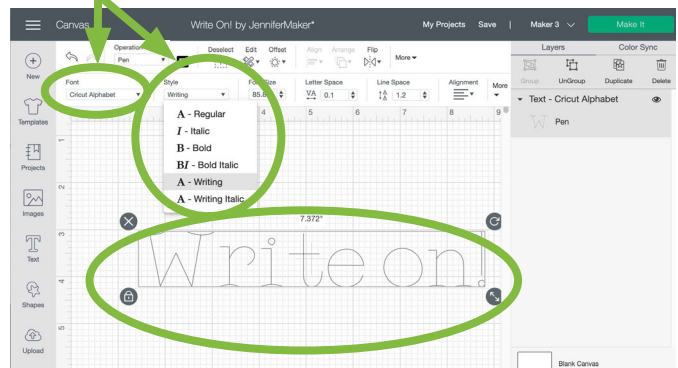
HOW TO SET TEXT TO WRITE WITH A PEN

You can insert a Cricut pen or marker into any of the Cricut Joys, Explore, or Makers and have them draw for you. Many crafters like to use this feature with a writing font to mimic handwriting. Here's how to choose a good font that looks like handwriting and set it to Draw in Cricut Design Space:

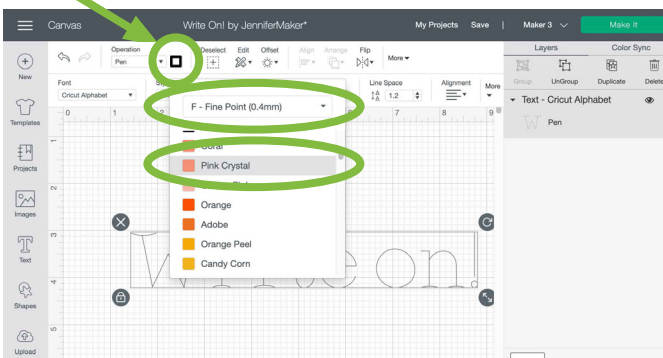
Step 1: Click **Text**, click the **Font** menu, click **Filters**, and select **Writing** to see writing fonts. Note that some may have a fee, like this: \$4.99 Writing



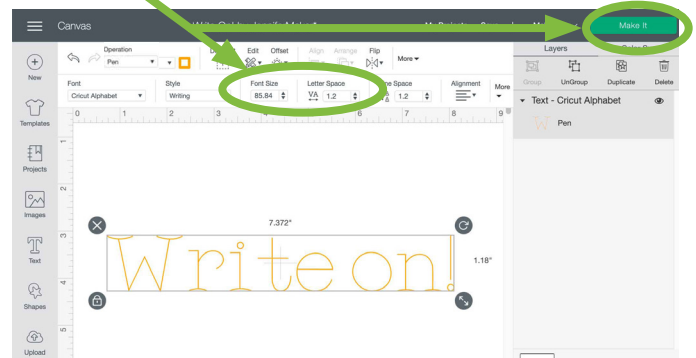
Step 2: Select a writing font (such as the free **Cricut Sans** or **Cricut Alphabet** font), click the **Style** menu, choose **Writing**, and type some text.



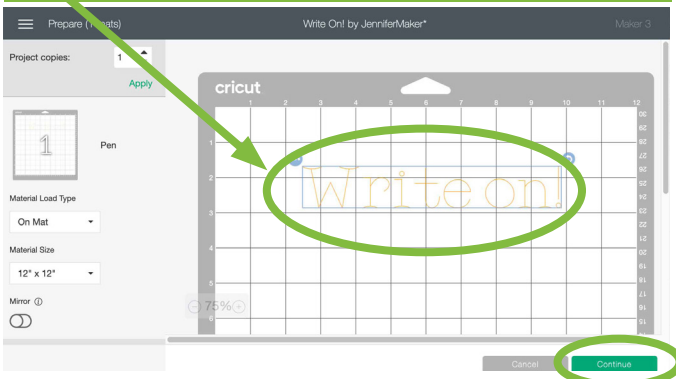
Step 3: Click **Operation**, select **Draw** under **Pen**, then click the square to the right of **Operation**, and select a pen type and color.



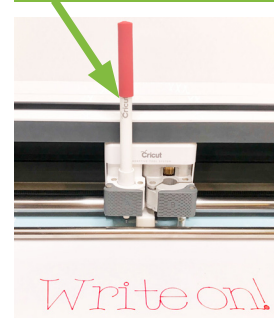
Step 4: Adjust the **Font Size** and **Letter Space** as necessary so it looks the way you want it to look, then click **Make It**.



Step 5: Click and drag the text to the exact spot you want it to be written on your material on the machine mat (see page 25), then click **Continue**.



Step 6: Insert the pen in your Cricut's accessory clamp, position your material on the cutting mat, load your mat, and press the flashing button.

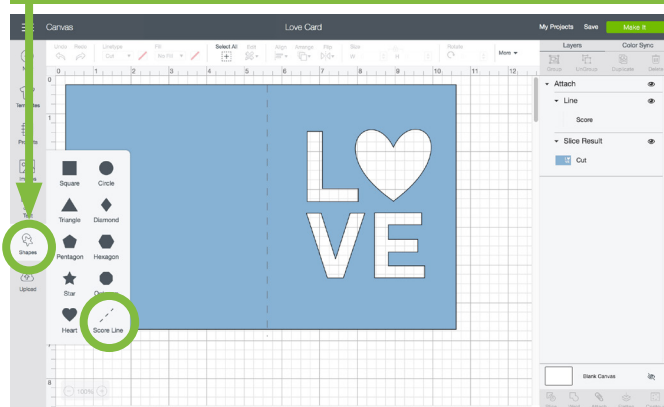


See my blog post at jennifermaker.com/cricut-writing for more tips on writing on your Cricut! I also have a free writing font you can use at jennifermaker.com/writing-font

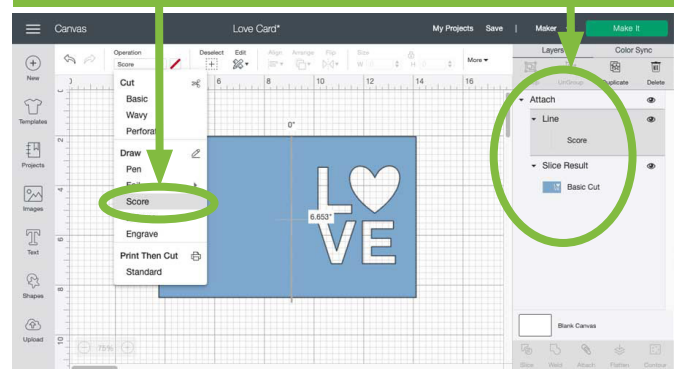
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/write-on>

HOW TO SCORE WITH STYLUS OR WHEEL

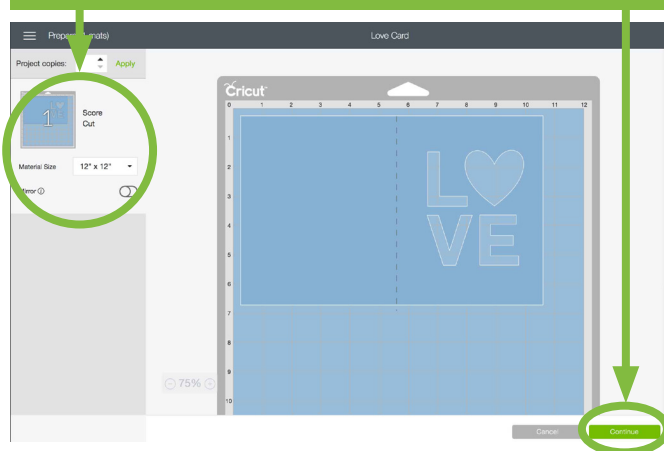
Step 1: Open or create a project with score lines. You can add a score line to any project by clicking **Shapes**, then selecting **Score Line**.



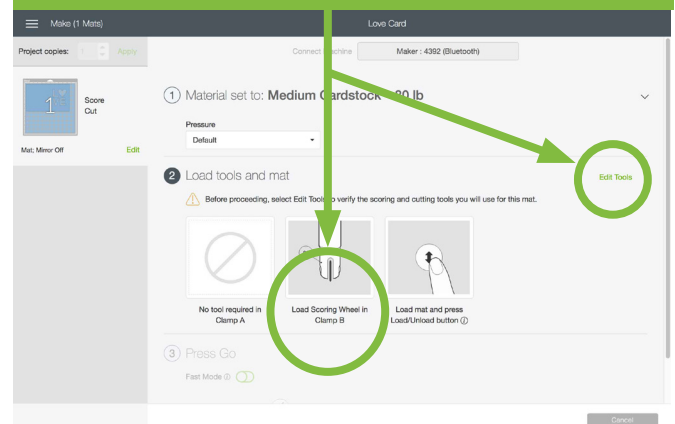
Step 2: Make sure any lines you want to be scored are identified as "Score" (click the **Operation** menu to change) and are also attached to the cut layer you want to score. Click **Make It**.



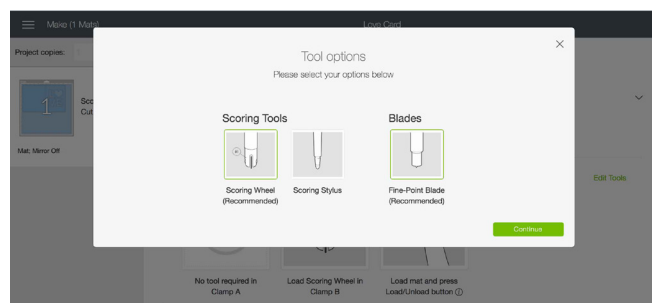
Step 3: Make sure the score line is on the same layer as the cut, then click **Continue**.



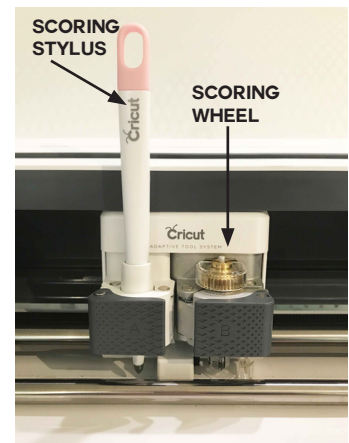
Step 4: Check the necessary tools. If the screen says to use a scoring wheel but you do not have one, click **Edit Tools**.



Step 5: Click on the scoring tool of preference, then click **Continue**.



Step 6: Insert the scoring tool that matches step 5, then click the flashing icon on your Cricut.

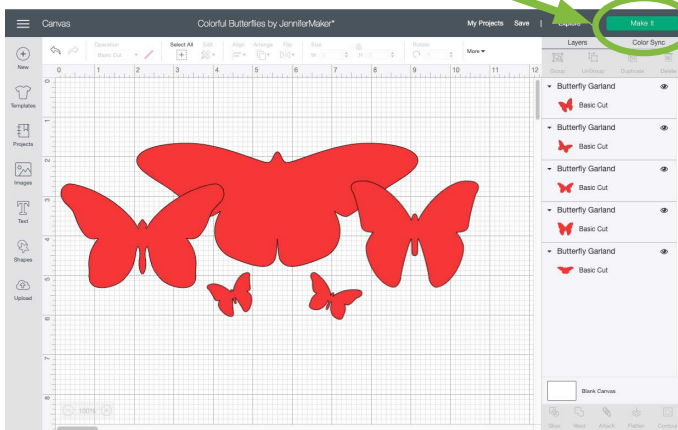


Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/love-card>

HOW TO REPOSITION ITEMS ON MAT PREVIEW

Need exact control over where items on your mat are cut? Want to cut one mat with multiple pieces of paper in different colors? You can do this if you reposition items on your mat before you cut! Here's how to do it on a computer (Mac or Windows):

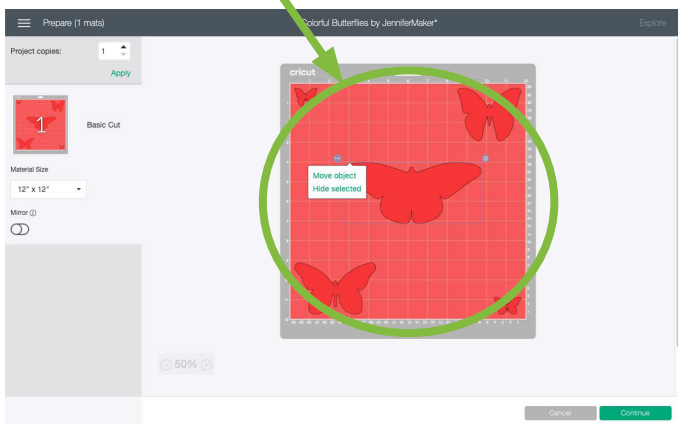
Step 1: Open or create a project. Make anything you want to appear on the same mat the same color. Click **Make It**.



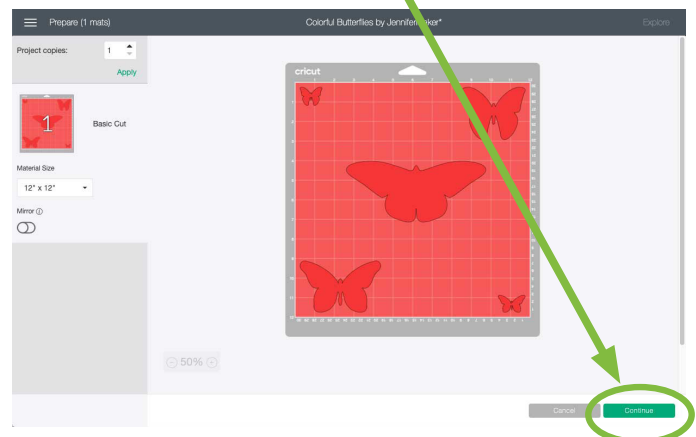
Step 2: Make sure the items you want to reposition are all on the same mat.



Step 3: Move each object on the mat by clicking, holding down the mouse, and dragging to a new position. You can also move and hide by tapping the three dots icon on an element.



Step 4: Make sure the material on your actual mat matches the placement on this mat preview, then click **Continue**.



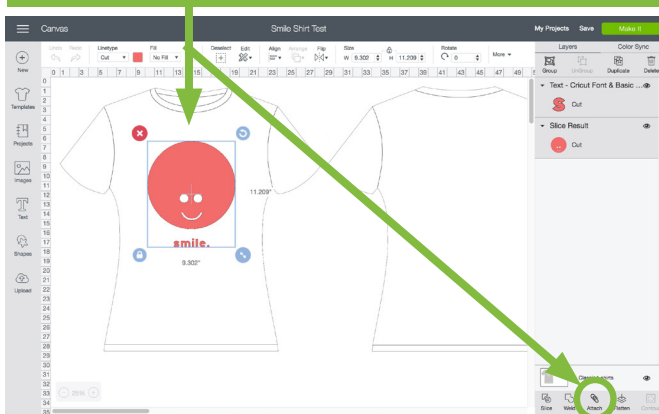
REPOSITION ON MAT

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/butterflies>

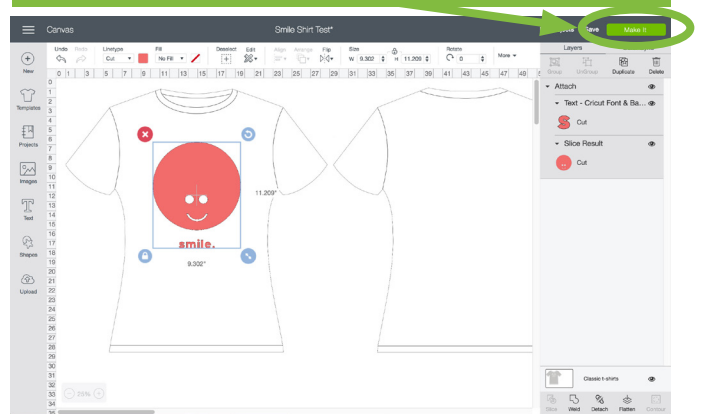
HOW TO MIRROR AND CUT IRON ON VINYL

Want to make a T-shirt or bag with iron-on vinyl? Here's how to mirror your image and position the vinyl on your mat for iron-on (heat transfer) vinyl!

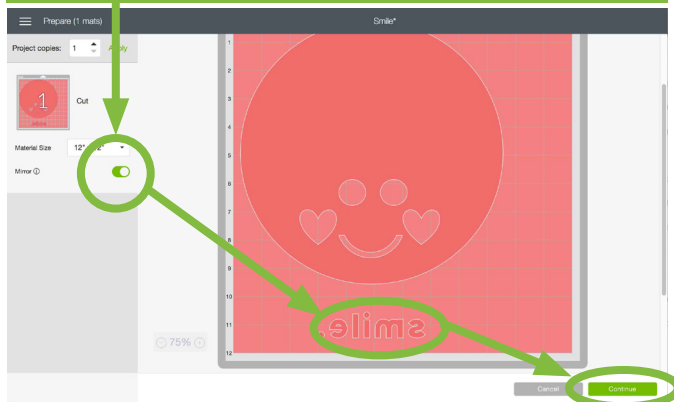
Step 1: Select all the objects you want to iron-on and click **Attach**.



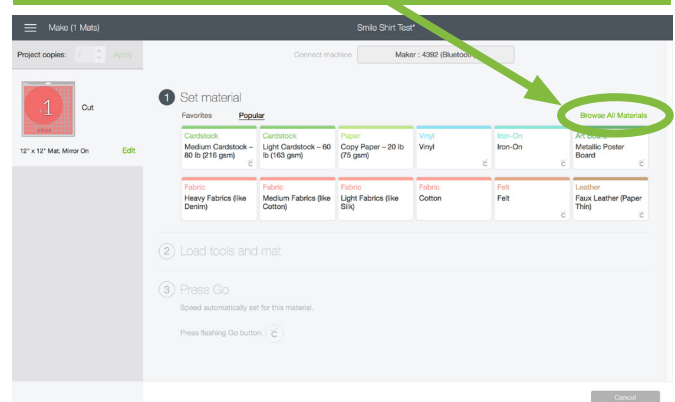
Step 2: Click **Make It**.



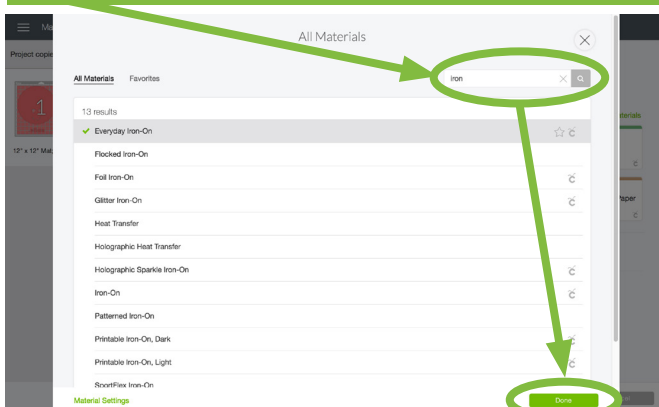
Step 3: Toggle **Mirror** to the on position, verify your image is now mirrored, and click **Continue**.



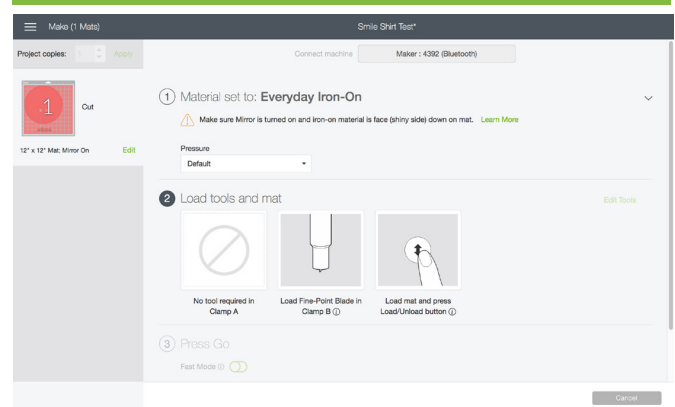
Step 4: Connect to your Cricut and click on **Browse All Materials**.



Step 5: Search for "iron" and select the type of iron-on vinyl you plan to use, then click **Done**.



Step 6: Place your iron-on vinyl on your cutting mat shiny side down, insert the mat, and press **Go**.



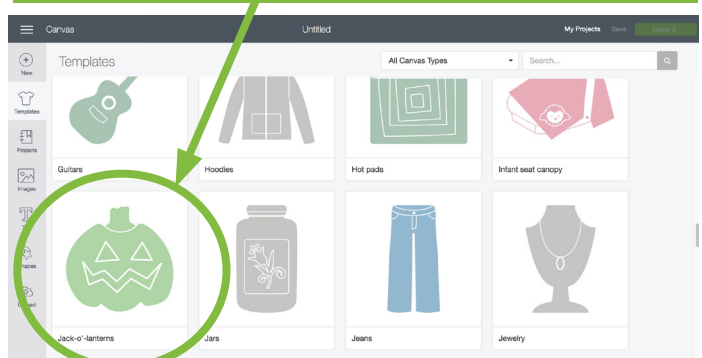
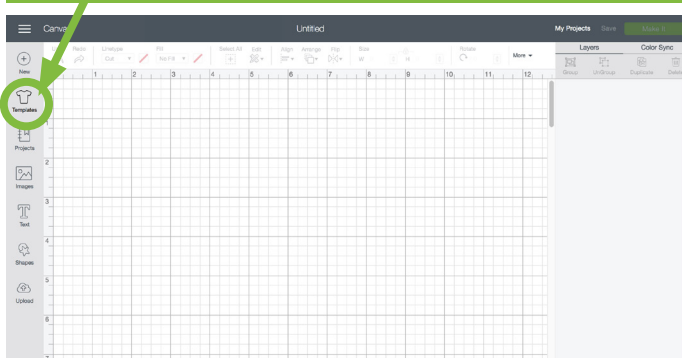
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/simple-smile>

HOW TO USE A TEMPLATE

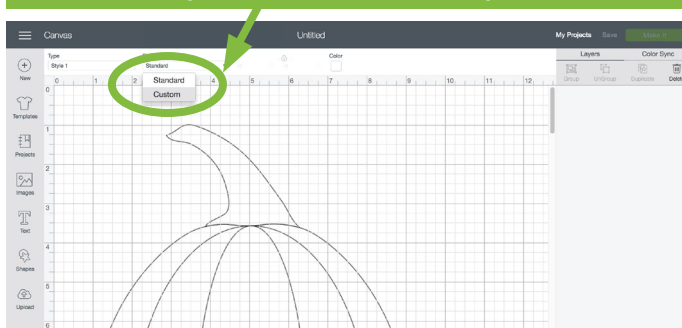
Step 1: Open a new project and click the **Templates** button on the left side.



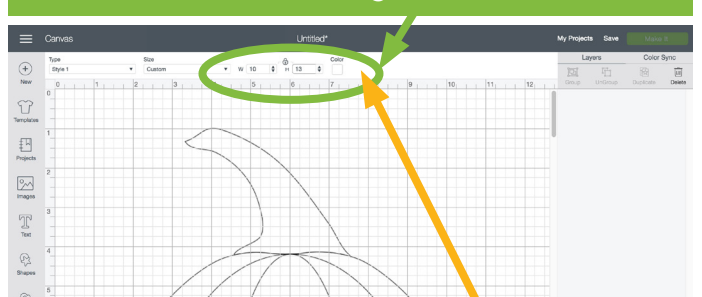
Step 2: Choose a template that best fits your project. For example, to make a monogrammed pumpkin, I will choose **Jack-O'-Lanterns**.



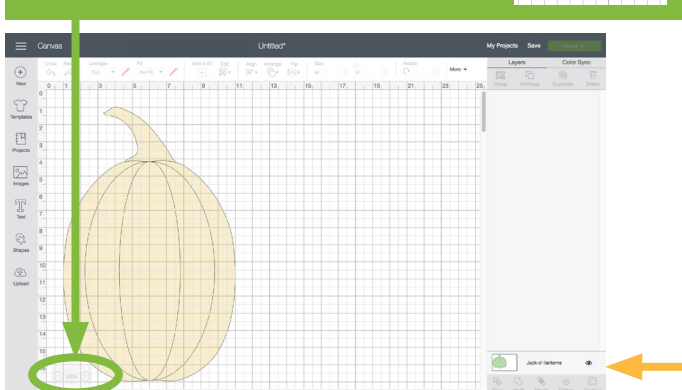
Step 3: Immediately, choose a style and/or size from the drop-down menus at the top.



Step 4: Click the lock icon to unlock it, then type in the dimensions of your actual item so the template matches. You can also change the color.



Step 5: Resize your Canvas so you can see most or all of the template by using the buttons in the lower left corner.



Tip: You may need to add or subtract if the shape doesn't quite match your item. For example, the stem on this pumpkin is significantly taller than the one I'm using.

Tip: You can modify your template at any time by clicking on the template name in the bottom right corner of your screen. If you no longer want to view the template, click the eye icon to hide it.



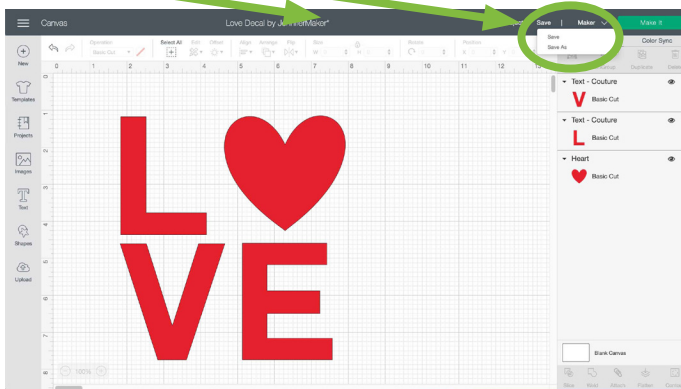
Need a template but can't find it in the template library? You can upload your own image (see page 38), resize it as needed using the dimension boxes at the top of the screen, and then click Arrange > Send to Back. Be sure to hide the layer (click the eye icon) before you cut it to avoid cutting out the template, too.



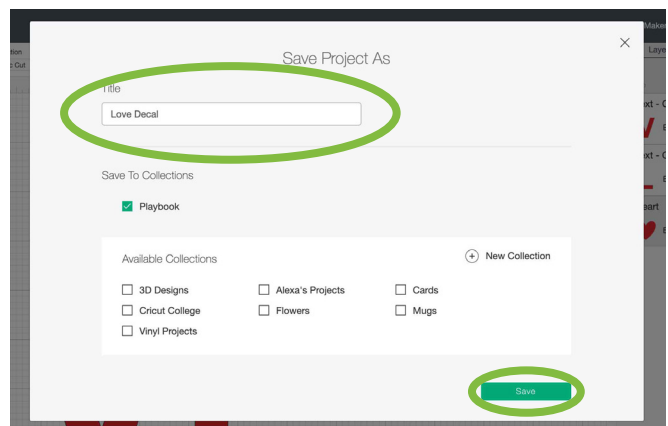


HOW TO SAVE WORK AND VIEW SAVED PROJECTS

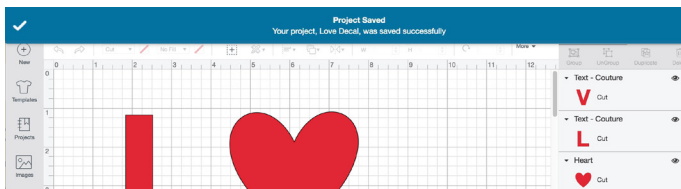
Step 1: Create something and click **Save**. You can tell if something is unsaved if an asterisk * appears next to the name at the top of the window.



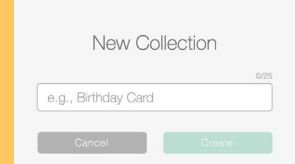
Step 2: Type a name for your project, check any collections you'd like to add it to (optional), and click **Save**.



Step 3: Wait while Cricut saves your project—when saved, a blue confirmation box will flash near the top of your screen and the new name will appear at the top of the window.



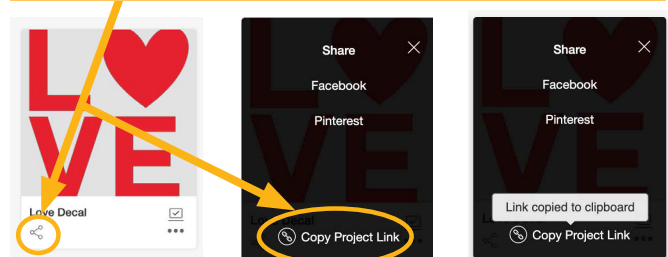
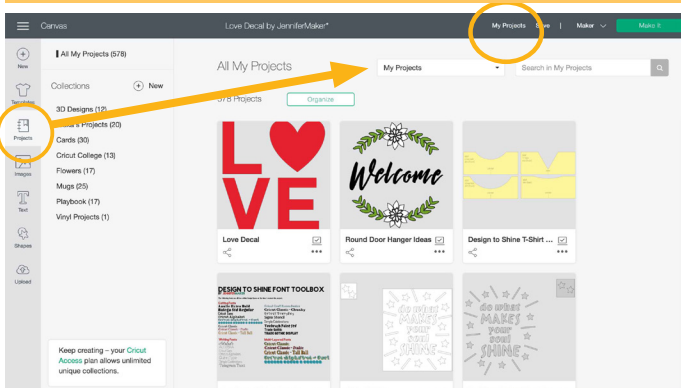
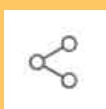
Collections allow you to organize projects you create for ease in finding them later. Click **New Collection** to create a new category. All Cricut members can create up to five free Collections. Cricut Access subscribers can create unlimited Collections.



To view your Saved Projects, click the **My Projects** link in the top right corner of your window, or click the **Projects** icon on the left side of the window and select "My Projects" from the Projects drop-down menu.



To share a project, click on the **Share** button on the bottom of its box, then click **Copy Project Link** to copy the URL and then share it with someone as a link or in an email.



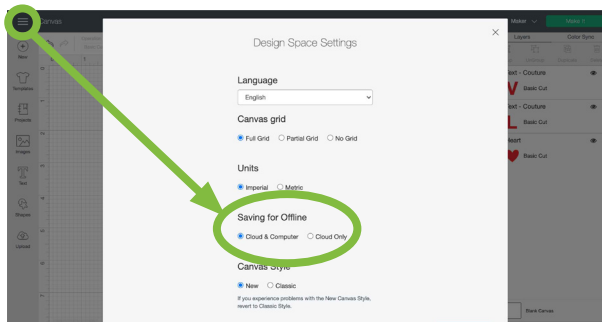
Note: Projects with uploaded images can be saved and shared, but they can only be customized and made by you—others will not be able to open and make them.

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/love-decal>

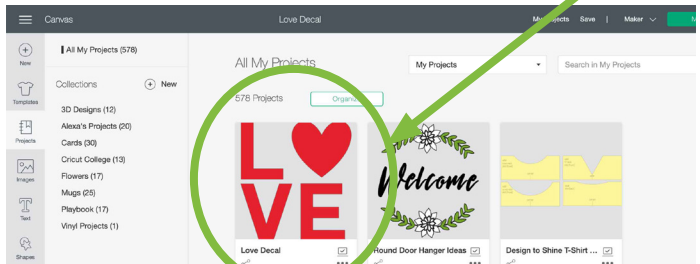
HOW TO SAVE FOR OFFLINE WORK

If you're using Design Space for Desktop (see pages 4 and 5), you can save projects for offline and access them even when you aren't connected to the Internet. Here's how to do it:

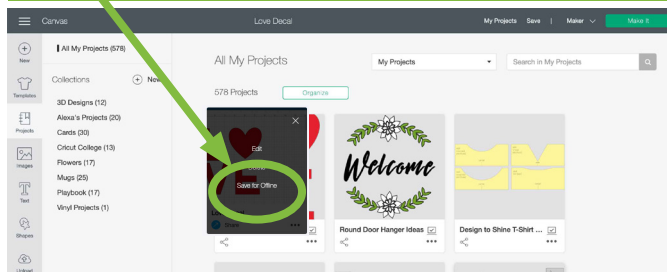
Step 1: Click the menu in the upper left, choose **Settings**, and select **Cloud & Computer**.



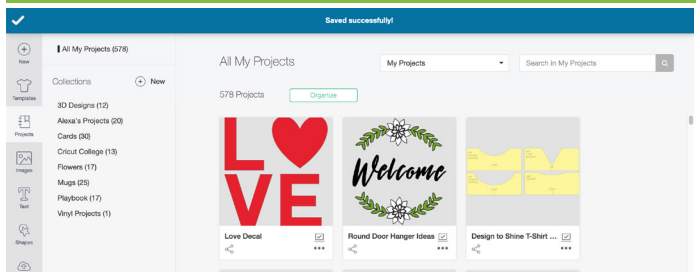
Step 2: Click on **My Projects**, find a project, and look for the Offline icon. If you see it, the project is saved for Offline. If you do not, click the three dots.



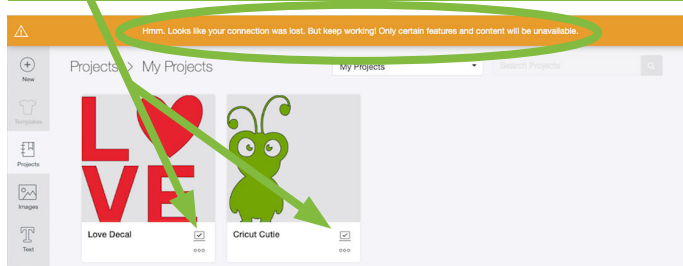
Step 3: In the panel that appears, click **Save for Offline**.



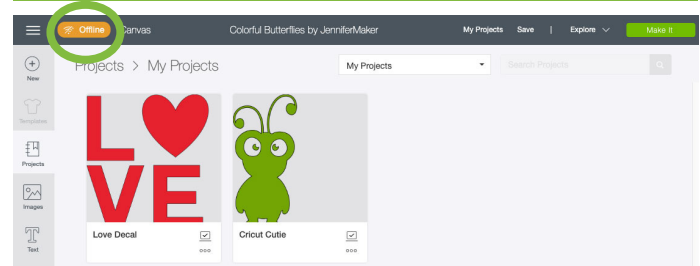
Confirmation that your project saved successfully appears at the top of the screen.



When you lose Internet access, you are notified and any projects you've saved for offline are listed.



Open the project and continue working! The "Offline" indicator stays lit when offline.



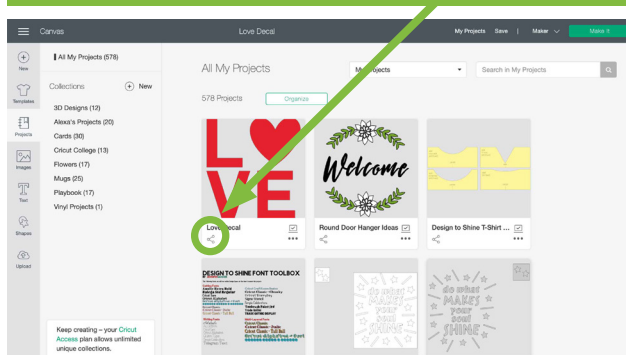
- There is currently no way to batch save all of your projects for offline. You must click each one and select "Save for Offline" individually.
- If you are working offline, and the online version is not synced up to the offline version, the next time you go online a pop-up will appear asking you to select a version to keep.
- Any images you have in a project from Cricut Access will expire after 30 days if you do not go online at all during those 30 days (even if you have monthly access). So be sure to set a reminder to go online at least once every 30 days.
- You cannot upload anything new while offline (this means even from your desktop or images within Design Space). So be sure to save all images you want in a project/canvas before heading offline.

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/love-decal>

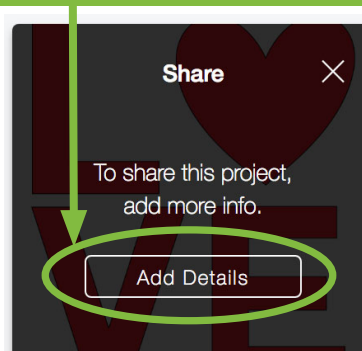
HOW TO SHARE LINKS TO PROJECTS

Did you make an awesome design and now want to share it? You can share projects, but in order for someone else to open and make them, there must be no uploaded images in your project. (Others cannot open and make projects with images you uploaded.)

Step 1: Open a project you saved and click **Share.**

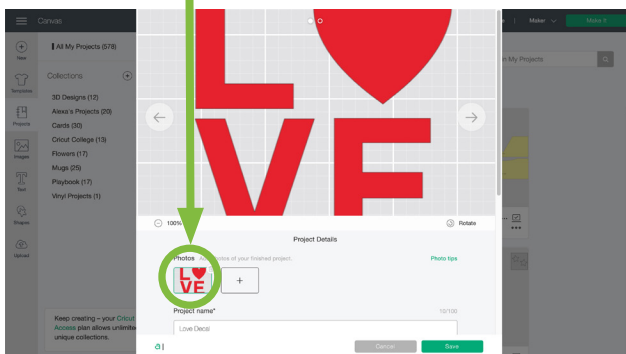


Step 2: You will likely be prompted for more information first. Click **Add Details.**

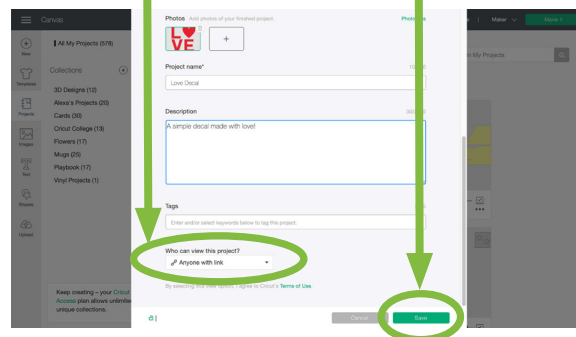


Note: If your design has any purchased elements from Cricut Access or cartridges, anyone attempting to use your design must also have them or they will be prompted to pay for them.

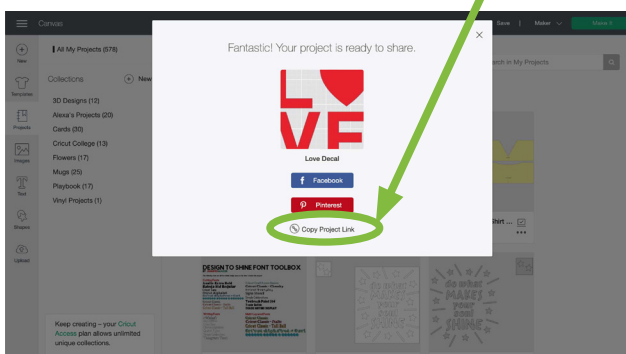
Step 3: Add at least one landscape photo by clicking the **+ button.**



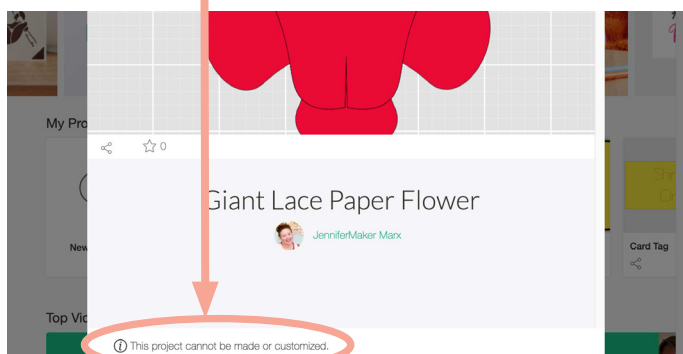
Step 4: Add a description and make sure **Anyone with link is selected. When done editing, click **Save**.**



Step 5: Click either Facebook or Pinterest, then simply click **Copy Project Link.**



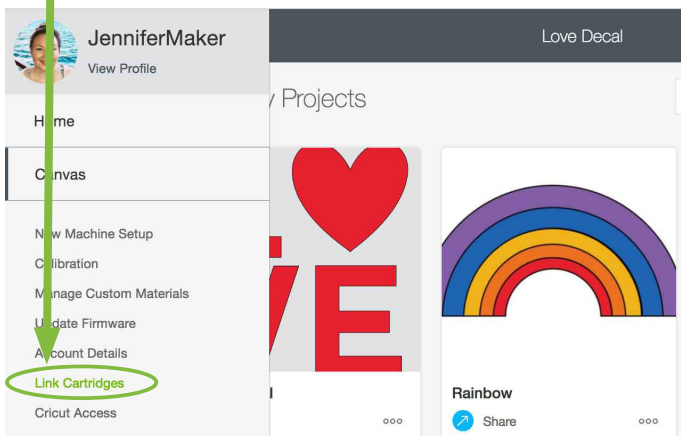
If you share a link with uploaded images, this is what others will see.



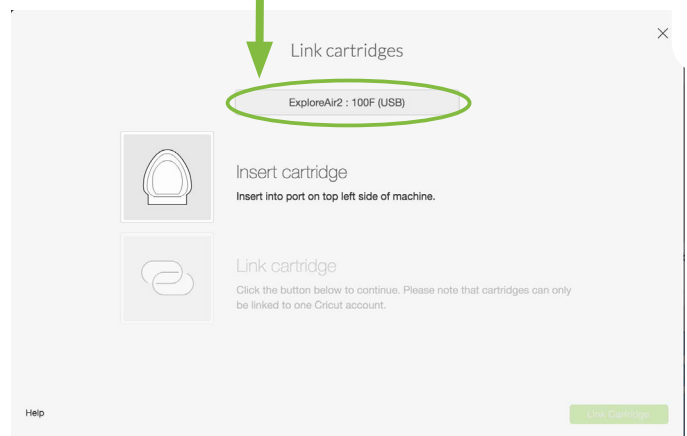
Here is an example of a project link: <https://design.cricut.com/landing/project-detail/609ed93969c5040d507810c5>

HOW TO LINK CARTRIDGES

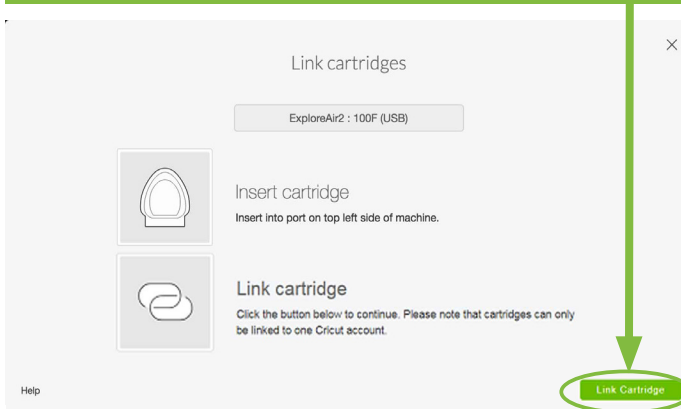
Step 1: Open Cricut Design Space, click the menu in the upper left corner, and choose **Link Cartridges**. If you're using a Cartridge Adapter, it will need to be inserted into a USB port on your computer first.



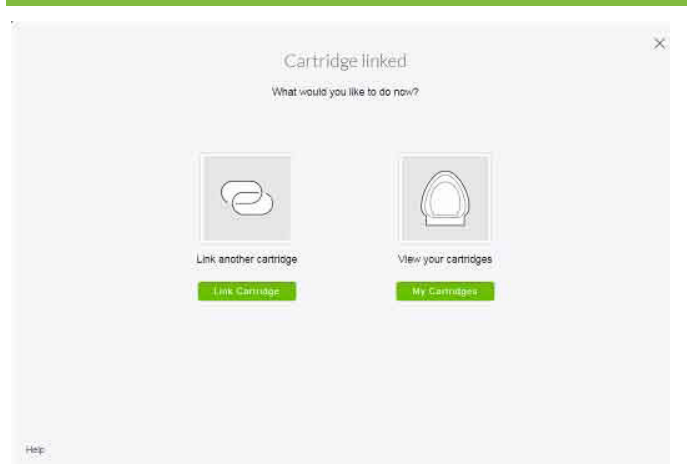
Step 2: Choose your Cricut from the drop-down menu. If you do not see it, make sure it is turned on and connected. For best results, connect your Cricut to your computer via the USB cable.



Step 3: Once the cartridge is detected, the Link Cartridge button will become available. Click the **Link Cartridge** button to continue.



Step 4: Once the link is complete, remove the cartridge from the adapter and choose what to do next. You can continue to link other cartridges, view your cartridges, or close the window.



When a physical cartridge has been linked to your account, the digital versions of those images are activated on your account and the physical cartridge is no longer needed in order to use those images with Cricut Design Space.

Link digital cartridges at <https://www.cricut.com/CTMH>

Tip: If you have issues linking your cartridges, contact Cricut Member Care for assistance getting them uploaded to your Design Space account. Note that they may ask for photos of the cartridges to do this.

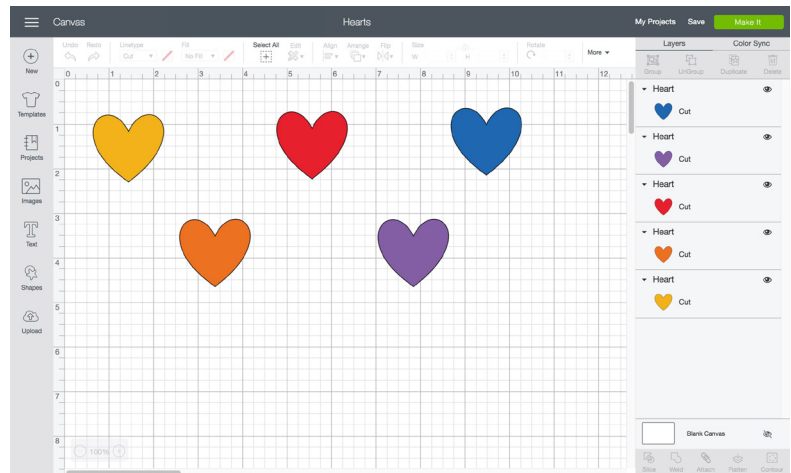
Note that you cannot link physical cartridges on iOS or Android devices at this time.

HOW TO FLATTEN AN IMAGE

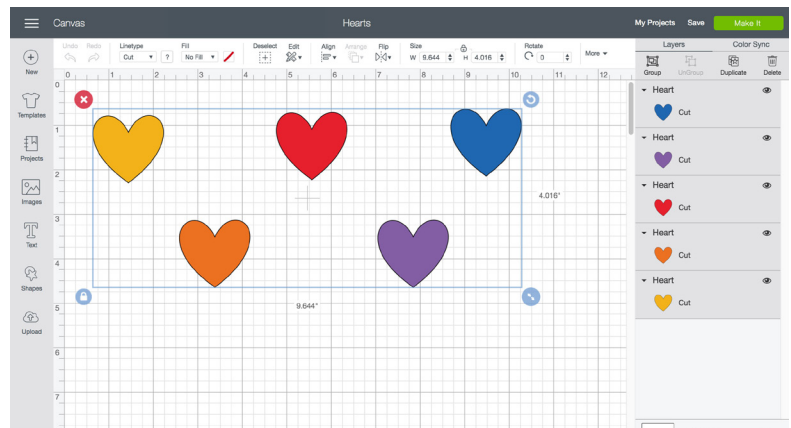
Need to make a Print Then Cut project? Flatten is your friend! The Flatten tool allows you to turn any image into a single, printable layer for the Print then Cut feature.

Step 1: Add two or more items to your canvas that you want to flatten.

Note: Flatten is used only for print.



Step 2: Click and drag a selection box around all objects you want to flatten to select all of them.

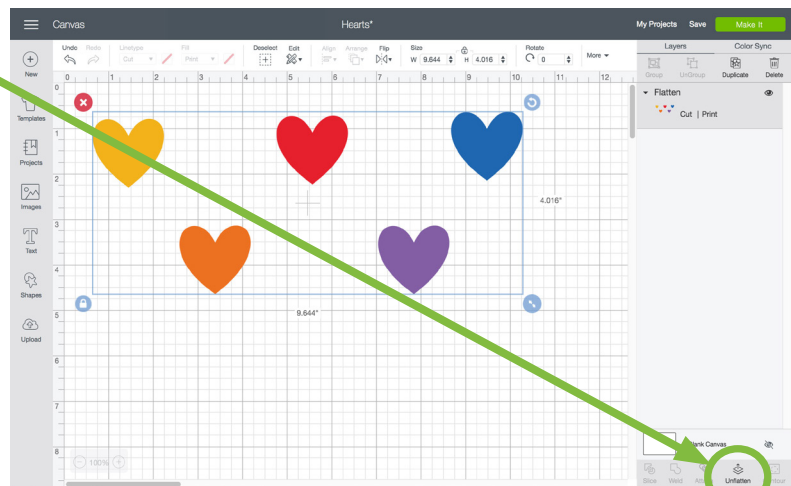


Step 3: Click the **Flatten** icon in the bottom right corner.



Note that all items are now on one layer and now work only for Print Then Cut.

If you decide this isn't what you wanted to do, click the **Unflatten** button right away.



FLATTEN AN IMAGE

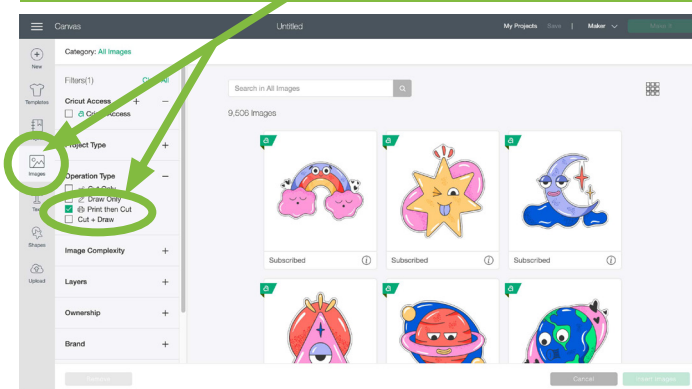
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/five-hearts>



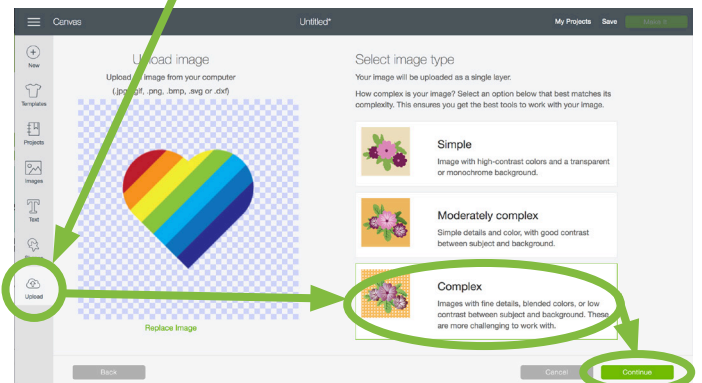
HOW TO PRINT THEN CUT

Step 1: Find or upload a printable image less than 9.25" high by 6.75" wide with one of these two methods:

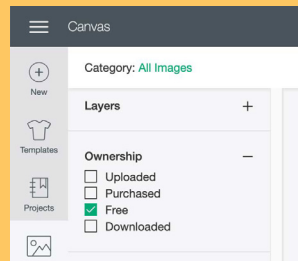
Method A: Search for printable images in Design Space by clicking on **Images**, then under **Operation Type**, check the box next to "Print then Cut."



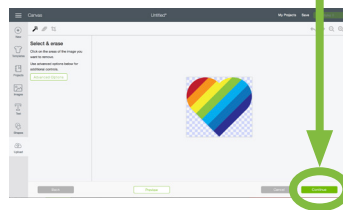
Method B: Upload a PNG with a transparent background, choose the image type that suits your image the best (I recommend "Complex"), then click **Continue**.



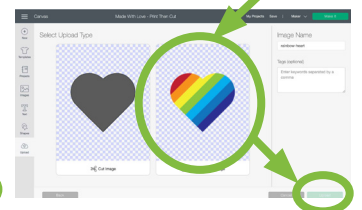
Tip: Click "Free" under Ownership on the search page to see all images that are set to free for anyone to use.



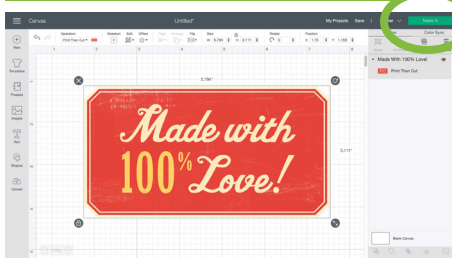
Erase anything you don't want & click **Continue**.



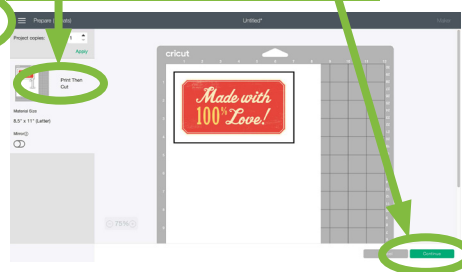
Select the image on the right and click **Continue**.



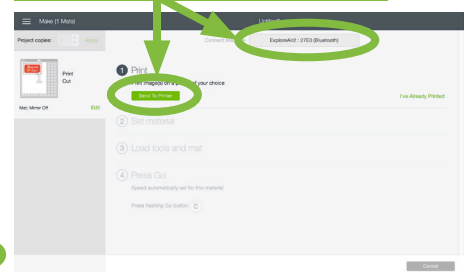
Step 2: Select and insert the image onto your Canvas, then click **Make It**.



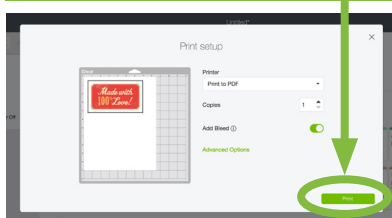
Step 3: Make sure you see "Print Then Cut" here, then click **Continue**.



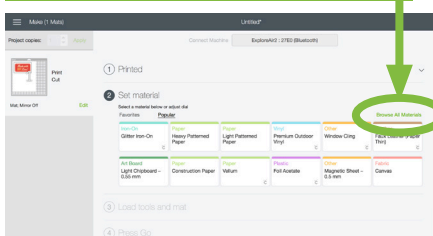
Step 4: Select your Cricut (if necessary) then click **Send to Printer**.



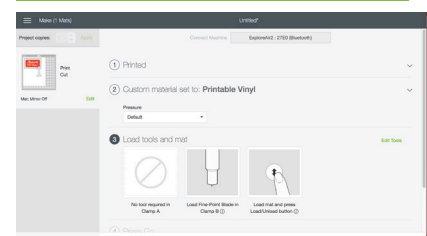
Step 5: Select your printer, turn on **Bleed**, and click **Print**.



Step 6: Select your **Material** (i.e. Printable Vinyl).



Step 7: Place your printed page on your cutting mat, load it, and click **Go**.



Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/print-then-cut>

PRINT THEN CUT

HOW TO UPLOAD IMAGES ON A MAC

Step 1: Click Upload

Step 2: Click Upload Image

Step 3: Click Browse

Step 4: Select a PNG, JPG, GIF, or BMP and click Open

Step 5: Choose an Image Type (I recommend Complex, but you can test) and click Continue.

Simple
High-contrast colors and transparent or monochromatic background.

Moderately complex
Simple details and color, with good contrast between subject and background.

Complex
Fine detail, blended colors, or low contrast between subject and background. This image is more challenging to work with.

Continue

Step 6: Clean up and refine your image using the tools, if you wish, then click Continue.

Continue

Step 7: Choose Print Then Cut or Cut Image, type a name, and click Continue.

Image Name
rainbow-heart

Tags (optional)
Enter keywords separated by a comma

Continue

Once inserted, your image appears in Cricut Design Space, ready to be inserted on your canvas!

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/rainbow-heart>



HOW TO UPLOAD IMAGES ON A PC

Step 1: Click **Upload**

Step 2: Click **Upload Image**

Step 3: Click **Browse**

Step 4: Select a PNG, JPG, GIF, or BMP and click **Open**

Step 5: Choose an Image Type (I recommend Complex, but you can experiment) and click **Continue**.

Step 6: Clean up and refine your image using the tools, if you wish, then click **Continue**.

Step 7: Choose Print Then Cut or Cut Image, type a name, and click **Continue**.

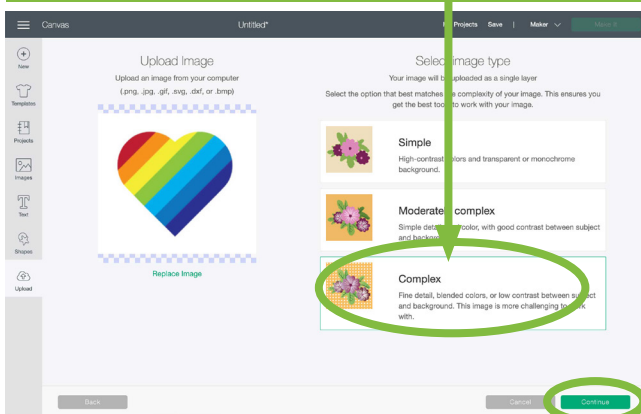
Once inserted, your image appears in Cricut Design Space, ready to be inserted on your canvas!

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/rainbow-heart>

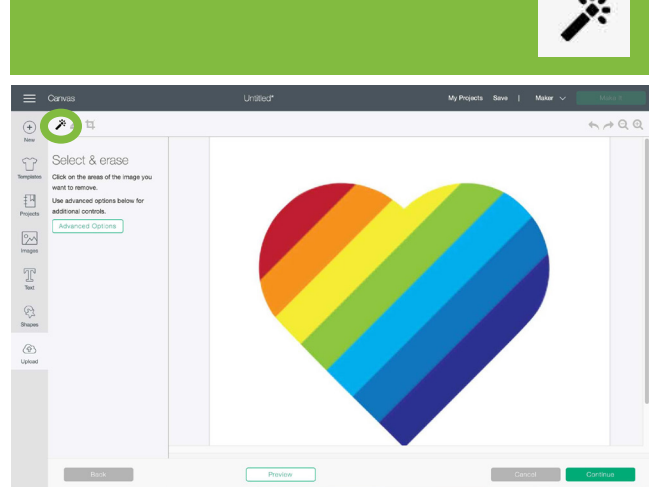
UPLOAD IMAGES (PC)

HOW TO ERASE A BACKGROUND FROM AN IMAGE

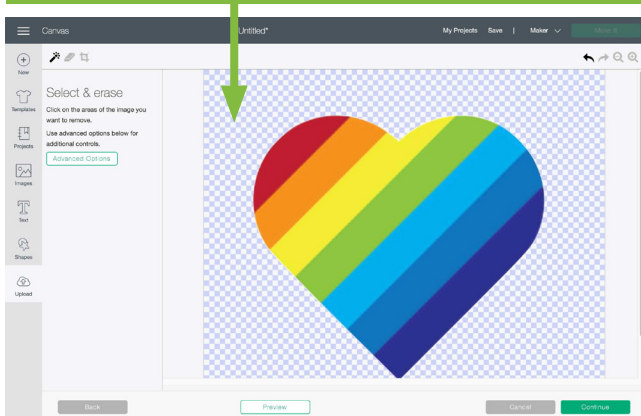
Step 1: Find or upload a JPG, PNG, GIF, or BMP file that you want to use. When asked for Image Type, choose **Complex** and click **Continue**.



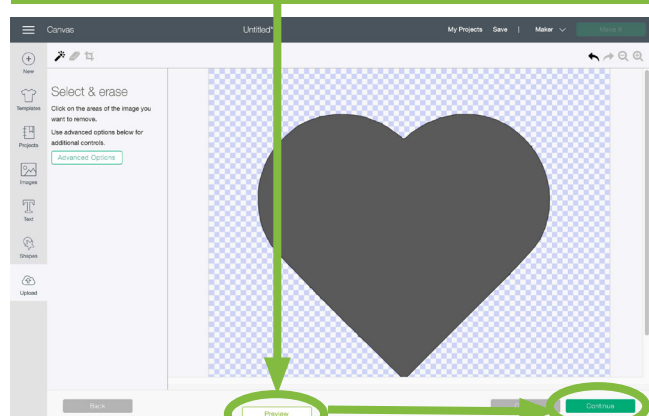
Step 2: Click the **Select & Erase** tool.



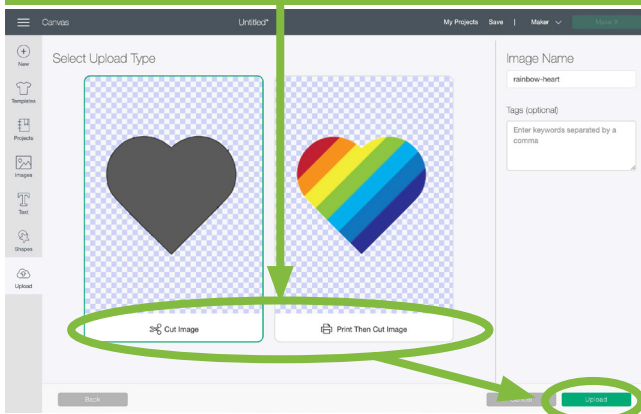
Step 3: Click on the white background around your image to erase it. You may need to click in several areas to get it all.



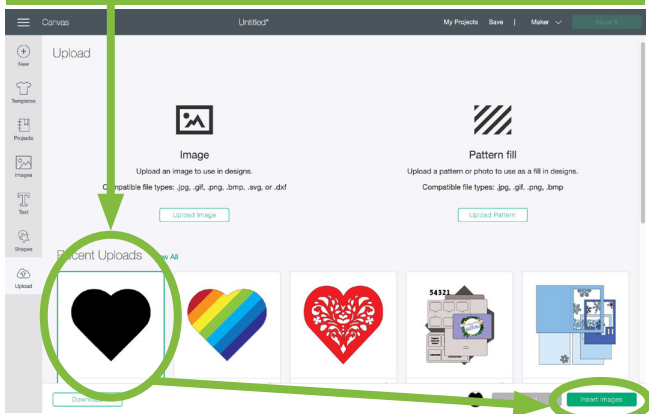
Step 4: Click **Preview** to see the cut lines of the object remaining. If it looks good, click **Continue**.



Step 5: Decide if you want to save it as a **Print Then Cut**, or just a **Cut Image**, then click **Save**.



Step 6: Once saved, you can use the image by selecting it and clicking **Insert Image**.

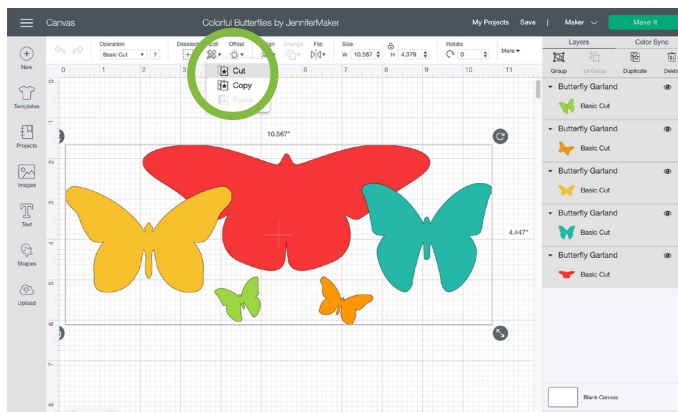
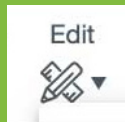


Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/rainbow-heart>

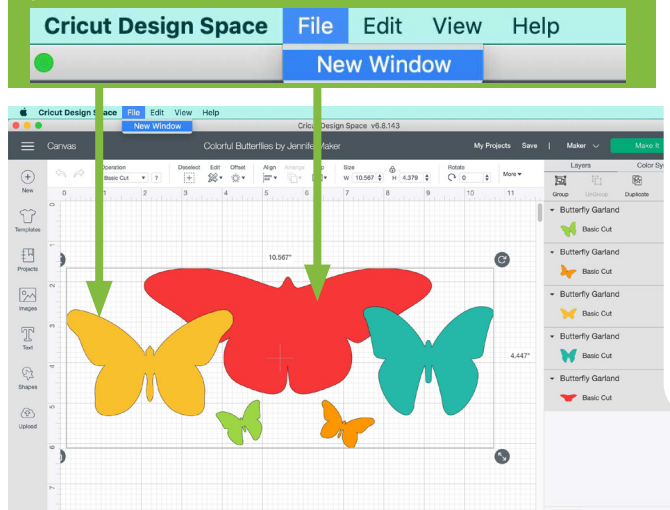
HOW TO COMBINE MULTIPLE PROJECTS

While there is no built-in function in Design Space that allows you to combine projects, there is a simple workaround. Here's how you do it:

Step 1: Open the project you want to add to another, select all layers, click **Edit**, and select **Copy**.

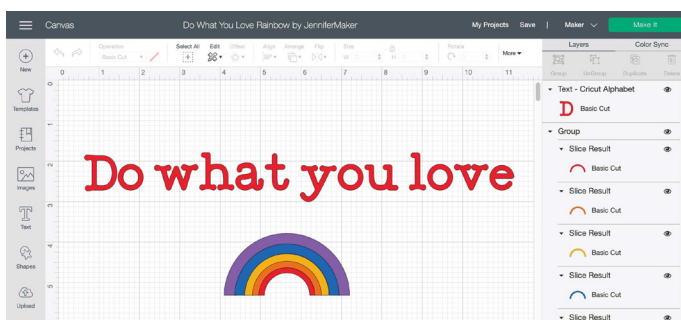


Step 2: Go to the **File** menu at the very top of your screen and select **New Window**.

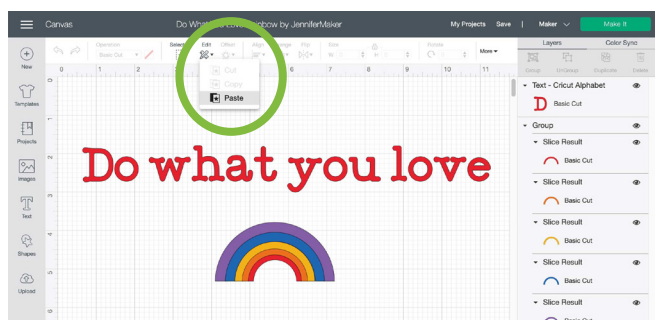


COMBINE PROJECTS

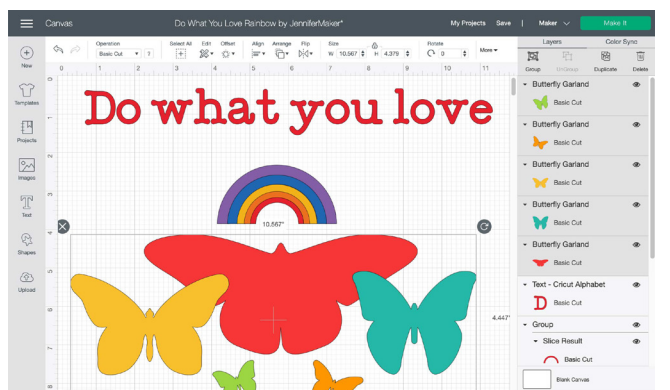
Step 3: Locate and open the project you want to combine your first project with.



Step 4: Click **Edit** and choose **Paste**.



Your layers from the first project appear on the canvas with the second project!



Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/butterflies> and <https://jennifermaker.com/rainbow-love>

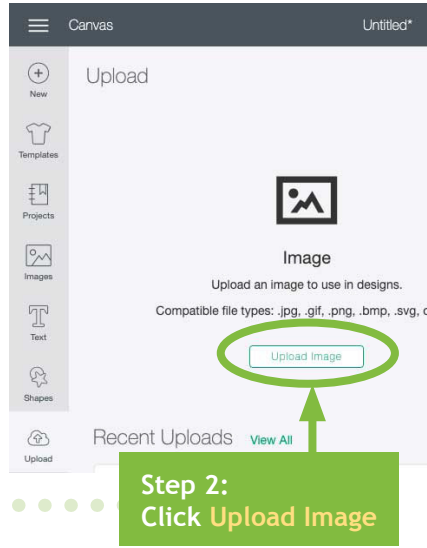


HOW TO UPLOAD SVG FILES ON A MAC

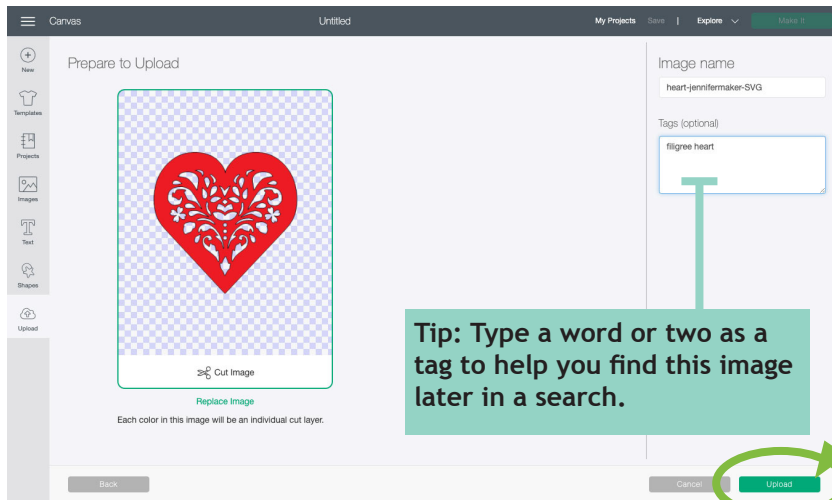
UPLOAD SVG FILES (MAC)



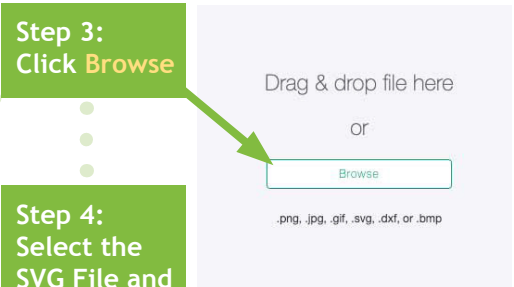
Step 1:
Click **Upload**



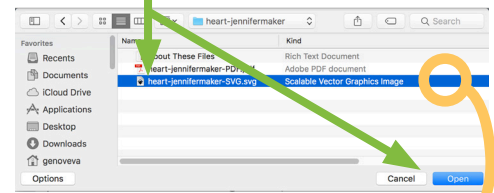
Step 2:
Click **Upload Image**



Tip: Type a word or two as a tag to help you find this image later in a search.



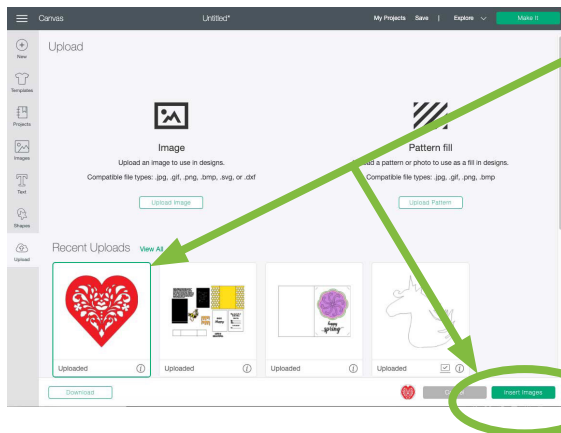
Step 3:
Click **Browse**



Notes:

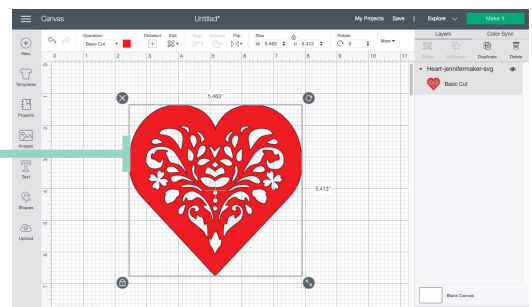
Be sure you select the SVG file, not the ZIP file. You can tell it is the SVG file because its "Kind" is listed as "Scalable Vector Graphics Image" in your file browser. If you only see the ZIP file, you'll need to first decompress the ZIP file (open it) by double-clicking it in your Finder.

Step 5:
Click **Upload**



Step 6:
To use your SVG, select the image you just uploaded then click **Insert Images**

Once inserted, your image appears on your canvas, ready to be modified and or made!



Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/svg-heart>

HOW TO UPLOAD SVG FILES ON A PC

Step 1: Click Upload

Step 2: Click Upload Image

Step 3: Click Browse

Step 4: Select the SVG File and click Open

Notes:
Be sure you select the SVG file, not the ZIP file. You can tell it is the SVG file because its "Type" is listed as "SVG Document" in your file browser (it may say "Chrome HTML" or "Edge HTML" instead). If you only see the ZIP file, you'll need to first decompress the ZIP file (open it) by double-clicking it in Windows Explorer.

Tip: Type a word or two as a tag to help you find this image later in a search.

Step 5: Click Upload

Step 6: To use your SVG, select the image you just uploaded then click Insert Images

Once inserted, your image appears on your canvas, ready to be modified and or made!

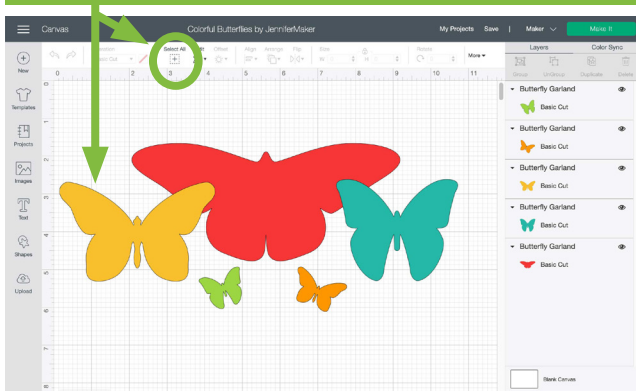
UPLOAD SVG FILES (PC)

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/svg-heart>

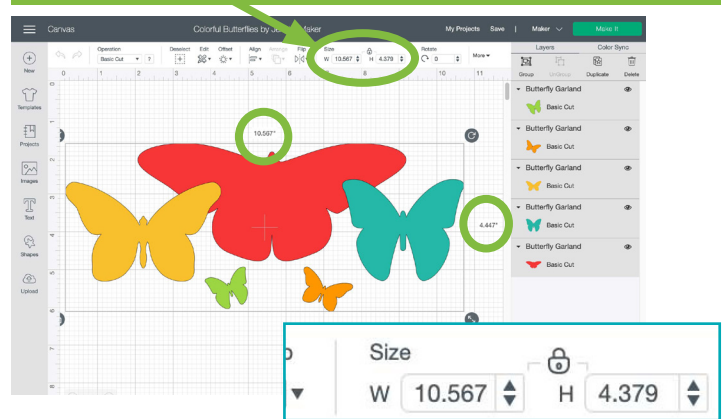
HOW TO RESIZE A PROJECT

Have you ever uploaded an SVG design, cut it out, and realized it was too small or too big? Here's how to check the size before you cut, and how to resize an entire project.

Step 1: Insert, upload, or create an image on your canvas in Design Space, click **Select All**.

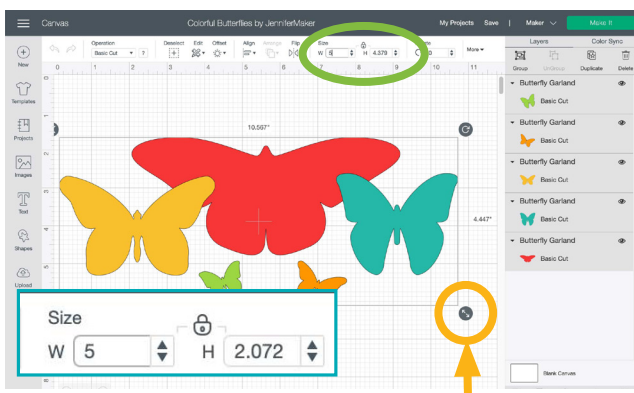


Step 2: Note the size at the top of the window (it also appears above and to the right of the selection itself.)



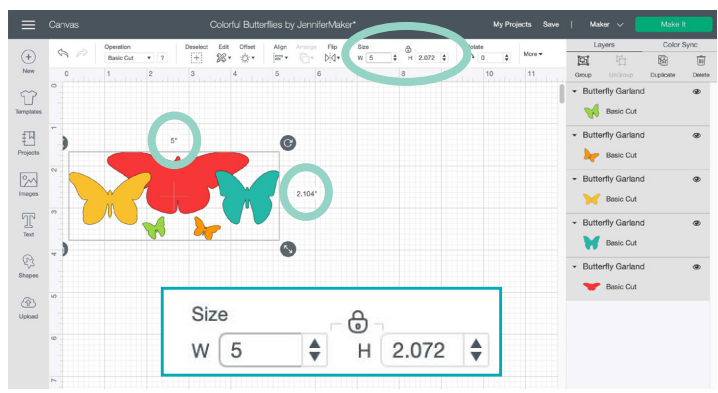
To determine if the sizing is right, compare it to the sizing in the original instructions or tutorial. If no sizing is provided, you'll have to use your best judgment. Here's how to resize a project:

Step 3: Be sure the lock icon indicates it is locked, then type the proper size in either the W or H field at the top of the screen.



You can also resize images using the resize icon in the lower right corner of a selection box. Just click, hold, and drag to resize.

The entire selected image(s) is resized and retains its proportions.



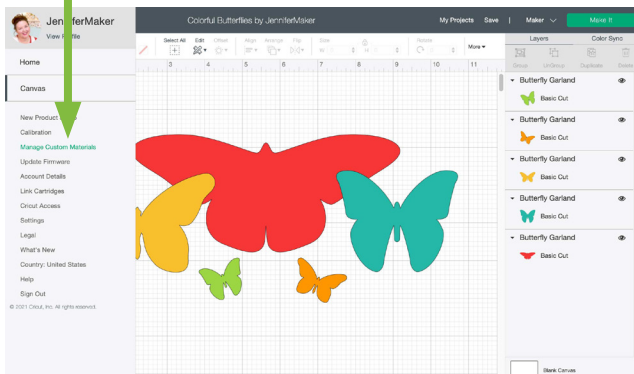
Note that Cricut Design Space may automatically resize any SVG file that measures over 23.5" (either wide or high) down to 23.5" on its longest side, and there is no notification that an image was resized. So if you ever place an image on your canvas and notice that one side measures exactly 23.5", that is a strong indicator that your image has been resized.

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/butterflies>

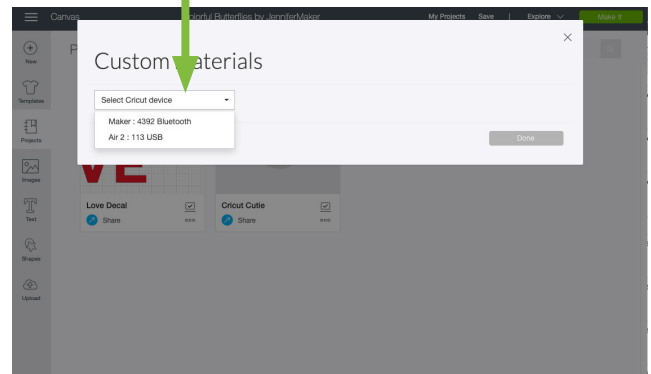
HOW TO USE AND MODIFY CUSTOM MATERIALS SETTINGS

You can use and modify settings for MANY materials using the Custom Materials settings in Design Space. Here's how you access and change them:

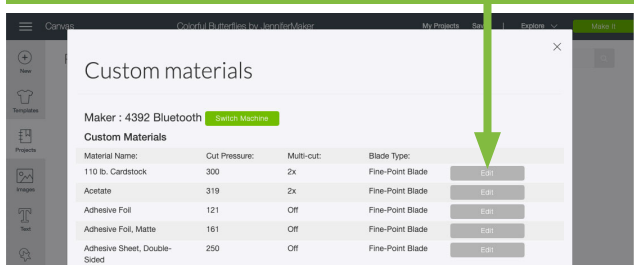
Step 1: Click the icon with **three lines** in the upper left corner and select **Manage Custom Materials**.



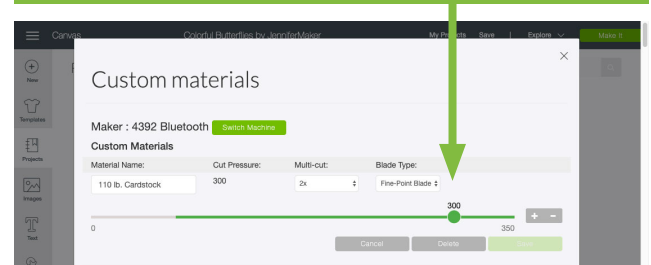
Step 2: If prompted, select your Cricut and click **Done**. Give it some time to load your settings.



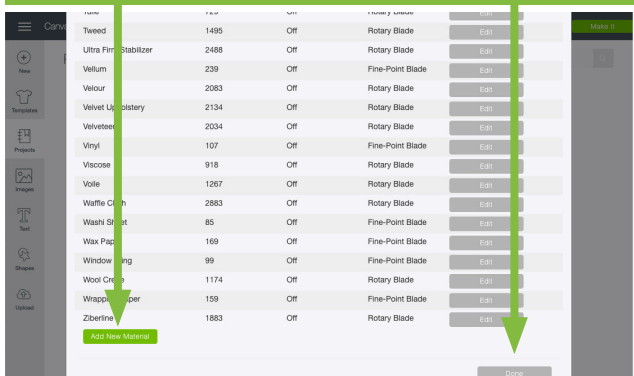
Step 3: Scroll through the list of materials, find one you want to edit, and click the **Edit** button next to it.



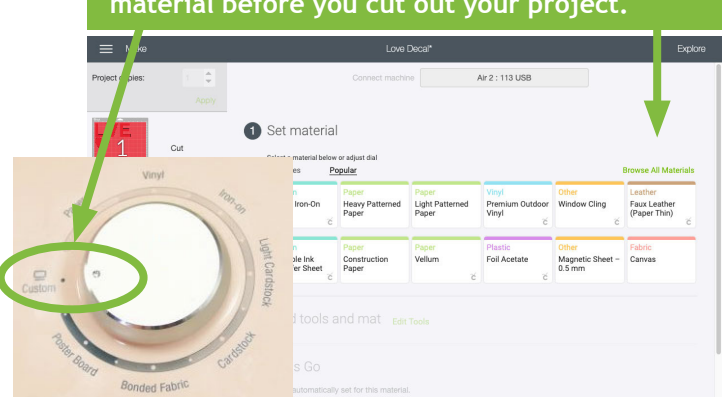
Step 4: Change your settings as needed. Usually, I just increase the pressure with the slider. When done, click **Save**.



Step 5: If you want to create an entirely new custom material, click **Add New Material**, enter settings, and click **Save**. Then click **Done**. You may need to experiment to get it just right.



Step 6: Explore One, Air, and Air 2 machine owners must set their dial to Custom (Joy, Explore 3, and Makers are on Custom by default), and then you can choose your custom material before you cut out your project.



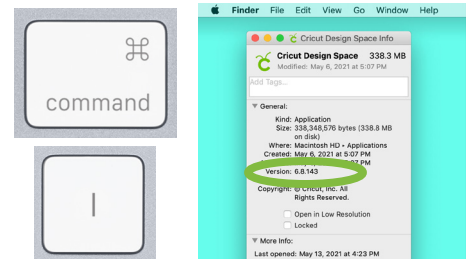


HOW TO GET NEW UPDATES ON MAC

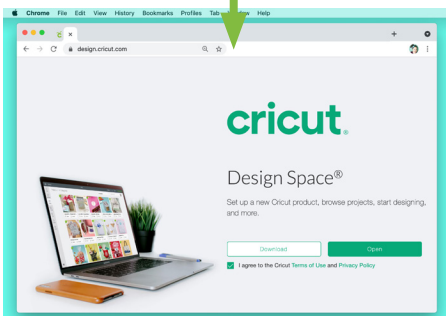
Cricut Design Space updates often and changes are rolled out to groups of users in phases rather than all at once to make sure the updates go smoothly. Updates may happen automatically upon launching the app, or if the app is open when the update is detected, you will be prompted to update your application—if this happens, save your work and accept the update.

If you are ever unsure if you have the latest version of the app, go to the Release Notes at jennifermaker.com/cricut-release-notes, check the latest version, and compare it to yours. Here's how you can download the latest version of the Cricut app:

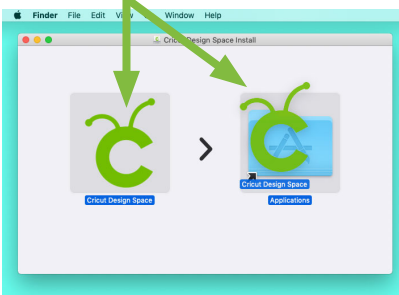
Tip: To check the version, click the Design Space icon in the Applications folder, then press **Command + I**



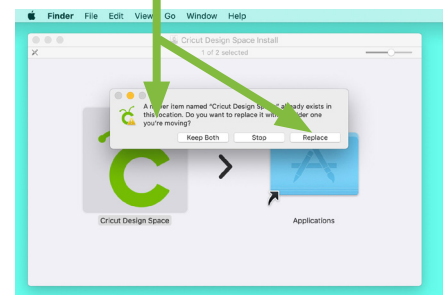
Step 1: Download the installer at design.cricut.com



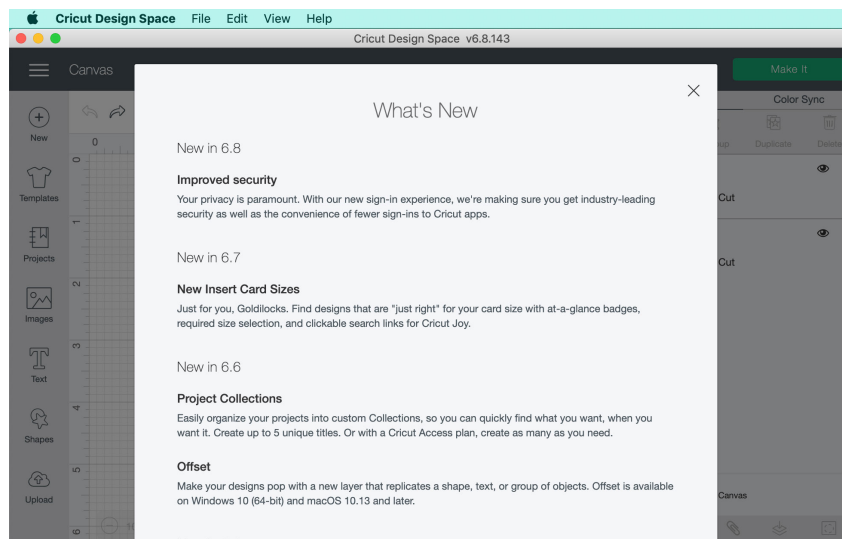
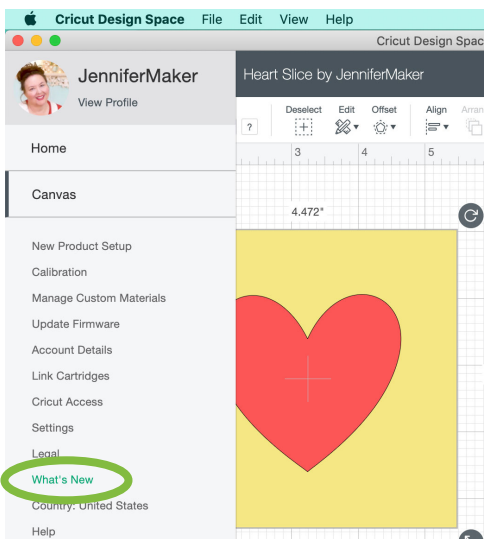
Step 2: Open the downloaded file and drag (click, hold, & move) the Cricut icon over the folder, then let go of the mouse.



Step 3: Click **Replace** when you are asked if you want to replace it with the one you are moving.



To see what new features are available to you, go to the menu in the upper left and choose **What's New** or go to jennifermaker.com/cricut-release-notes.



UPDATE APP (MAC)

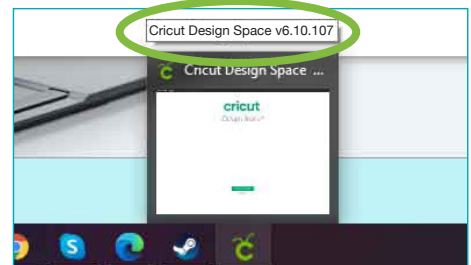


HOW TO GET NEW UPDATES ON PC

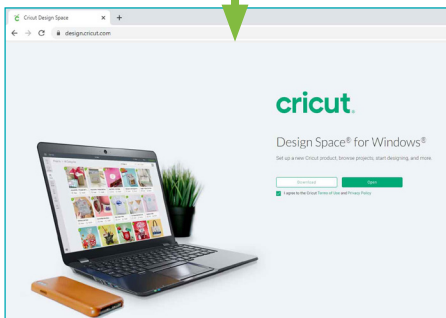
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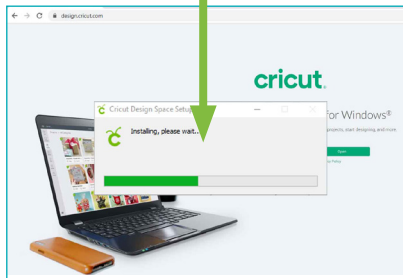
Tip: To check the version, hover over the Design Space icon in the Taskbar when it's running.



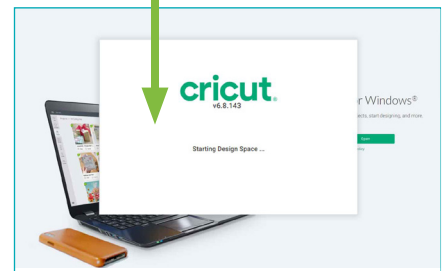
Step 1: Download the installer at design.cricut.com



Step 2: Open the downloaded file to install it and give it time to install. It is fine to replace it if you are asked.

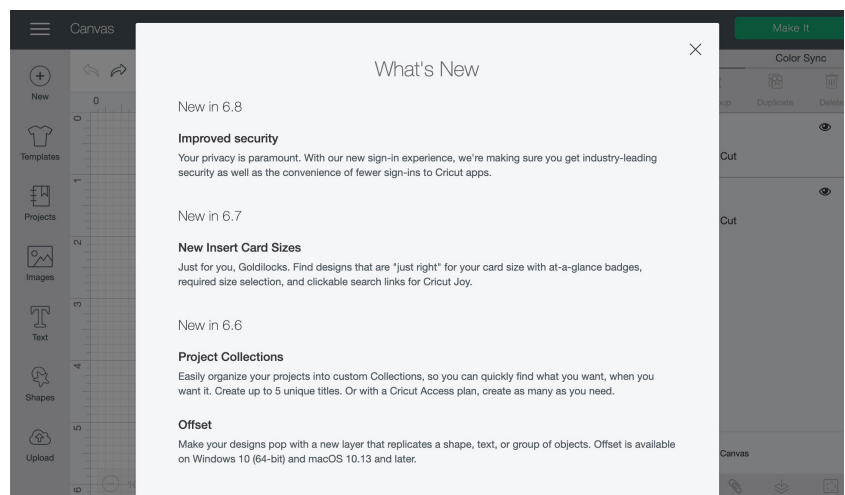
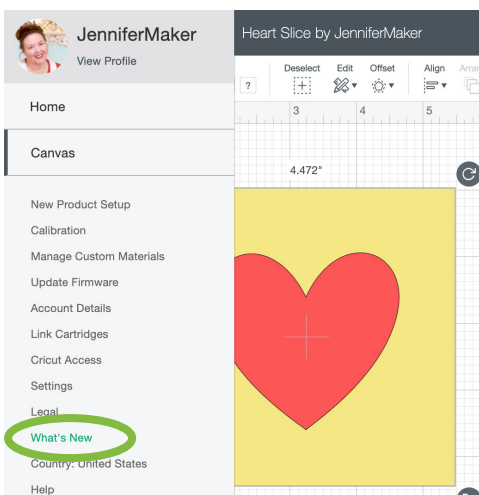


Step 3: Open the update Design Space. You will not lose access to any of your images or fonts.



UPDATE APP (PC)

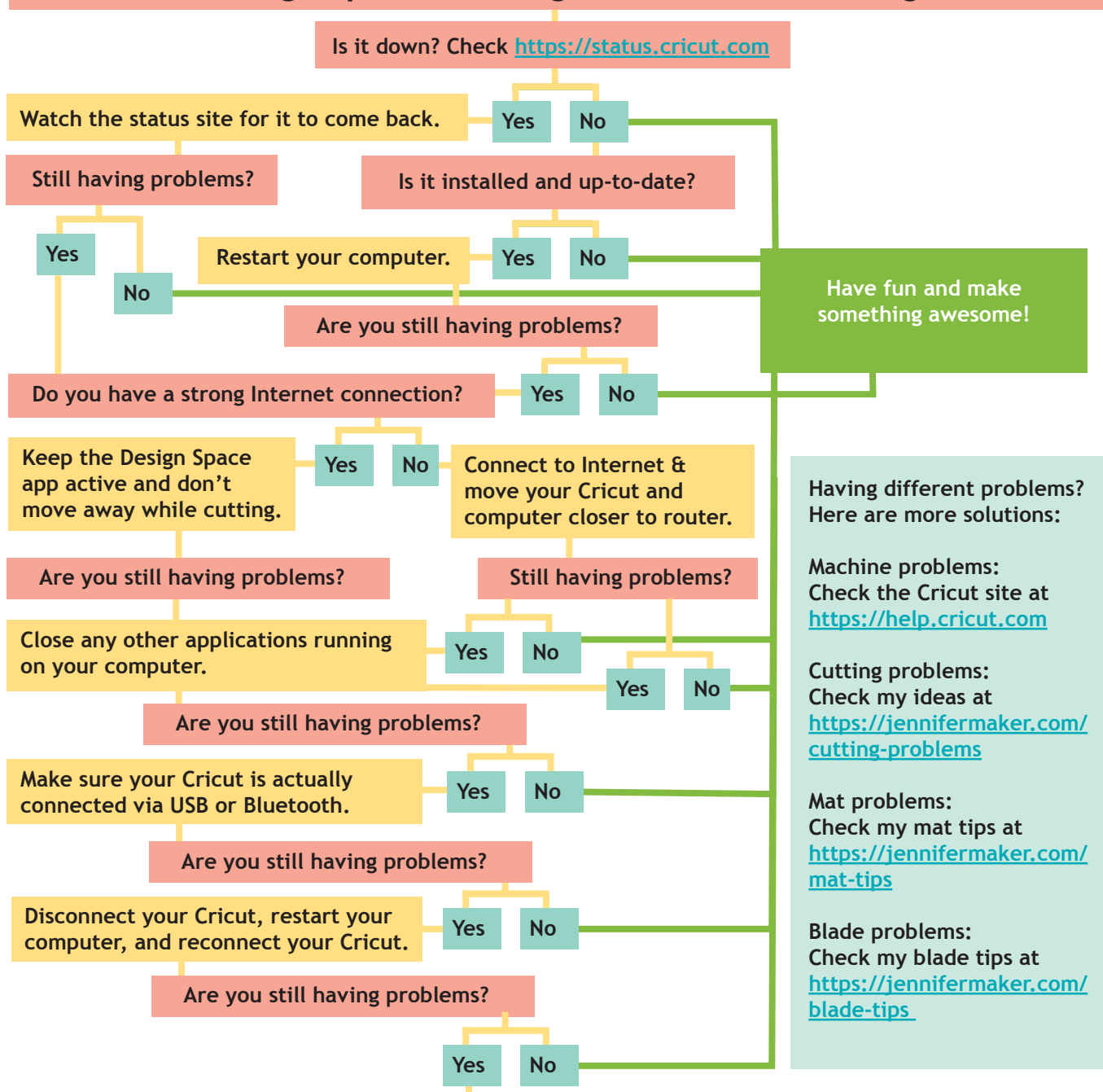
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HOW TO TROUBLESHOOT DESIGN SPACE PROBLEMS

Your ability and willingness to troubleshoot problems is a high factor in your success with your Cricut (and really, most things in life). Problems happen, but you CAN solve them. Here are the steps I take when I encounter problems with Cricut Design Space:

Cricut Design Space is acting weird or not working at all.



Having different problems? Here are more solutions:

Machine problems:
Check the Cricut site at <https://help.cricut.com>

Cutting problems:
Check my ideas at <https://jennifermaker.com/cutting-problems>

Mat problems:
Check my mat tips at <https://jennifermaker.com/mat-tips>

Blade problems:
Check my blade tips at <https://jennifermaker.com/blade-tips>

Contact Cricut Member Care at <https://help.cricut.com>. I recommend the Chat option when available—you can also call during open hours or email them at anytime. Cricut Member Care is very helpful!

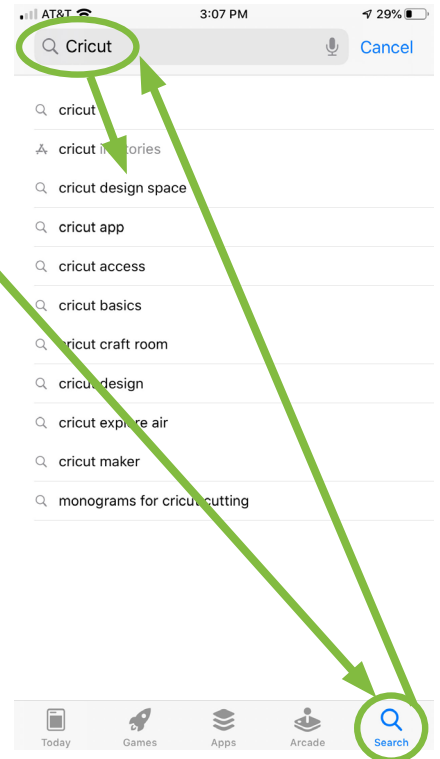


HOW TO INSTALL CRICUT DESIGN SPACE

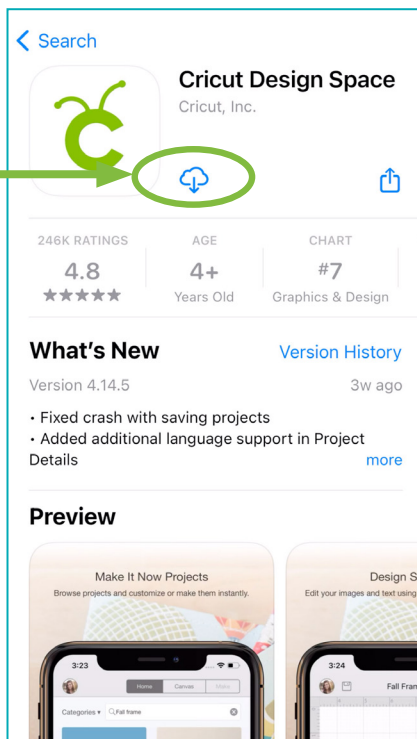
Step 1: Connect your iPhone or iPad to the Internet through WiFi or Cellular Data and tap the **App Store** icon on your iPhone or iPad.



Step 2: Tap the **Search** icon and type in Cricut, then tap **Cricut Design Space**.



Step 3: Tap **Download** to download and install Cricut Design Space.

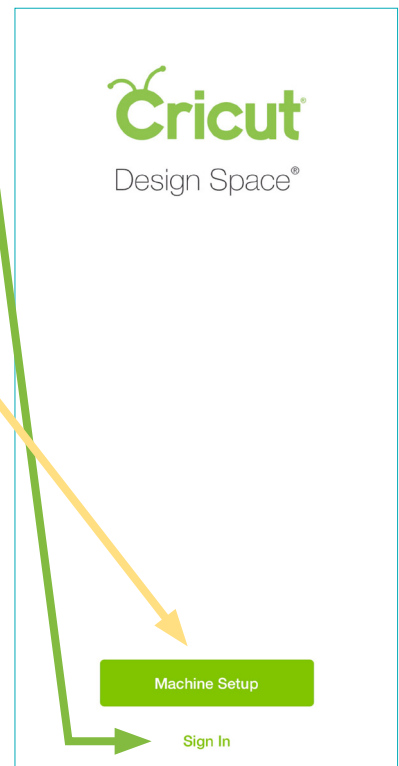


If you already have Cricut Design Space installed, you'll see a blue **Open** button to tap.

OPEN

Step 4: If prompted, sign in with your Cricut account email and password.

Note: If this is your first time using Design Space, click here to create a free account.

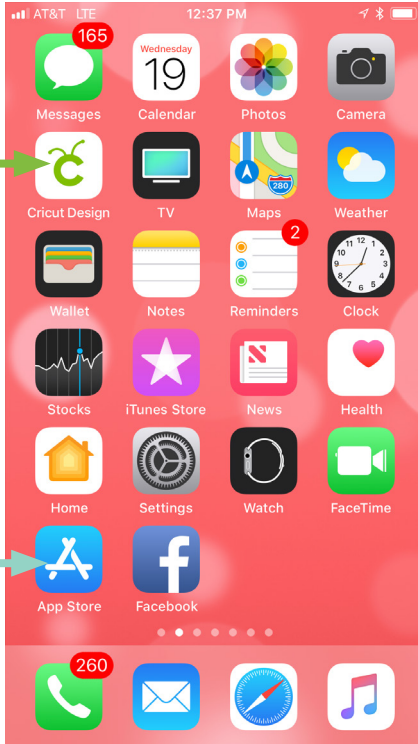


INSTALL IOS APP



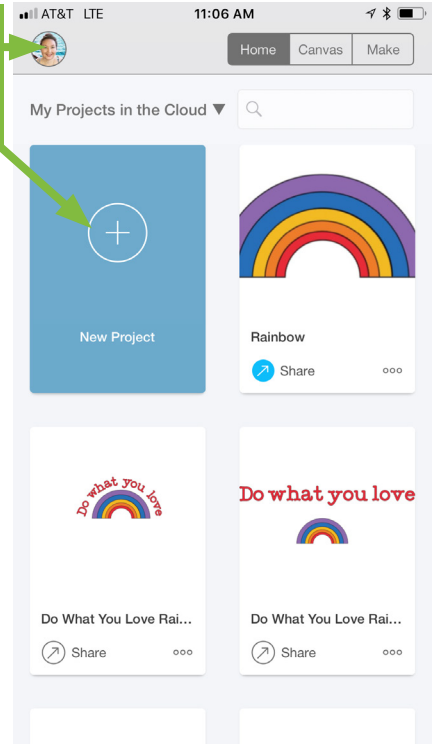
HOW TO OPEN AND START A NEW PROJECT

Step 1: Tap the Cricut Design icon on your device.

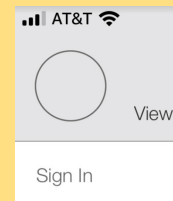


Tip: If this is your first time using Cricut on your device, you'll need to install it first. See page 45 for directions on how to install Cricut Design Space on your iPhone or iPad.

Step 2: Sign in and tap the New Project button

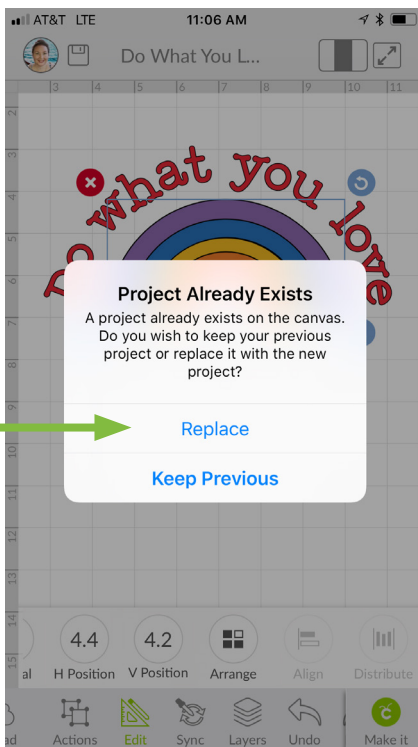


Note: If you see an empty circle in the upper left corner, that means you're not signed in. Tap the circle to sign in!

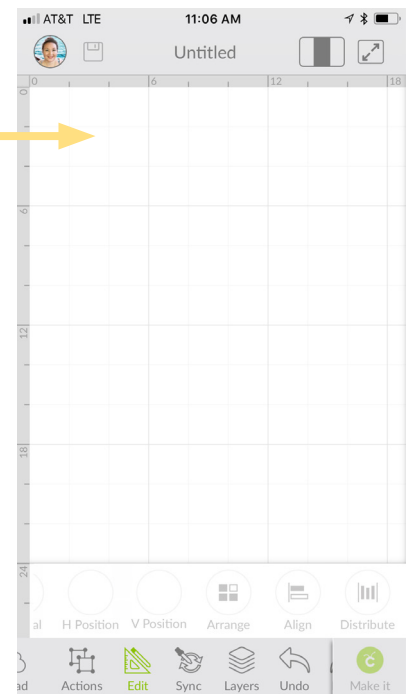


Note: If you don't see any of your saved projects, it may be because you're not signed in. You can get signed out when you update your app, too!

Step 3: If you see this message, it means you left something on your canvas the last time you used the app. So either tap **Keep Previous** (if you want to see what you left there) or tap **Replace** for a new, blank canvas.



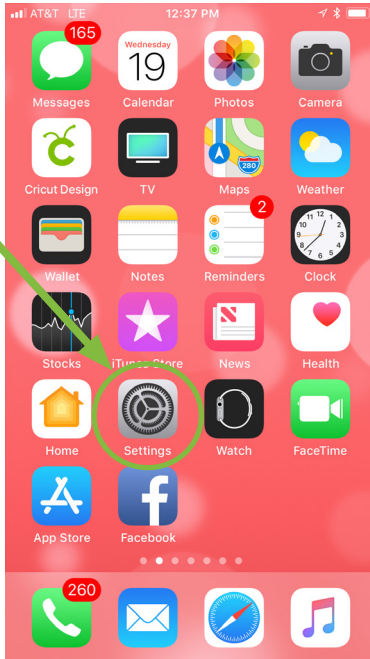
You will get a new canvas, ready for you to add images, shapes, text, and projects!



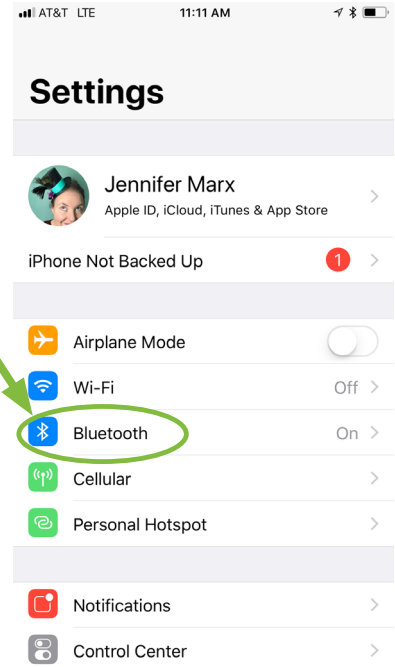


HOW TO CONNECT IOS TO CRICUT VIA BLUETOOTH

Step 1: Tap the **Settings** app.

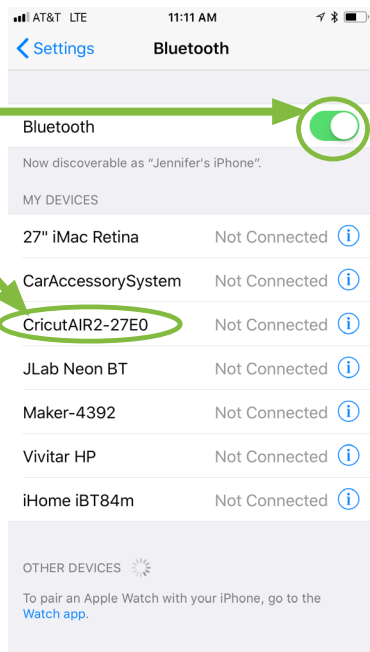


Step 2: Tap **Bluetooth**.

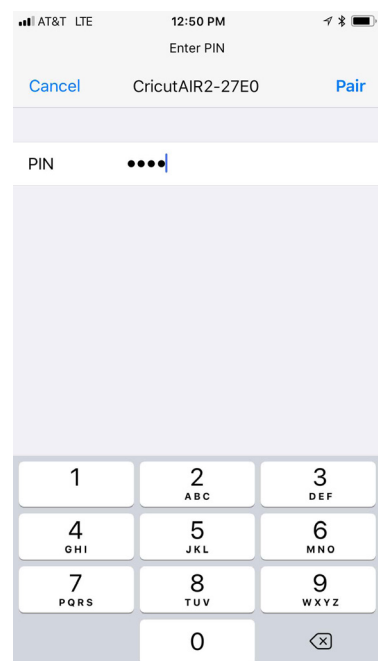


Note: Your Cricut must be within 10-15 feet of your device. If you need to use a Wireless Bluetooth Adapter, make sure it is inserted.

Step 3: Turn on Bluetooth if it is off, then look for Cricut in this list and tap it. If you do not see it listed, make sure your Cricut is turned on and no other Bluetooth device is connecting to it.



Step 4: If you get a pairing request, type **0000** (that's four zeros) as the passcode and tap **Pair**.



Once connected, you can go to the Cricut Design Space app and send projects to your Cricut machine.

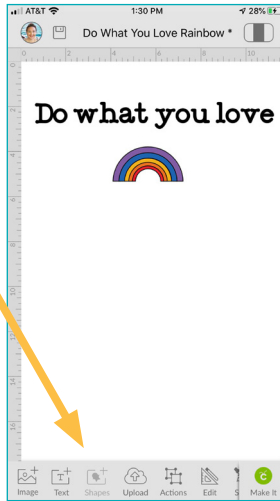
CONNECT VIA BLUETOOTH



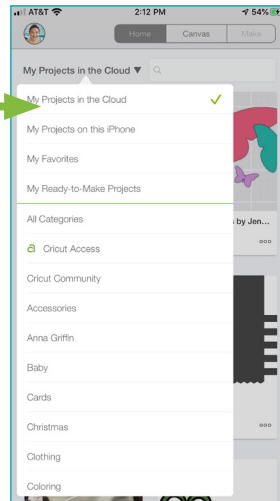
HOW TO FIX MISSING OPTIONS (REINSTALL THE IOS APP)

Is your Shapes button grayed out in your Cricut Design Space app? Does something just not seem right? If so, you may need to delete and reinstall the app to get things back to working order. Here's how to do it:

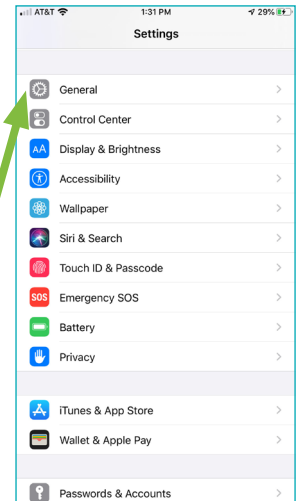
The Shapes button is grayed out and cannot be tapped.



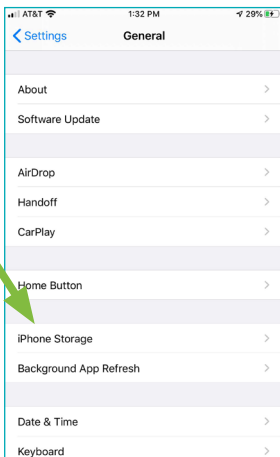
Step 1: Make sure all of your projects are saved to the Cloud, not just your iPhone or iPad.



Step 2: Go to your Home screen, tap Settings, then tap General.



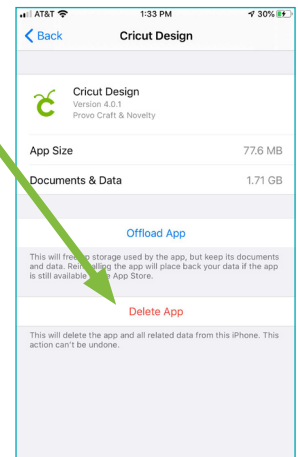
Step 3: Tap iPhone Storage or iPad Storage, based on which device you have.



Step 4: Locate the Cricut Design app and tap it.

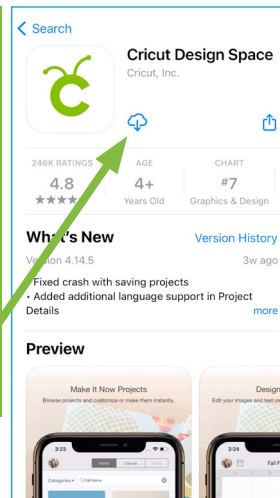


Step 5: Tap Delete App.

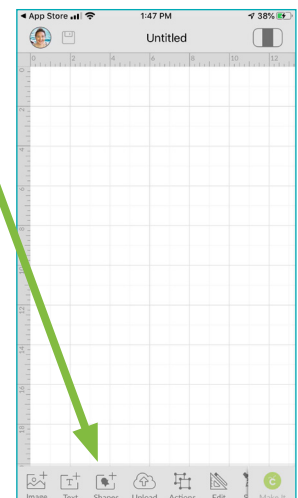


Step 6: Do a **hard reset** (force restart) of your iPad or iPhone. This is NOT the same as turning your device on and off. How you do a hard reset depends on your iPhone or iPad model. Get directions on Google or at jennifermaker.com/hardresetiphone or jennifermaker.com/hardresetipad

Step 7: Tap the App Store icon, search for Cricut Design Space, and tap this icon.



Step 8: Tap open Cricut Design Space and your missing options will be back.



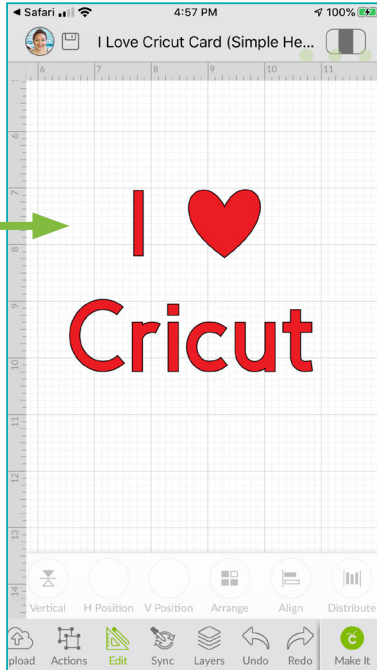
FIX MISSING OPTIONS



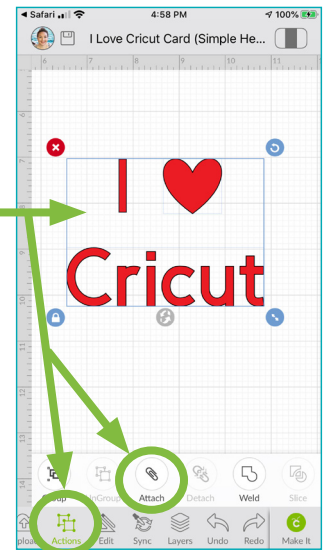
HOW TO ATTACH TO KEEP THINGS TOGETHER

Did you tap Make It and find all of your elements re-ordered and out of place? Fix this and keep everything exactly where you want with the ATTACH button. Use Attach to hold your cuts in the same position relative to each other on the cutting mat. The Attach feature also helps you affix a write or score layer to a cut layer.

Step 1: Add all of your elements to the Cricut Design Space app on your iOS device, including text, SVG designs, score lines, write lines, etc.



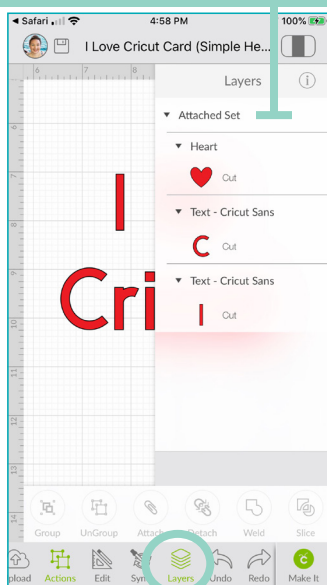
Step 2: Tap and drag a selection box around all of the images you want to attach together, tap on **Actions** at the bottom of the screen, then tap **Attach**.



Note that attached layers will take on the same color. So only attach layers that you really want to be the same color!

Tip: If you are having a problem attaching layers, try ungrouping layers first.

You can verify that your images are attached by tapping **Layers** and noting that they are now labeled "Attached Set."



Score lines must be attached with the appropriate cut layer in order for them to score on the right layer, as shown below.



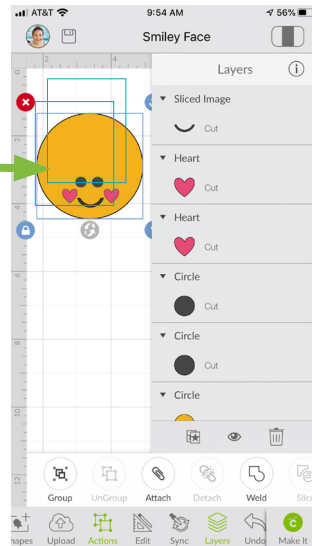
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HOW TO GROUP AND UNGROUP

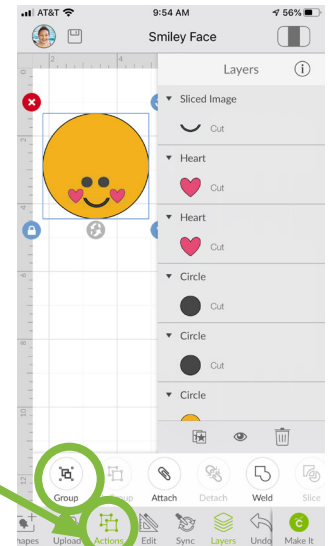
Grouping lets you keep objects together in your design but not necessarily on your mat (you still need to use the Attach function to keep things together on the mat). Sometimes projects and uploaded images will be grouped when you open/insert them, and you'll need to ungroup them so you can make changes.

HOW TO GROUP:

Step 1: Tap **Layers** and select each layer you want to group together. Alternatively, you can tap and drag a rectangle to select objects.



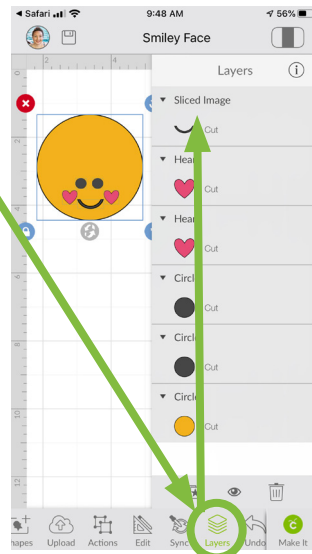
Step 2: With all objects you want to be in a group selected (layers turn gray when they are selected), tap **Actions** in the bottom toolbar then tap the **Group** button.



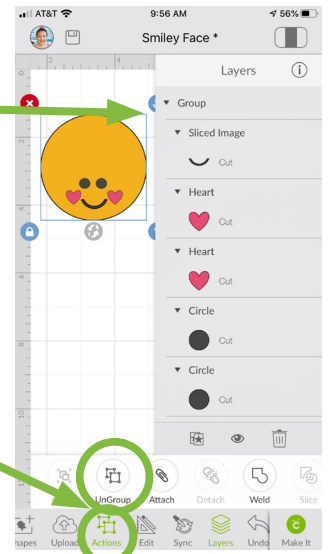
Tip: Once your objects group, they will be nested under a new line item in your Layers panel called "Group."

HOW TO UNGROUP:

Step 1: To ungroup, tap the **Layers** button in the bottom toolbar and look for the word **Group**. (Hint: There may be more than one!)



Step 2: Tap the layer titled **Group** in the Layers panel to select it, then tap the **Actions** button and tap the **Ungroup** button.



You often need to ungroup before you can attach objects. Sometimes, a project or image set has multiple groups. So if you want to attach and have an issue, look for ALL groups and ungroup them first.



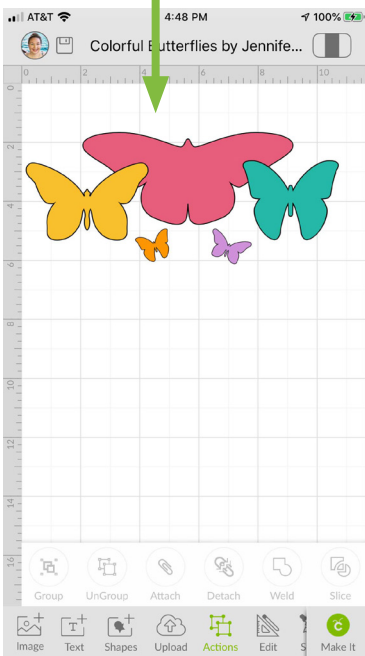
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HOW TO WELD

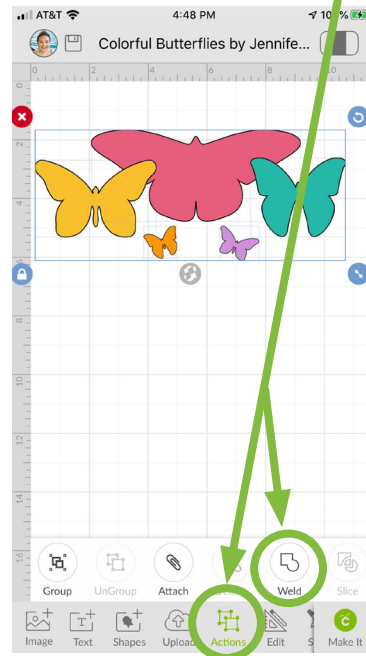
Need to join elements to create a new image? Do it with the Weld tool! The Weld tool can simplify a design, keep the letters of a word connected, and combine shapes to create new designs.

Step 1: Insert any images you want to weld onto your Canvas.



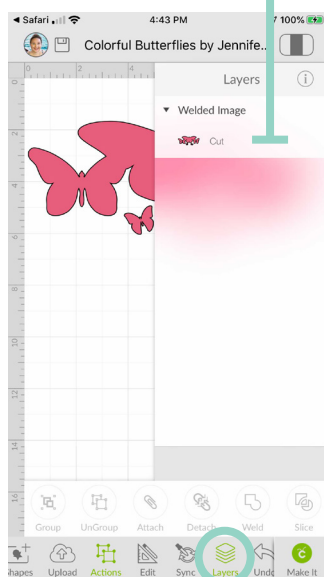
Note: If you are trying to create a single image with Weld, make sure all elements are overlapping.

Step 2: Tap and drag a selection box around all of the images you want to weld together, tap on **Actions** at the bottom of the screen, then tap **Weld**.

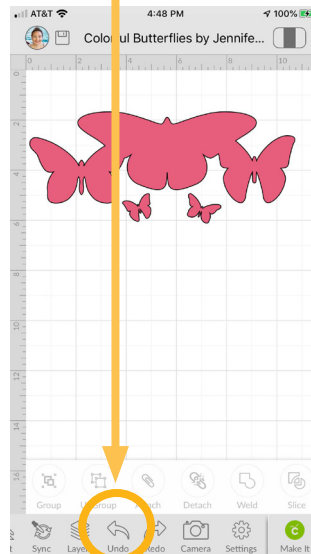


Tip: You can select items within groups to weld by tapping on their names in the Layers panel.

Once your images weld, they will change to the same color and a new image appears in the Layers panel.



Note: You can unweld **ONLY** if it is the current project on your Canvas and you recently welded it. If so, tap **Undo** until you unweld the image(s).



Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/butterflies>

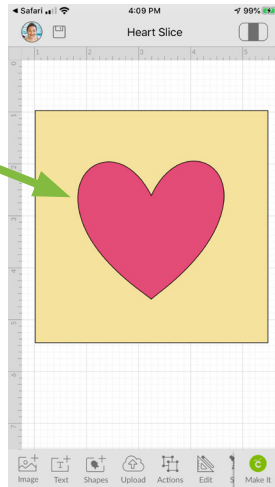
WELD



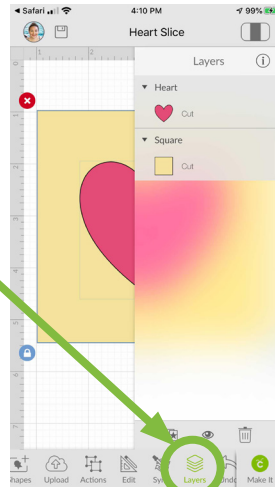
HOW TO SLICE (CUT AN IMAGE OUT OF ANOTHER)

Want to cut out parts or even make your own custom designs? If so, Slice is the tool for you! Slice lets you cut out parts of another object. If you keep slicing, you can make some pretty amazing designs!

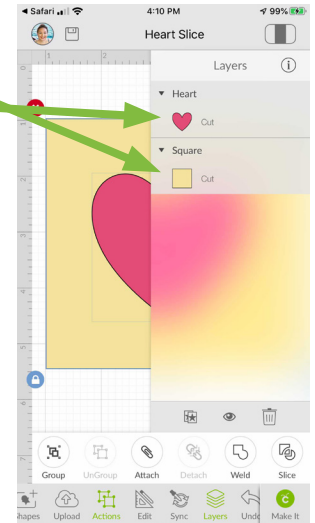
Step 1: Insert your images onto your Canvas so that they are overlapping.



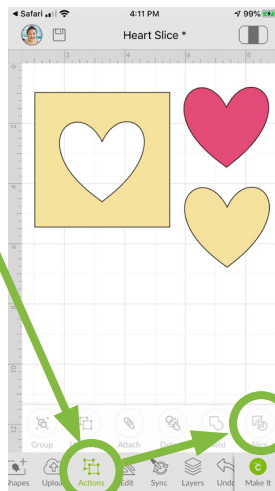
Step 2: Tap the Layers icon to open the Layers panel.



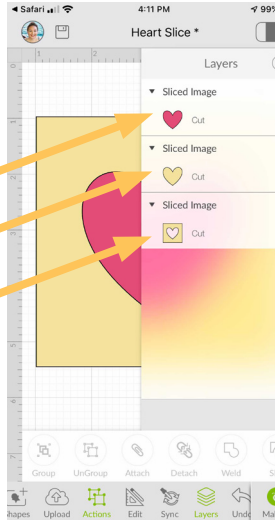
Step 3: Select the layers you want to slice (tap each layer at the same time to select both).



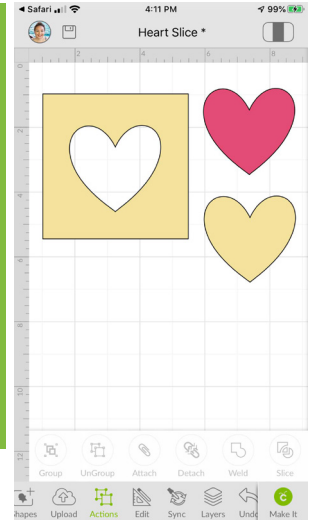
Step 4: Tap Actions, then tap Slice.



After you tap Slice, three layers called "Sliced Image" will appear in your Layers panel.



Step 5: Move, hide, or delete the layers you do not want, then you're good to go!



Slice Tips:

- You can slice both images and text.
- You can only Slice with two layers. If you have multiple images you want to Slice out of another, use the Weld tool on the multiple images first.
- Layers in groups can be sliced if you select just the individual layers, not the entire groups.
- If you use Slice with hidden layers, all hidden layers will be removed.
- If text is multi-layered and one layer is hidden, you can use the Slice tool. However, if you ungroup text from its shadow layer, it becomes an image and will no longer work with the Slice tool unless the text is ungrouped to individual letters.



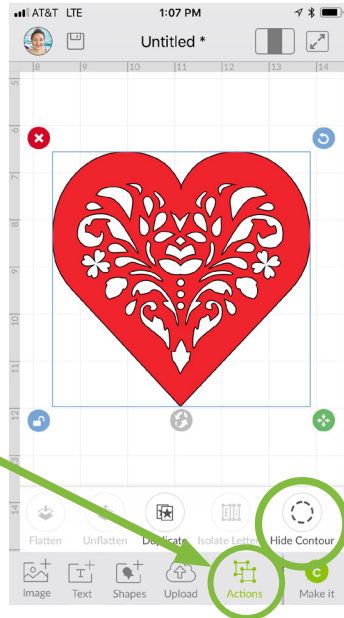
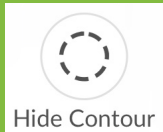
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/heart-slice>



HOW TO REMOVE PARTS WITH CONTOUR

Need to erase parts of an existing design? Don't want that word or that circle, but can't ungroup or hide a layer? Use Contour to remove existing parts from projects.

Step 1: Choose an image with elements you'd like to remove then tap **Actions**, then tap the **Hide Contour** tool in the lower right corner of the app window.



Step 2: Tap on the elements you want to remove. If you want to remove all elements (contours), tap the **Hide Contours** link.

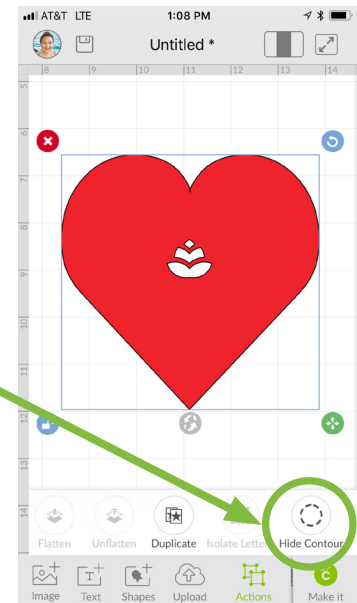


The Contour tool is a great way to modify pre-existing designs to meet your personal needs!

Step 3: Elements that appear darker are those that you'll keep. When your image looks the way you want it to, click the **Hide Contour** icon again in the lower right hand corner to return to your canvas.



Step 4: Confirm that your image looks the way you want it. If you need to make more changes, just click the **Hide Contour** tool again.



Tip: Contour isn't permanent so long as you don't Weld your images! If you decide later you want a Contoured image to go back the way it was, or simply edit it further, all the hidden parts are retained!

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/svg-heart>

CONTOUR (REMOVE BITS)



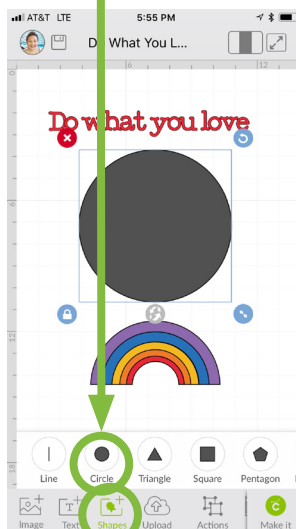
HOW TO CURVE TEXT

CURVE TEXT

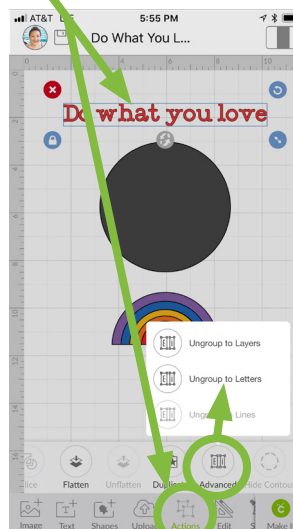
Step 1: Tap the **Text** tool and add some text.



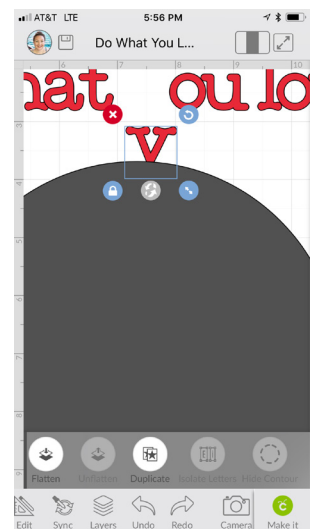
Step 2: Tap **Shapes** then tap **Circle**. Resize the circle to match the curve you want.



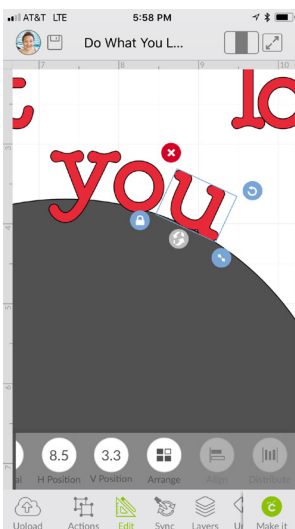
Step 3: Tap the text, tap **Actions**, tap **Advanced**, then tap **Ungroup to Letters**.



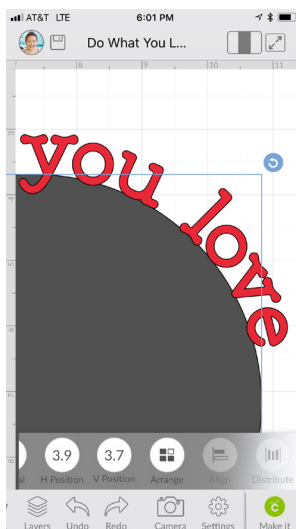
Step 4: Move each letter so it's base lines up with the circle below.



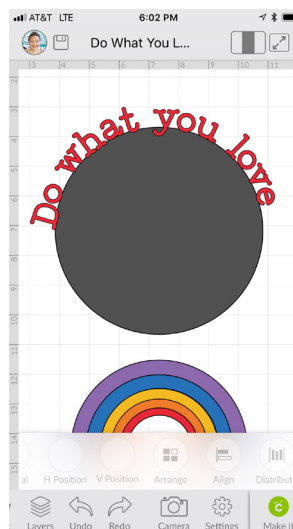
Step 5: As you work, rotate the letters to match the curve of the circle.



Step 6: Keep going until all the text is in position.



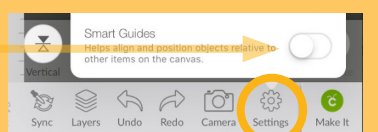
Step 7: Check that your curves look smooth and your words readable.



Step 8: Delete the circle and **group** all letters so they are easy to move around.



Tip: If you have difficulties moving the letters into position, it may be because SmartGuides are turned on. To turn them off, tap **Settings** in the bottom toolbar and toggle off SmartGuides.



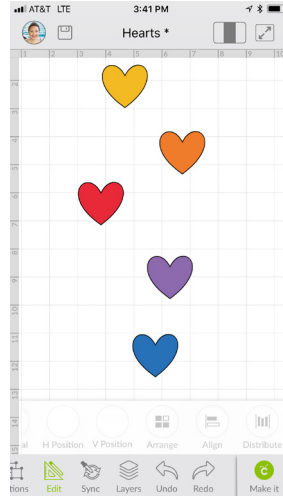
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/rainbow-love>



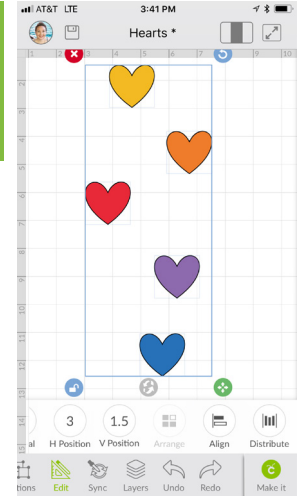
HOW TO ALIGN AND DISTRIBUTE OBJECTS

ALIGN AND DISTRIBUTE

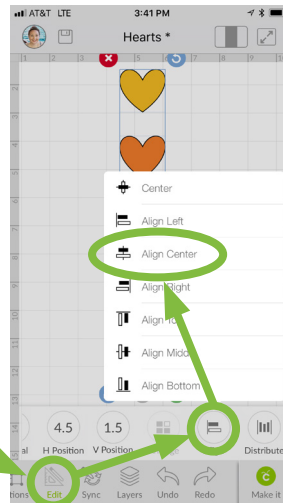
Step 1: Add two or more items to your canvas that you want to align or distribute evenly.



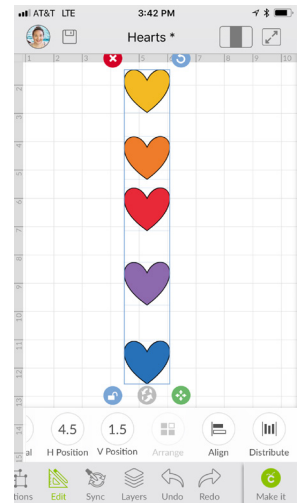
Step 2: Tap and drag a selection box around all items you want to align and/or distribute.



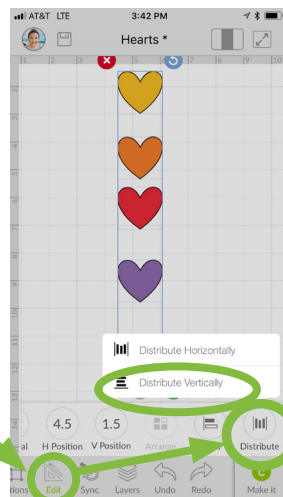
Step 3: Tap on the **Edit** tool in the bottom toolbar, tap **Align**, and tap **Align Center**.



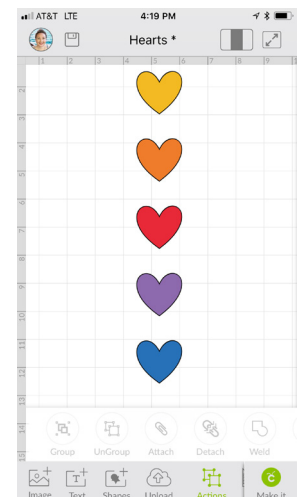
Step 4: All selected items are centered. Now let's space them out evenly.



Step 5: Tap on the **Edit** tool in the bottom toolbar, tap the **Distribute** tool, and choose **Distribute Vertically**.



Step 6: Note that all the hearts are now in a perfect row with the same spacing.



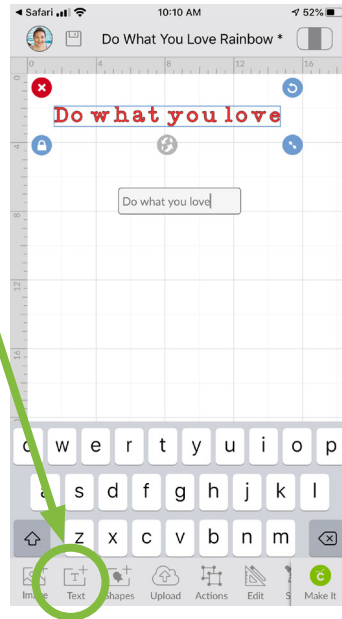
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/five-hearts>



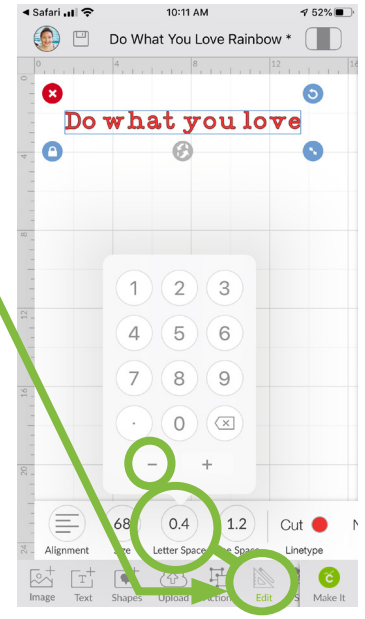
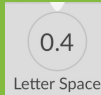
HOW TO CHANGE LETTER SPACE

LETTER SPACE

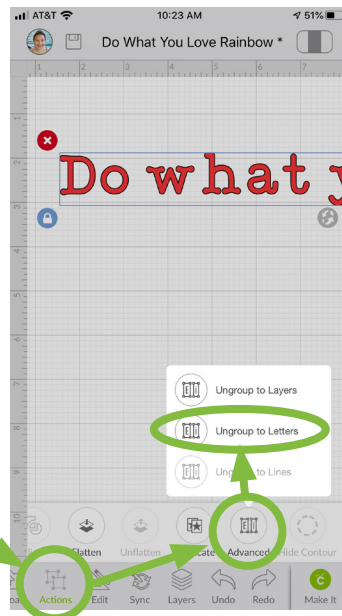
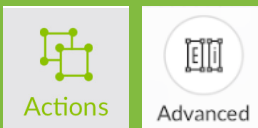
Step 1: Tap the **Text** tool, choose a font, and type something onto the Canvas. Note how the letters are spaced widely apart. Let's fix that.



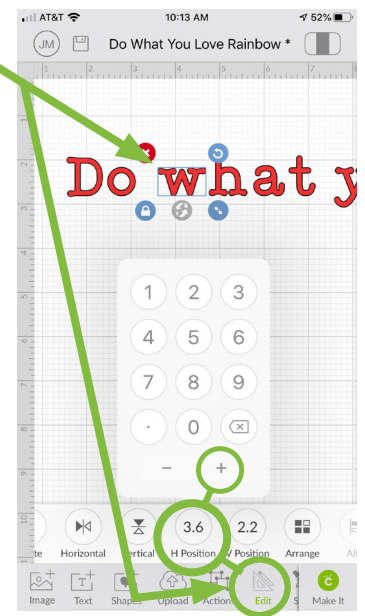
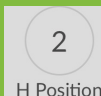
Step 2: Select the text, tap **Edit**, tap **Letter Space**, and tap the minus sign until the letters look better.



Step 3: The letter "w" isn't close enough to the "h" in the example here. Select the text layer, tap **Action**, tap **Advanced**, then tap **Ungroup to Letters**.



Step 4: Select just the letter "w" then tap **Edit**, then tap **H Position**, and tap the + symbol to move it to the right. Now these words are properly spaced.



Tip: When you are done adjusting the letter space, select them all and tap **Group** to keep them together from now on. If you tap **Weld** instead, it will stick them together permanently.

Do what you love

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/rainbow-love>



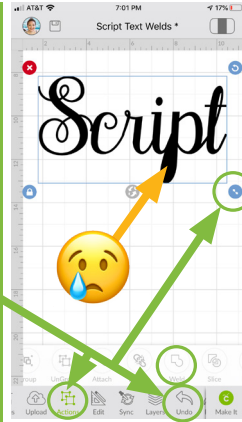
HOW TO WELD TEXT AND KEEP LETTER CENTERS

Welding text can be a little tricky. Typically, you weld script fonts (which can have overlapping letters) so words cut out as single units. Sometimes when you weld, the centers fill in—here's how to fix that:

Step 1: Tap **Text**, type in script text, change your letter spacing so the letters overlap a bit (see page 56), select all, then tap **Actions > Weld**.



Step 2: If you get a center filling in (like the p here), tap **Undo**, then use the **Resize** handle to make your text MUCH larger, then tap **Actions > Weld** again.

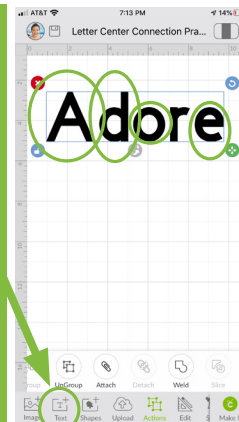


Step 3: Repeat step 2 until you can weld and the letter center does not fill in (you may have to get REALLY big), then resize back down to the right size.

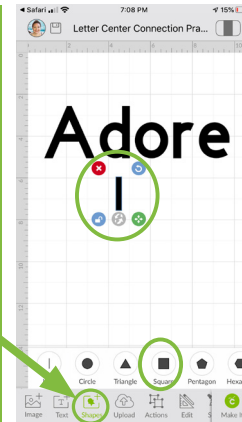


Another thing that can happen with text is that letter centers (the interior white space) can disappear when you cut them out. But you can connect the spaces and keep the centers! Here's how to fix that:

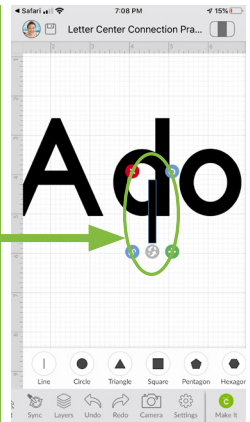
Step 1: Tap **Text**, type text, and look for letters & numbers with interior white space (counters), like A, B, D, O, P, Q, R, a, d, d, e, g, o, p, q and 0, 4, 6, 8, and 9.



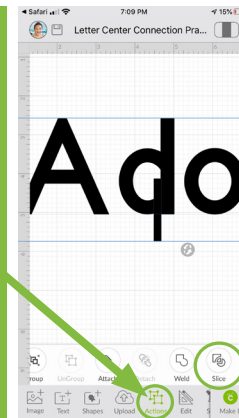
Step 2: Tap **Shapes**, select a **square**, and **Unlock** it and **Resize** it so it forms a rectangle about the width of the letter's strokes.



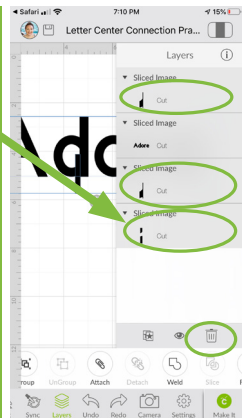
Step 3: Tap and drag the rectangle over a letter with interior white space so it's connecting the space inside to the space outside, like this:



Step 4: Select the word and the rectangle, then tap **Actions > Slice**.



Step 5: Delete all layers except the layer with the word in it.



Repeat steps 2-5 for all letters as needed.

Adore



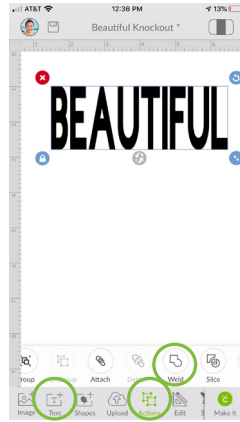
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/script-text> and <https://jennifermaker.com/adore-text>



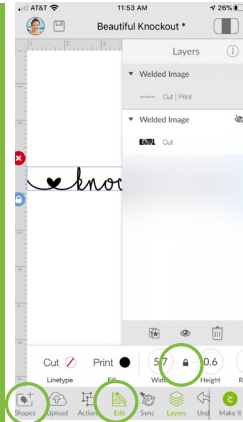
HOW TO KNOCKOUT TEXT

Knockouts are a popular decorative effect. It's not currently possible to do them completely within Design Space for iOS, but here is a workaround until the day that (hopefully) the offset feature is added:

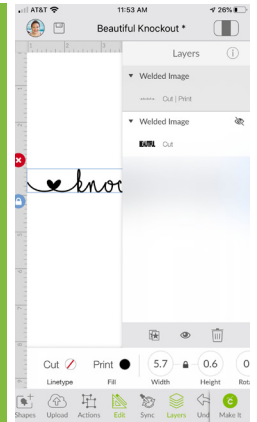
Step 1: Tap **Text**, type your main word in a bold chunky font like **Cricut Sans Bold**. Unlock it, resize it to make it taller, and tap **Actions** > **Weld**.



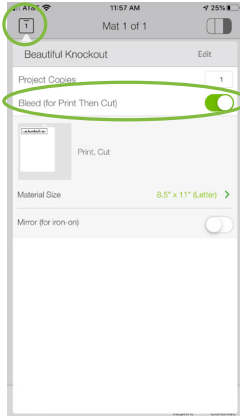
Step 2: Tap **Text** again, type an accent word in script font (i.e., **I Love Glitter**). Adjust letters as needed, unlock it, resize it, and tap **Actions** > **Weld**.



Step 3: Tap **Layers**, tap the main word layer and tap the **Eye** icon to hide it. Tap the accent word layer, tap **Edit**, tap the **Fill** menu, and tap **Print**.



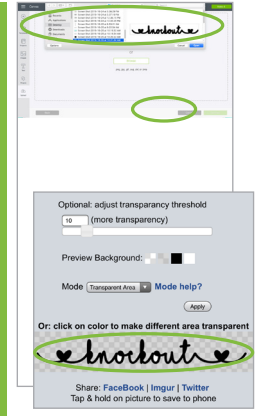
Step 4: Tap **Make It**, tap the **Mat Icon** in the upper left, make sure **Bleed** is toggled on, then tap the **Mat Icon** again.



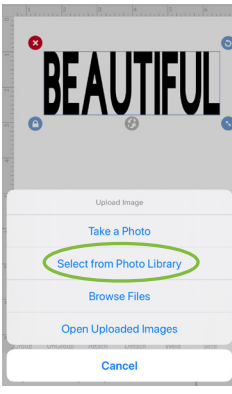
Step 5: Take a screen shot of the Print screen, crop it so you see only the knockout text, and save it to your photos.



Step 6: Go to **Safari**, visit **lunapic.com**, tap **Upload**, find your image, tap **Transparency** to make it transparent, press & hold the image, and tap **Add to Photos**.



Step 7: Return to Design Space, tap **Cancel** until you're back to your Canvas, tap **Upload**, tap **Select from Photo Library**, tap **Recents**, and tap the image.



Step 8: Verify that your image has a transparent background, and tap **Next**. Then tap **Cut Image**, type in a name, and tap **Save**.



Step 9: Insert the knockout, resize it to match your accent word, unhide your main word, position the knockout over your main word, select both layers, and tap **Actions** > **Slice**.



Step 10: Delete the three sliced layers (leaving the main word layer), tap and drag the accent word inside the empty space sliced out of the main word, with the accent word selected tap **Edit** > **Fill** menu and change it to **No Fill**, tap the color box to change the accent word color if desired, and tap **Make It!**

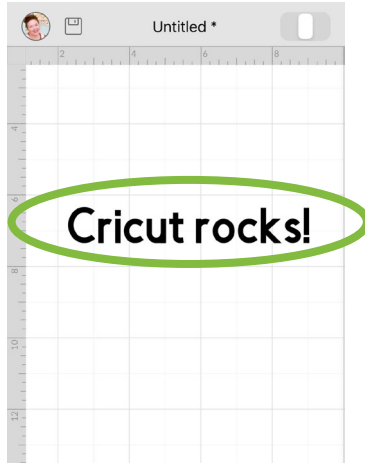


Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/beautiful-knockout>

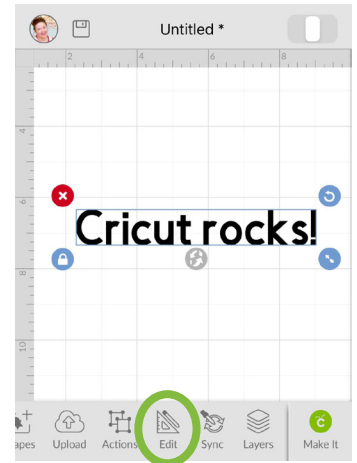


HOW TO CHANGE THE FONT FOR EXISTING TEXT

Step 1: Open your project and tap the text you want to change the font for. You can either tap the text itself on the canvas, or tap the text line in the Layers panel.



Step 2: Tap the **Edit** button at the bottom.

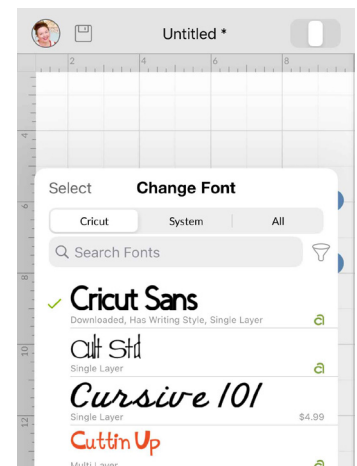


Step 3: Tap the **Font Name** menu in the lower left corner.

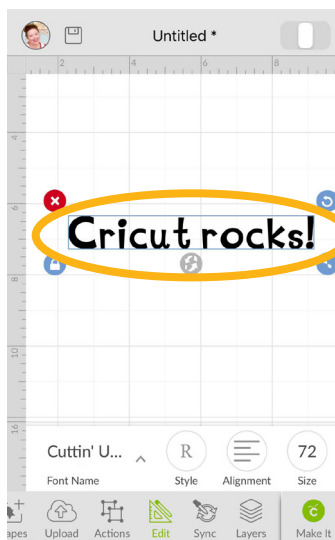
Font Name



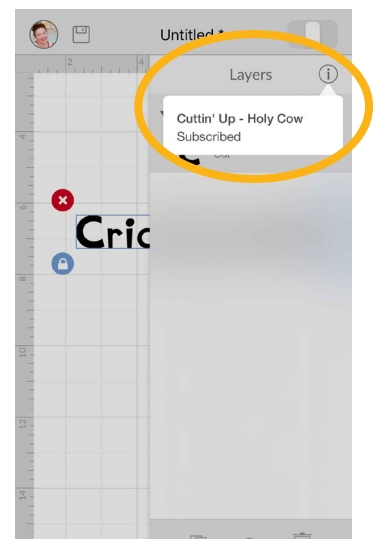
Step 4: Choose a new font from the pop-up menu.



Your font changes!



You can always see what font is used in a layer by tapping the **Layers** panel and then tapping the information button (i) – this information is provided even if you weld the font.

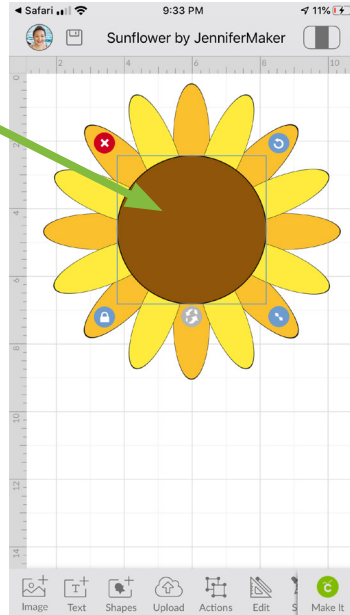


Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/cricut-rocks>

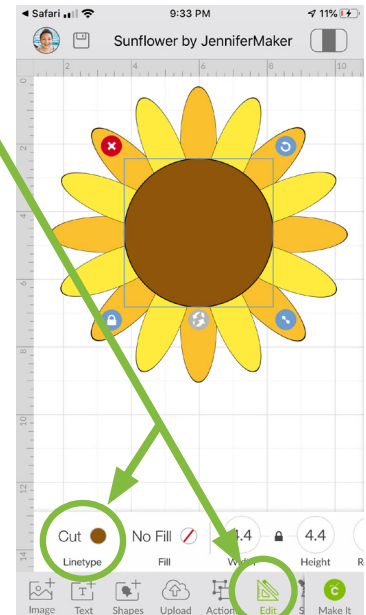


HOW TO CHANGE COLORS

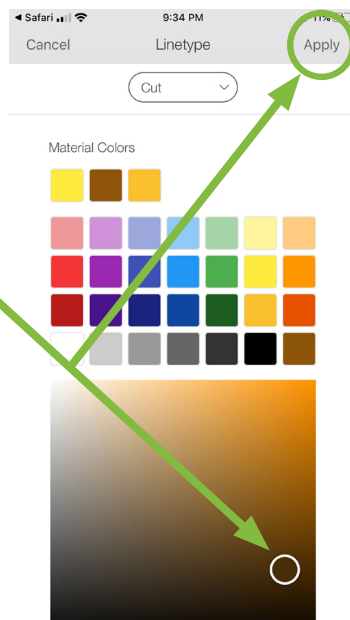
Step 1: Select (tap) the layer you want to change, like the center of this flower.



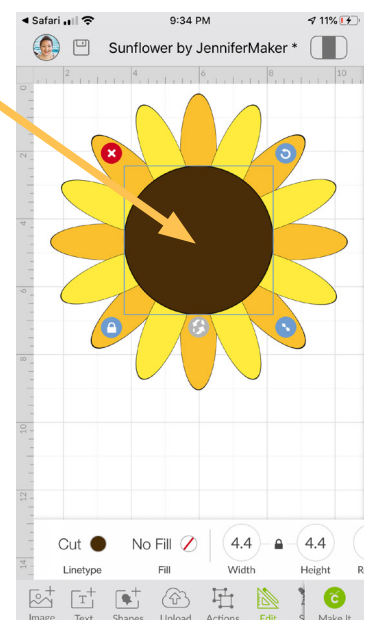
Step 2: Tap **Edit** then tap the circle above the Linetype option.



Step 3: Select (tap) the color you want. If you don't see the color you want, you can choose any custom color in the color picker below it. When done, tap **Apply**.



Your object changes to the color you selected!



CHANGE COLORS

Note that you cannot set pattern fills in the iOS version of Cricut Design Space. If you need to set pattern fills, use a desktop or laptop to access Cricut Design Space and see directions on page 21.

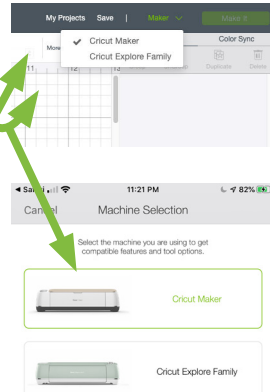
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/sunflower-colors>



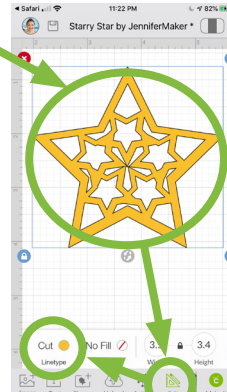
HOW TO CHANGE LINETYPE AND TOOLS

The Linetype menu lets you change the tool for a layer. Choices for the Joy are Cut (default) and Draw. The Cricut Explore adds Score. The Cricut Maker adds Engrave, Deboss, Wave, and Perf. You will only see the Maker linetype choices if you've set your machine to Maker. (Note: You cannot use the Knife or Foil Transfer tools with the iOS app.) Here's how to set your machine and change the linetype.

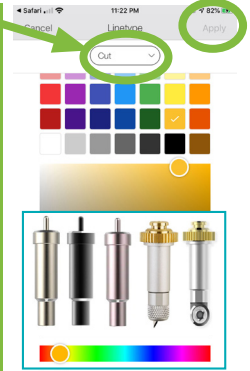
Step 1: Tap the **circle menu** in the upper left, tap **Machine Selection**, then tap your **Cricut**.



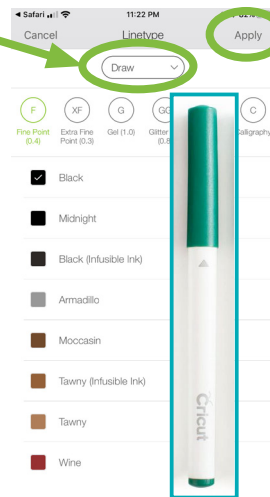
Step 2: Tap a layer, then tap **Edit**, then tap **Linetype**.



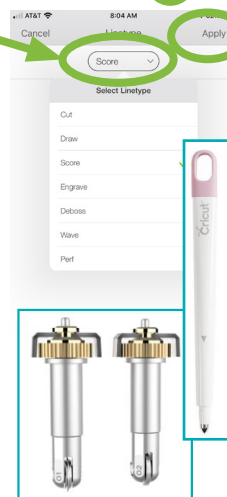
Tap **Cut** then **Apply** to use the fine point, deep cut, fabric, or rotary (Maker only) blades. You cannot use the knife blade with the iOS version.



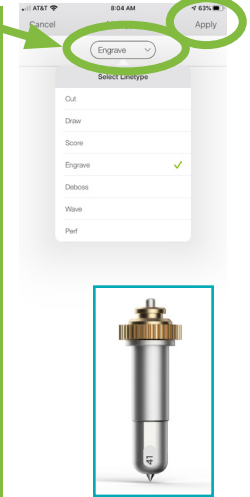
Tap **Draw** then **Apply** to set a layer to write with pens and markers. You can choose the color and thickness, too.



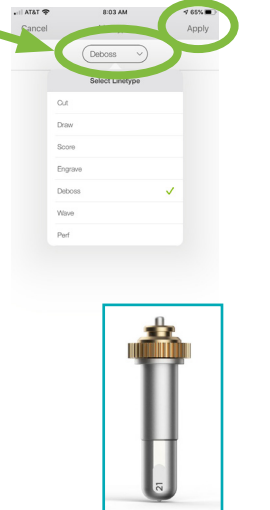
Tap **Score** then **Apply** to set a layer score with the Stylus (Maker or Explore) or Scoring Wheel Tools (Maker only).



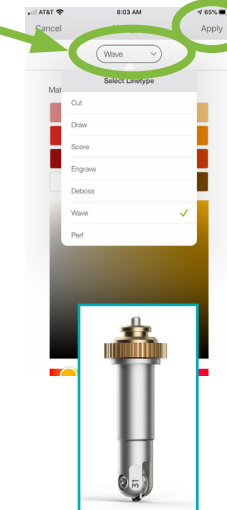
Tap **Engrave** then **Apply** to set a layer to use the Engraving Tool (Maker only).



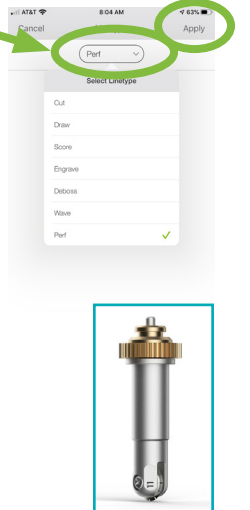
Tap **Deboss** then **Apply** to set a layer to use the Debossing Tool (Maker only).



Tap **Wave** then **Apply** to set a layer to use the Wavy Edge Tool (Maker only).



Tap **Perf** then **Apply** to set a layer to use the Perforation Blade Tool (Maker only).



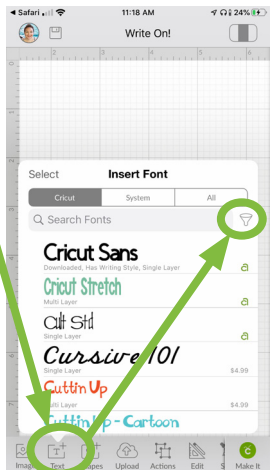
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/starry-star>



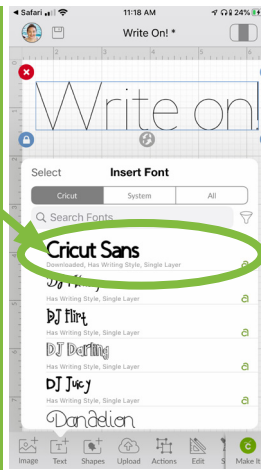
HOW TO SET TEXT TO WRITE WITH A PEN

You can insert a Cricut pen or marker into any Cricut Explore or Maker machine and have it draw with it, and many crafters like to use this feature with a writing font to mimic handwriting. Here's how to choose a good font that looks like handwriting and set it to Draw in Cricut Design Space:

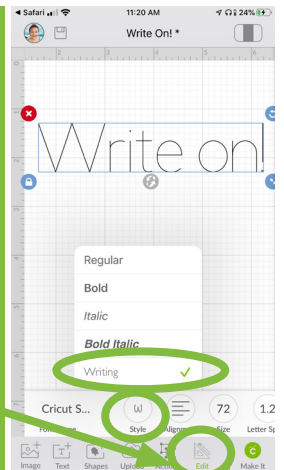
Step 1: Tap **Text**, tap the **Filter** icon, and scroll down to tap **Writing** to see writing fonts.



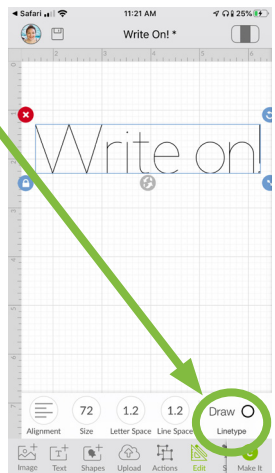
Step 2: Select a writing font (such as the free **Cricut Sans** or **Cricut Alphabet**). Some may have a fee, like this: \$6.99



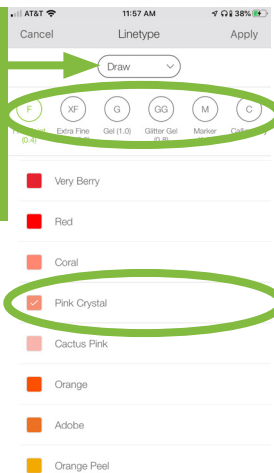
Step 3: Tap **Edit**, tap **Style**, then tap **Writing** to select the Writing style of the font.



Step 4: Tap **Linetype**.



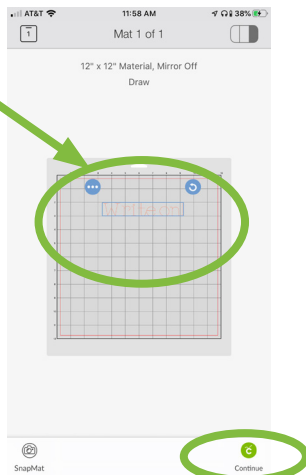
Step 5: Select **Draw** and tap a pen type and color.



Step 6: Adjust the **Font Size** and **Letter Space** as necessary so it looks the way you want it to look, then click **Make It**.



Step 7: Tap, hold and drag the text to the exact spot you want it to be written on your material on the cutting mat (see page 64), then click **Continue**.



Step 8: Insert the pen in your Cricut's accessory clamp, position your material on the cutting mat, load your mat, and press the flashing button.



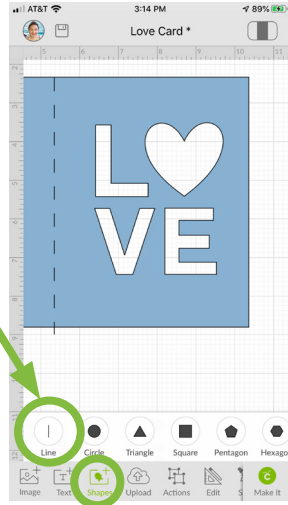
See my blog post at <https://jennifermaker.com/cricut-writing> for more tips on writing on your Cricut! I also have a free writing font you can use at <https://jennifermaker.com/writing-font>

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/write-on>

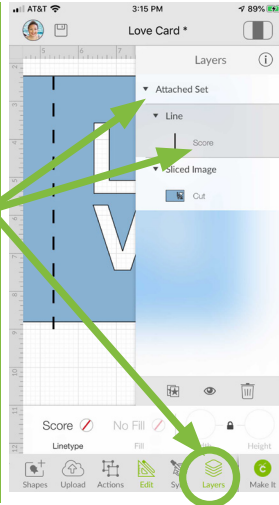


HOW TO SCORE WITH A STYLUS OR WHEEL

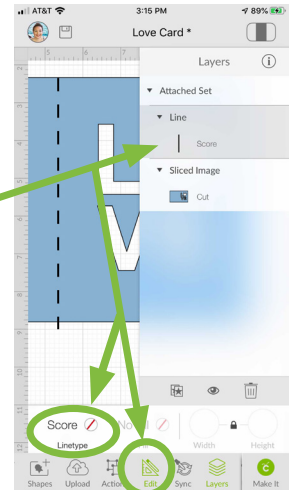
Step 1: Open or create a project with score lines. You can add a score line to any project by tapping **Shapes**, then tapping **Line**.



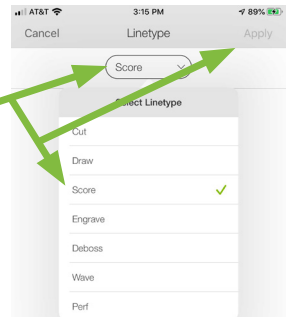
Step 2: Tap **Layers** and make sure any lines to be scored are identified as "Score" next to it. If not, see step 3. If they are, skip to step 4.



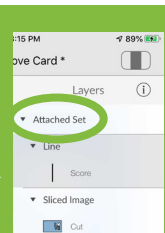
Step 3: Change lines to scores by tapping the **Line** layer, tapping **Edit**, then tapping **Linetype**.



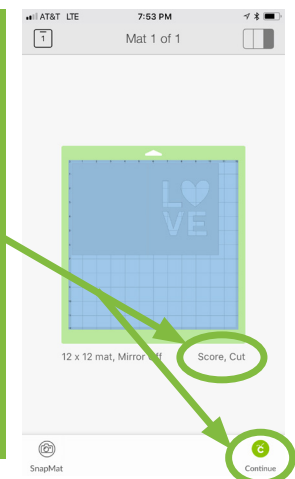
Step 3a: Tap the menu at the top, then tap **Score** in the Linetype menu, then tap **Apply**.



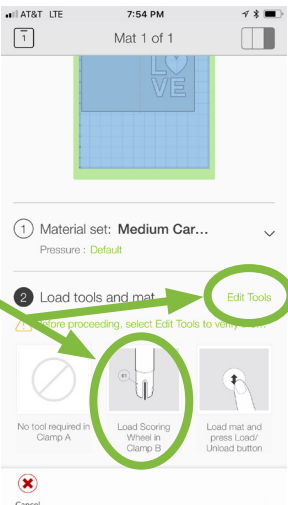
Step 4: Make sure your score line is attached to the layer you want scored (look for the words "Attached Set" above the score and base layers to confirm), then tap **Make It**. If they are not attached, see page 49 for directions on how to attach layers.



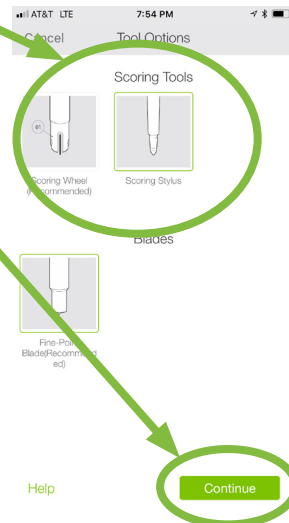
Step 5: Make sure the score line is on the same layer as the cut, then tap **Continue**.



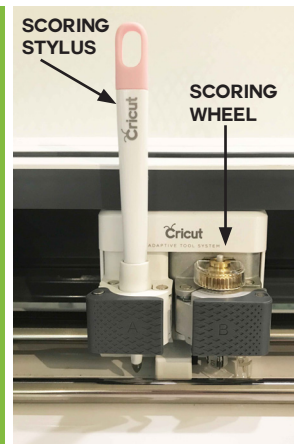
Step 6: Check the necessary tools. If the screen says to use a scoring wheel but you do not have one, tap **Edit Tools**.



Step 7: Tap on the scoring tool of preference then tap **Continue**.



Step 8: Insert the scoring tool that matches step 7, then press the flashing icon on your Cricut.



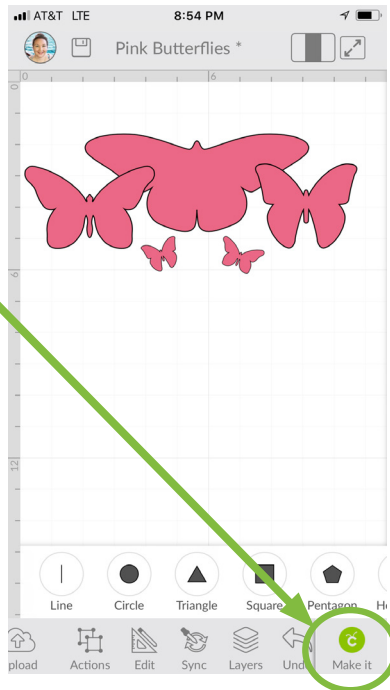
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HOW TO REPOSITION ITEMS ON MAT PREVIEW

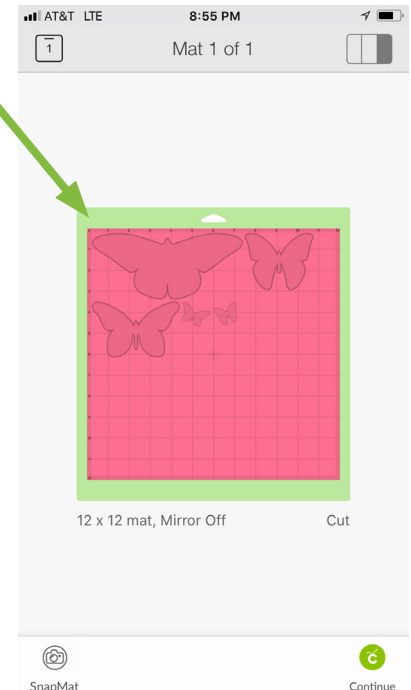
Need exact control over where items on your mat are cut? Want to cut one mat with multiple pieces of paper in different colors? You can do this if you reposition items on your mat before you cut! Here's how to do it on an iOS device (iPhone or iPad):

Step 1: Open or create a project. Make anything you want to appear on the same mat the same color. Tap **Make It**.

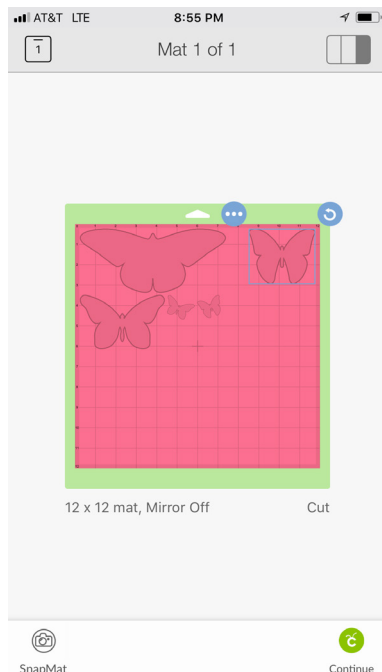


Step 2: Make sure the items you want to reposition are all on the same mat.

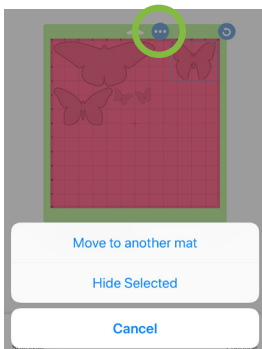
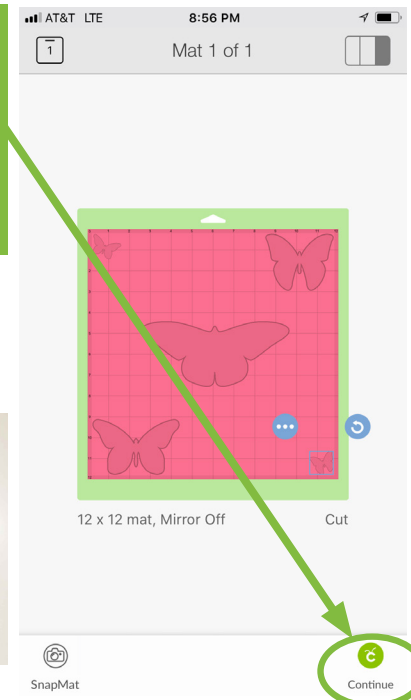
Tip: You can move objects from one mat to another by tapping the three dots and tapping **Move to another mat**.



Step 3: Move each object on the mat by tapping, holding, and dragging to a new position. You can also move and hide by tapping the three dots.



Step 4: Make sure the material on your actual mat matches the placement on this virtual mat, then tap **Continue**.



REPOSITION MAT

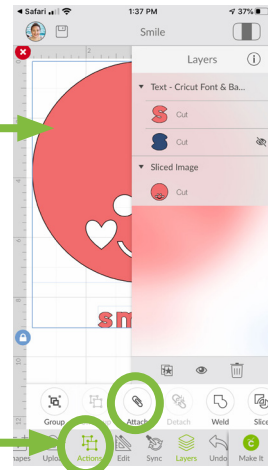
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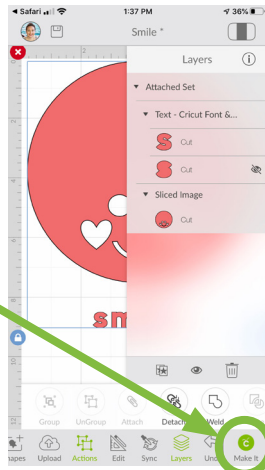
HOW TO MIRROR AND CUT IRON-ON VINYL

Want to make a T-shirt or bag with iron-on vinyl? Here's how to mirror your image and position your vinyl on your mat for iron-on (heat transfer) vinyl!

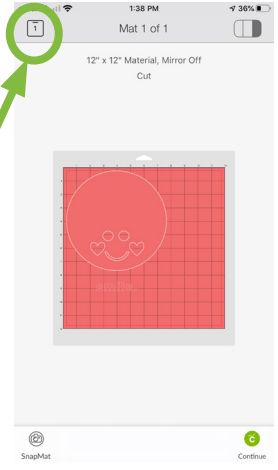
Step 1: Select all the objects you want to iron-on, tap **Actions**, then tap **Attach**.



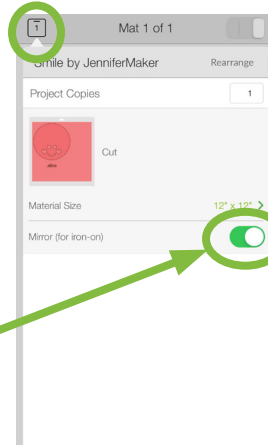
Step 2: Tap **Make It**.



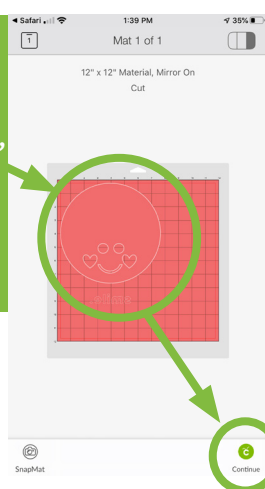
Step 3: Tap the **Mat** icon in the upper left corner of the screen.



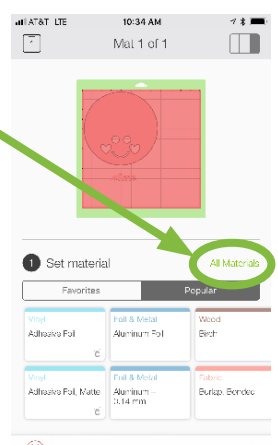
Step 4: Toggle **Mirror** to the on position and tap the **Mat** icon again to close this window.



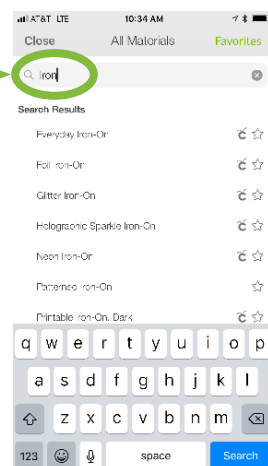
Step 5: Verify that your image is mirrored, then tap **Continue**.



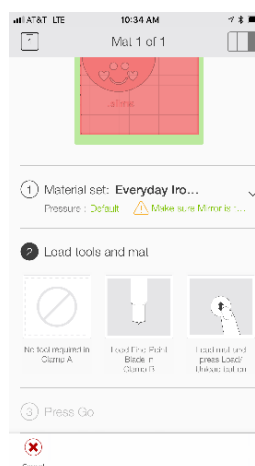
Step 6: Tap on **All Materials**.



Step 7: Search on **"Iron"** and select the type of iron-on vinyl you plan to use.



Step 8: Place your iron-on vinyl on your cutting mat shiny side down, load the mat, and press the flashing button on your Cricut cutting machine.



Remember, put the vinyl **SHINY SIDE DOWN** on your cutting mat!



MIRROR IRON-ON VINYL

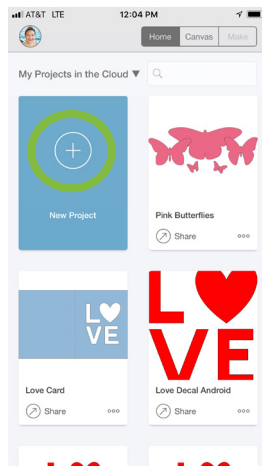
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/simple-smile>



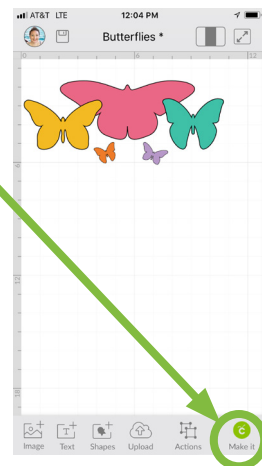
HOW TO USE SNAPMAT

A useful feature of Cricut Design Space on iOS is SnapMat, which allows you to take a photo of your material on the mat and then position your items on it. Here's how to use it:

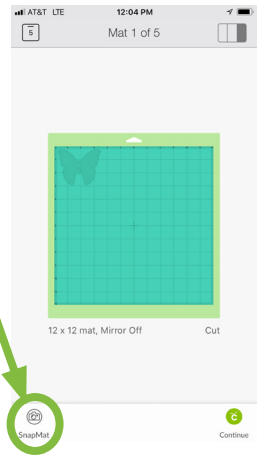
Step 1: Open the Cricut Design Space app and tap **New Project**.



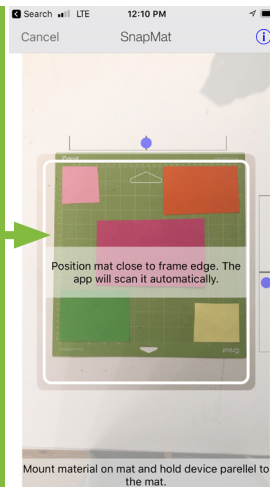
Step 2: Insert images or a project onto your canvas. Tap **Make It**.



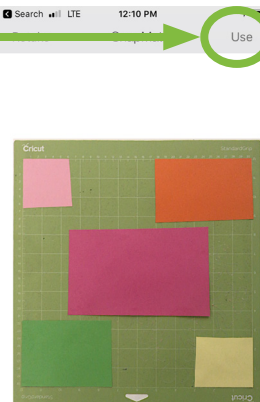
Step 3: Tap the **SnapMat** icon.



Step 4: Place your material on a mat and place the mat on a light or white colored surface. Center the mat in the border. When it is centered, the app will take a photo automatically.



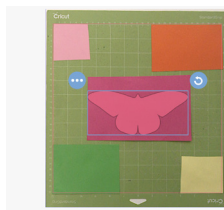
Step 5: Look at the photo taken. If you like it, tap **Use**. If you don't like it, tap **Retake**.



Step 6: Tap and drag elements on to the best spots on the mat.

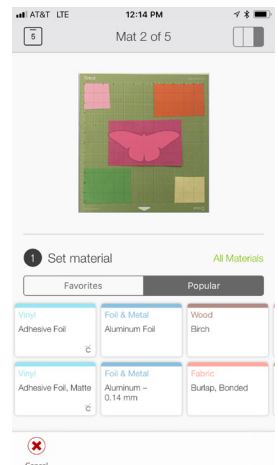


Step 7: If you have multiple mats in your project, you'll need to repeat steps 5-6 for each mat. (Yes, that means you need to take new SnapMat photos for each mat.)



Step 8: When ready, tap **Continue**, choose your materials, and make your cuts!

Tip: If SnapMat won't take a photo of your mat, make sure you've got good lighting and put something white (like a white sheet) under the mat for better contrast. Hold your device parallel to the surface.



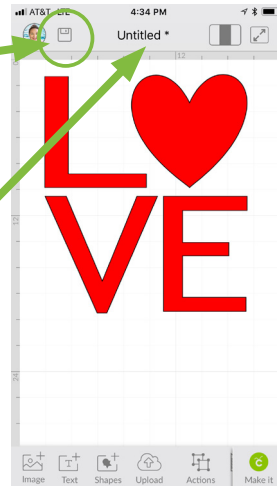
SNAPMAT

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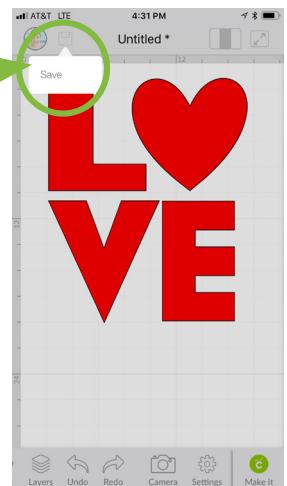


HOW TO SAVE WORK AND VIEW SAVED PROJECTS

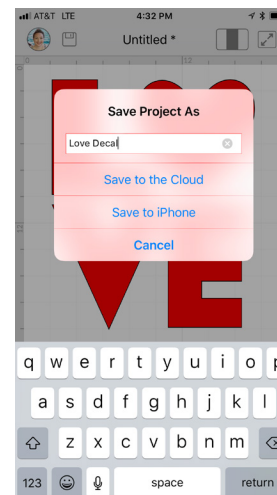
Step 1: Create something and tap the **Save** icon. You can tell if something is unsaved if it says “Untitled” at the top of the window, or an asterisk * appears next to the title if you saved previously.



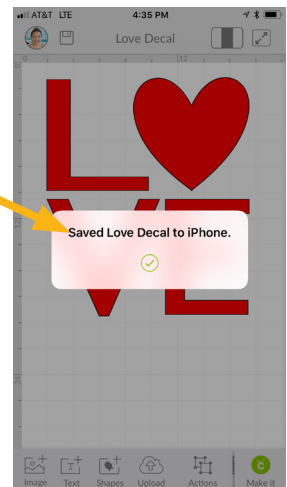
Step 2: Tap **Save** from the drop-down menu that appears. If you see **Save As** appear, that means you saved it before and you have the option to save it with a different name to preserve the original save.



Step 3: Give the project a name and tap **Save to the Cloud** if you want to access it elsewhere, or **Save to Phone** (or **Save to iPad**) if you want it only on this device.



If Cricut is able to save your project, a confirmation window will appear.



To view your Saved Projects, tap the left panel in the three-panel icon, then tap Home.



tap here

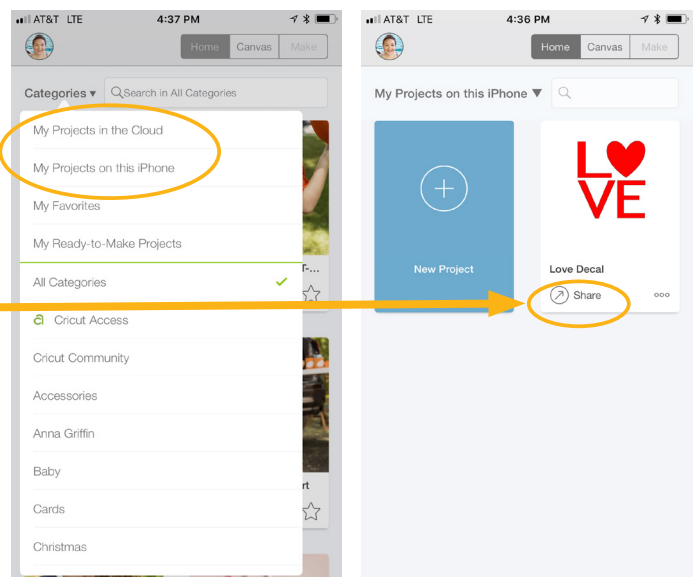
Home Canvas Make

Then tap the Categories menu and choose either My Projects in the Cloud or My Projects on this iPhone (or iPad).

To share a project, click on a saved project then tap the Share button on the left side of the window.



Note: Projects with images or fonts that must be purchased to use cannot be saved to your iPhone or iPad without first purchasing them.



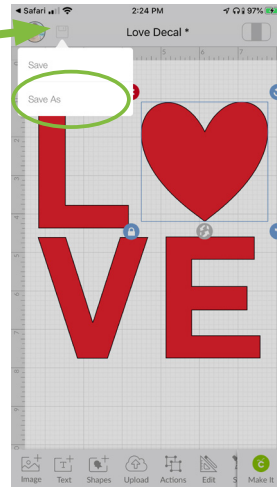
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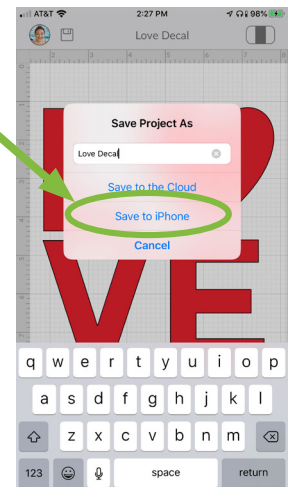
HOW TO SAVE FOR OFFLINE WORK

With the Cricut Design Space for iOS app, you can save projects for offline and access them even when you aren't connected to the Internet. Here's how to do it:

Step 1: Save a project following the directions on the previous page (page 67). If you've already saved this project before in the Cloud for online work, tap **Save As** instead of **Save**. If you're not sure where you've saved it, tap **Save As**.



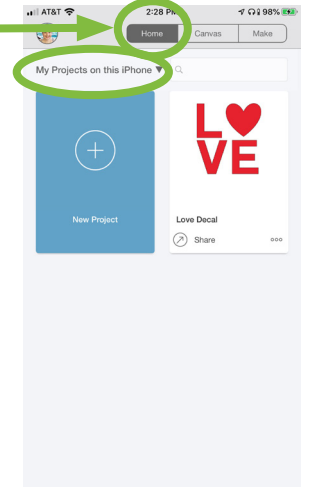
Step 2: Type in a name if you haven't already given it one, then tap **Save to iPhone** or **Save to iPad**.



Step 3: If successful, Design Space tells you that your project was saved.



Step 4: To view your projects saved for offline, tap the left panel in the three-panel icon to take you Home, then tap the **Categories** menu and choose **My Projects on this iPhone** (or iPad).



- There is currently no way to batch save all of your projects for offline. You must click each one and select "Save for Offline" individually.
- If you go offline, you'll only be able to view and access projects saved on your iPhone or iPad.
- Any images you have in a project from Cricut Access will expire after 30 days if you do not go online at all during those 30 days (even if you have monthly access). So be sure to set a reminder to go online at least once every 30 days.
- You cannot upload anything new while offline (this means even from your iPhone/iPad or images within Design Space). So be sure to save all images you want in a project/canvas before heading offline.

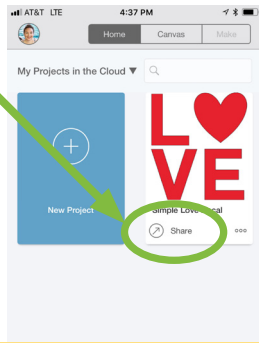
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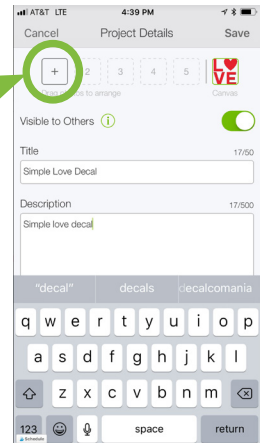
HOW TO SHARE LINKS TO PROJECTS

Did you make an awesome design and now want to share it? You can so long as there are no uploaded images in your project. (You cannot share projects with images you uploaded.)

Step 1: Open a project you saved in the Cloud (see previous page) and tap **Share**.

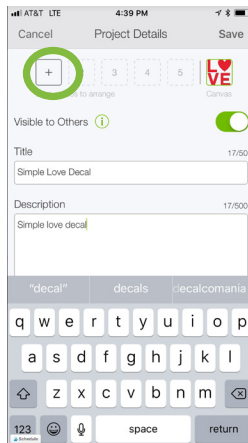


Step 2: You will likely be prompted for more information first. Shared projects must have a title, description, and at least one photo. Add at least one landscape photo by tapping the **+** button.

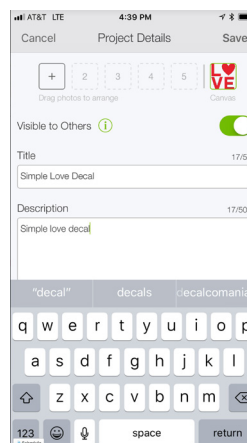


Note: If your design has any purchased elements from Cricut Access or cartridges, anyone attempting to use your design either must also have them, and if they do not, they will be prompted to pay for them before cutting.

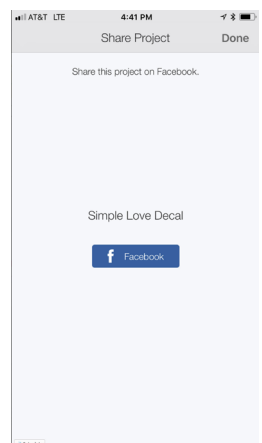
Step 3: Toggle **Visible to Others** to On (green).



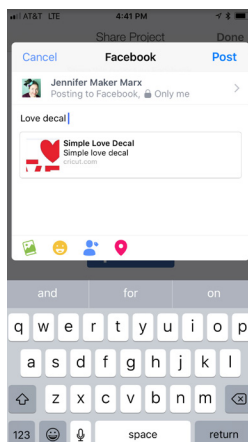
Step 4: Edit your title as needed and add a description. When done editing, tap **Save**.



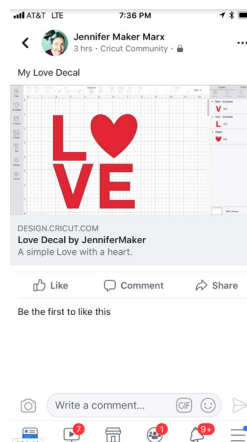
Step 5: Tap Facebook to share your project.



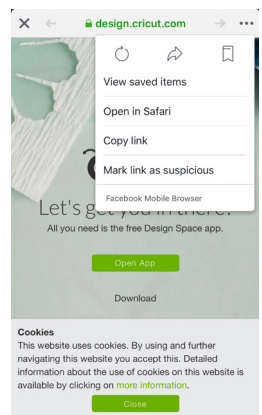
Step 6: Type in a note and click **Post**. Your project is now shared to Facebook.



Step 7: Go to Facebook, find the post you just shared, and tap the **Share** button.



Step 8: As soon as the link opens, tap the three dots in the upper right corner and tap **Copy Link**. Now you have the link!



SHARE PROJECT LINKS

Note: The URL for these projects will look something like this:

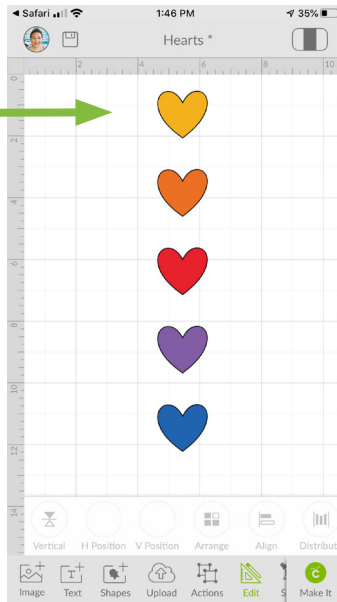
<https://design.cricut.com/#/landing/project-detail/5c36621aa573630635ea6e56>



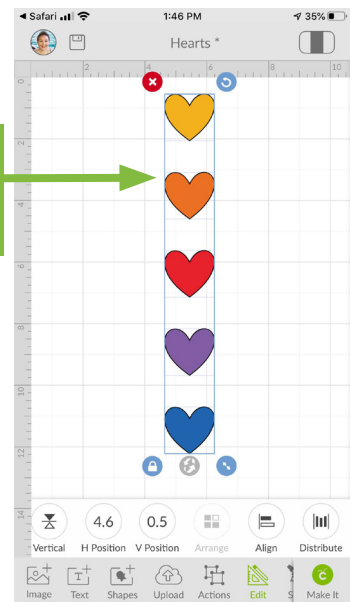
HOW TO FLATTEN

Need to make a Print Then Cut project? Flatten is your friend! The Flatten tool allows you to turn any image into a single, printable layer for the Print then Cut feature.

Step 1: Add two or more items to your canvas that you want to flatten.



Step 2: Tap and drag a selection box around all objects you want to flatten to select all of them.

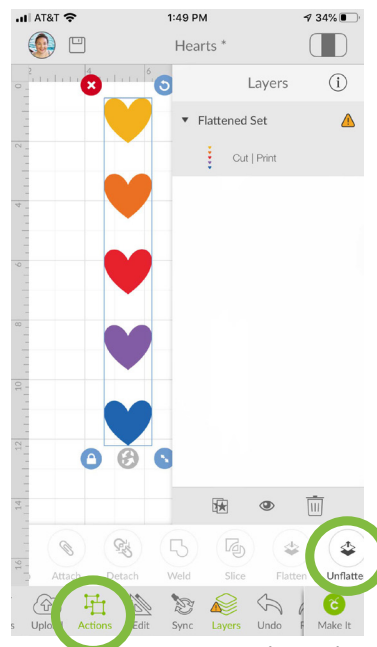


Step 3: Tap **Actions**, then tap **Flatten**.



Note that all items are now on one layer and now work only for Print Then Cut.

If you decide this isn't what you wanted to do, tap the **Unflatten** button right away.



FLATTEN

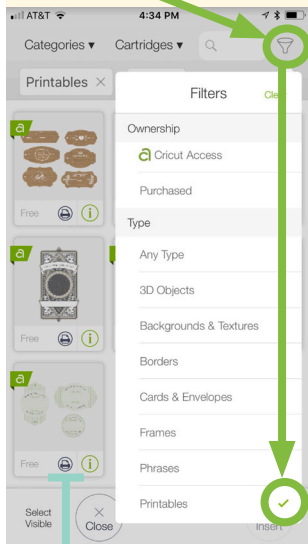
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/five-hearts>



HOW TO PRINT THEN CUT

Step 1: Find or upload a printable image less than 9.25" high by 6.75" wide with one of these two methods:

Method A: Search for printable images in Design Space by tapping **Filter** and checking "Printables" under Type.

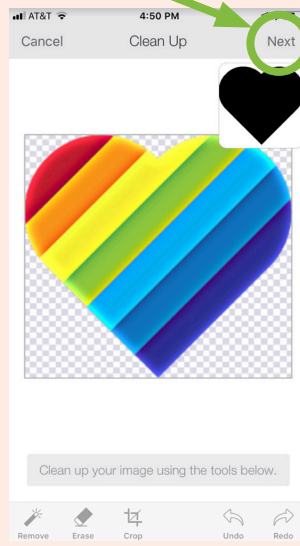


Tip: The printer icon in the Image library indicates a printable image.

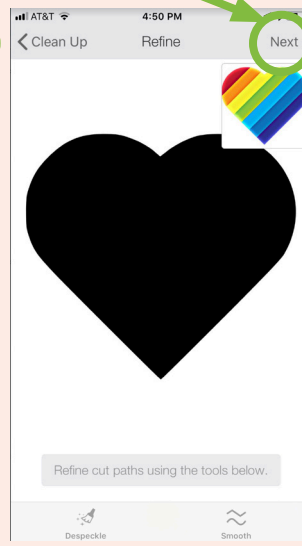
Method B: Upload a PNG with a transparent background.



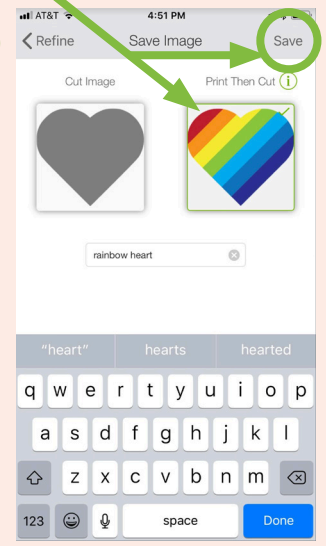
Clean up anything you don't want & tap **Next**.



Refine any cut paths you wish then tap **Next**.



Tap the image on the right, give it a name, then tap **Save**.

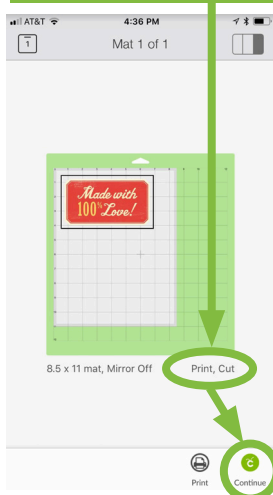


PRINT THEN CUT

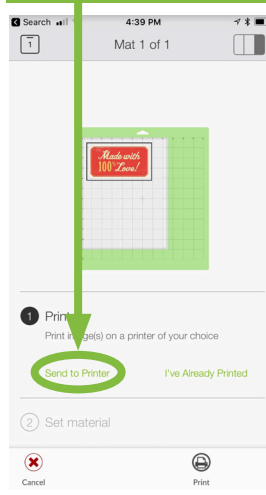
Step 2: Select and insert the image onto your Canvas, then tap **Make It**.



Step 3: Make sure you see "Print Cut" here, then tap **Continue**.



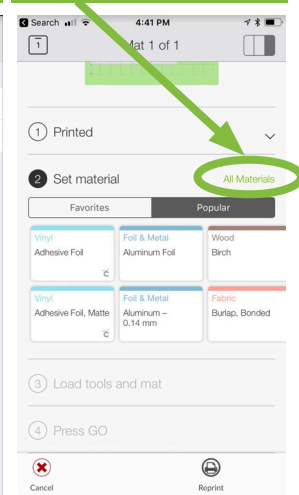
Step 4: Connect your Cricut (if necessary) then tap **Send to Printer**.



Step 5: Select your printer, turn off **Bleed** (if available), and click **Print**.



Step 6: Select your Material (i.e. Printable Vinyl).



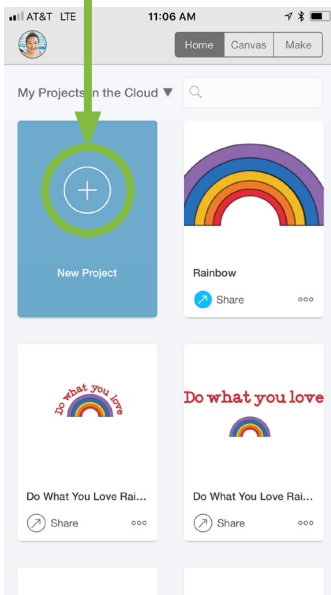
Step 7: Place your printed page on your cutting mat, load it, and tap **Go**.

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/rainbow-heart>

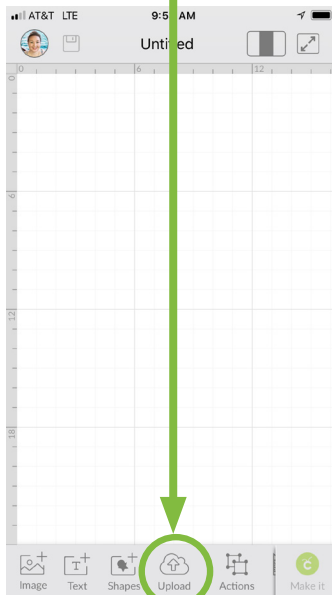


HOW TO UPLOAD IMAGES IN IOS

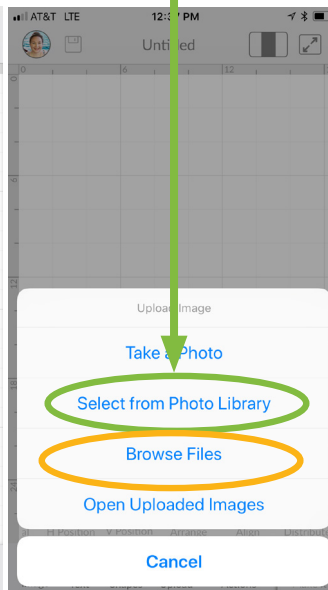
Step 1:
Tap **New Project**



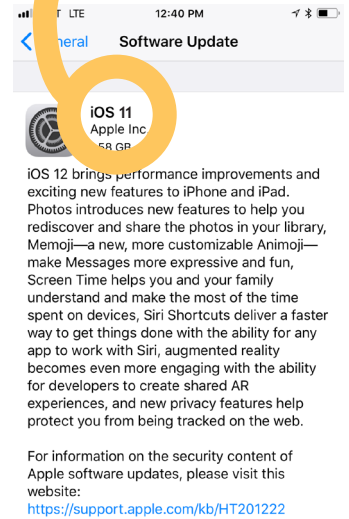
Step 2:
Tap **Upload**



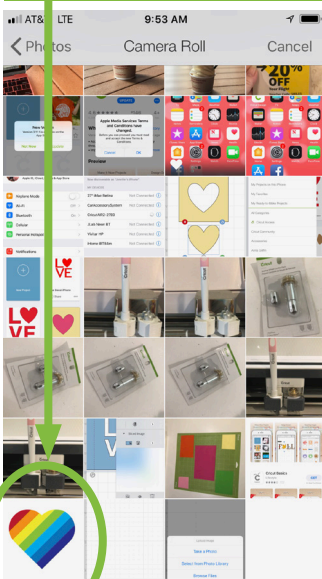
Step 3:
Tap **Browse Files** or **Select from Photo Library**, depending on where you saved your file.



Note: If you want to use the **Browse Files** feature, be sure you are running **iOS 11** or later on your device and upgrade if not.



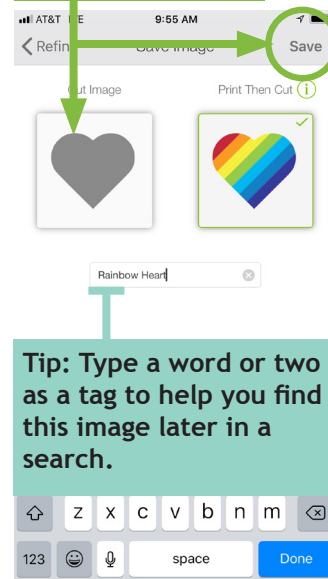
Step 4:
Tap the image file, such as PNG, JPG, GIF, or JPG.



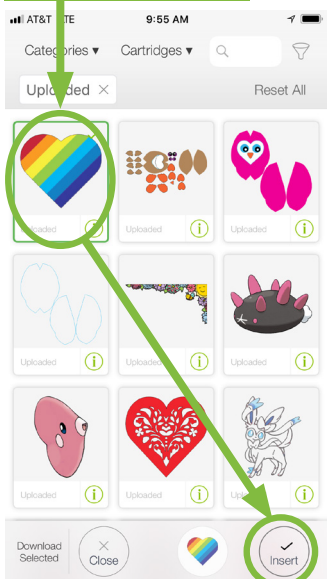
Step 5:
Clean it up (if you want) and tap **Next**.



Step 6:
Choose an image type, name it, and tap **Save**.



Step 7:
Tap the uploaded image and then tap **Insert**.



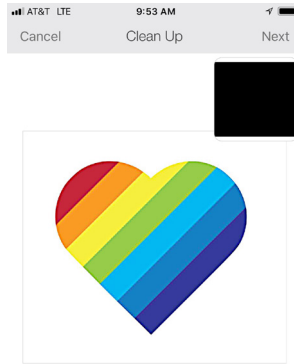
Tip: Type a word or two as a tag to help you find this image later in a search.

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/rainbow-heart>

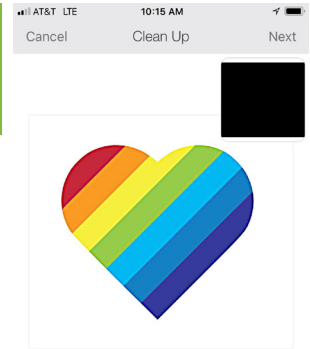


HOW TO ERASE A BACKGROUND FROM AN IMAGE

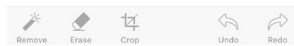
Step 1: Find or upload a JPG, PNG, GIF, or BMP file that you want to use.



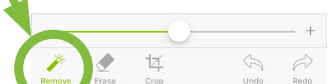
Step 2: Tap the **Remove** tool.



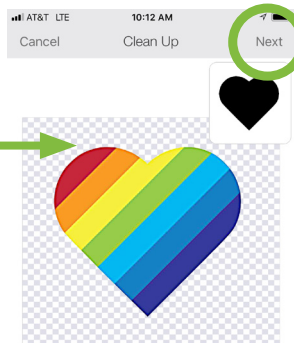
Clean up your image using the tools below.



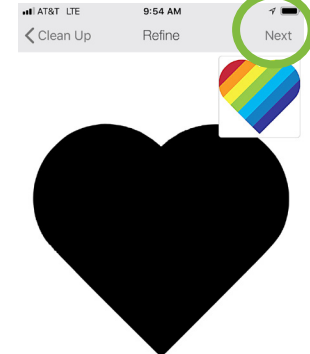
Tap areas you want to remove.



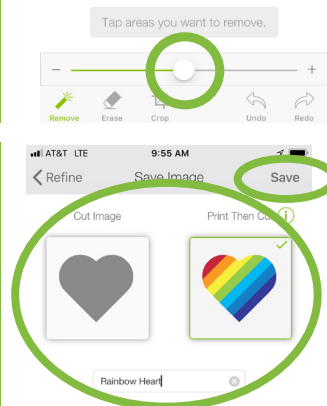
Step 3: Tap on the white background around your image to erase it. You may need to click in several areas to get it all. The slider at the bottom controls how much of a given color you remove. When it looks good, tap **Next**.



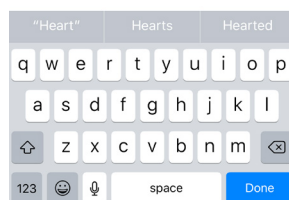
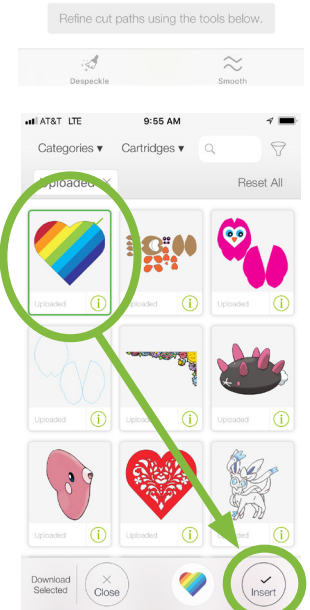
Step 4: Check the cut lines of the object. If you need to fix it, tap **Clean Up**. If it looks good, tap **Next**.



Step 5: Decide if you want to save it as a Cut Image or a Print Then Cut, give it a name, then tap **Save**.



Step 6: Once saved, you can use the image by selecting it and clicking **Insert Image**.



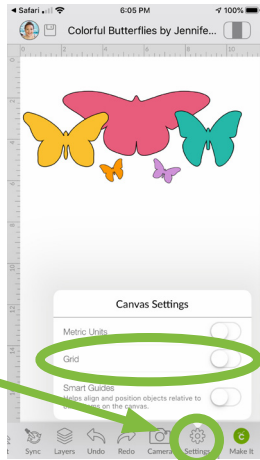
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/rainbow-heart>



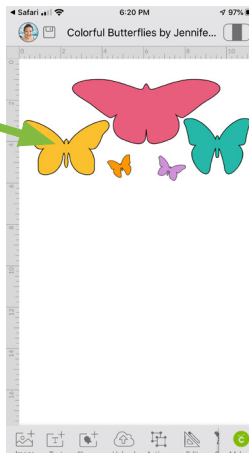
HOW TO COMBINE MULTIPLE PROJECTS

While there is no built-in function in Design Space that allows you to combine projects, there is a workaround. Here's how you do it:

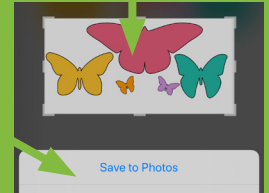
Step 1: Open the project you want to add to another and turn off the grid by tapping **Settings** and toggle the **Grid** off.



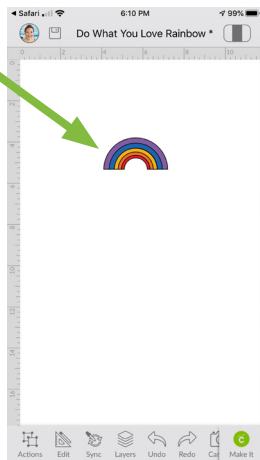
Step 2: If any individual elements in your design are touching and you need them separated, move them apart now.



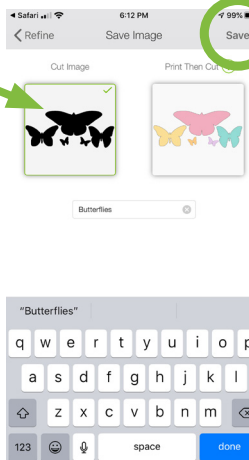
Step 3: Take a picture of Design Space screen by pressing the **Side** button and the **Volume** up button at the same time. Quickly release both buttons. Tap the **thumbnail** of your screenshot that appears in the lower-left corner, and **crop** it (slide in the sides) to adjust the design. Tap **Save to Photos**.



Step 4: Open the project to which you want to add your other project. Allow it to replace your current canvas.



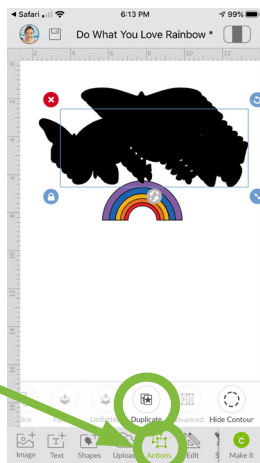
Step 5: Follow previous pages to upload the image from step 3 and remove the background. Tap **Cut Image** then tap **Save**.



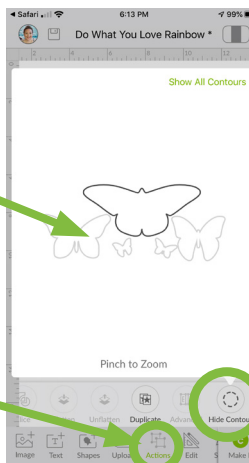
Step 6: Insert the newly uploaded image onto your Canvas with the other image from step 4.



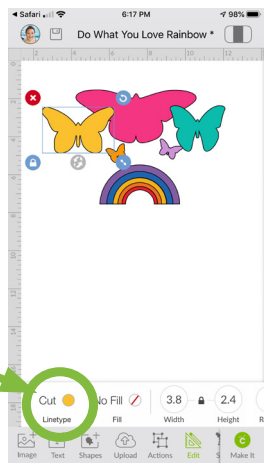
Step 7: Tap the first project's image, tap **Actions**, tap **Duplicate**, and make as many duplicates as there are elements in the project.



Step 8: Select each duplicate copy and tap **Actions** > **Hide Contour** (see page 53) to separate out each element into its own layer.



Step 9: Recolor each element (see page 21) as needed and move back into position. Now your two projects are combined!



Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/butterflies> and <https://jennifermaker.com/rainbow-love>



HOW TO UPLOAD SVG FILES ON AN IPHONE OR IPAD

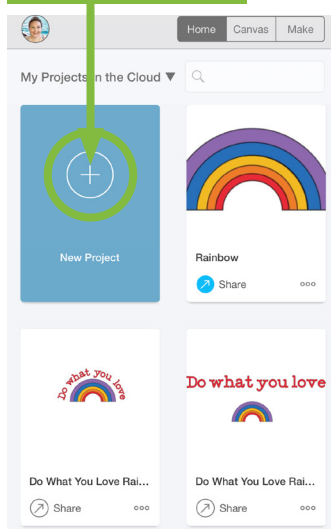
SVG files are special files that you can upload to Cricut Design Space and cut beautiful designs from. To use an SVG, first you must download and unzip an SVG file. You can practice downloading a file at jennifermaker.com/svg-heart. To unzip a file, go to the Files app on your iPhone or iPad, locate and tap on Downloads, tap and hold the downloaded ZIP filename, and choose Uncompress from the drop-down menu. Note that you will not see the folder in step 4 unless you do this first.

Be sure you are running iOS 11 or later on your device (check in Settings > General > Software Updates). If not, upgrade first.

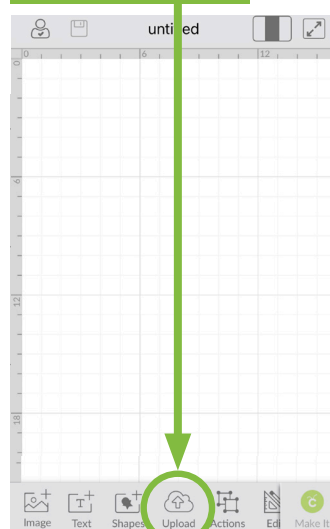


iOS 12 brings performance improvements and exciting new features to iPhone and iPad. Photos introduces new features to help you rediscover and share the photos in your library, Memoji—a new, more customizable Animoji—make Messages more expressive and fun, Screen Time helps you and your family understand and make the most of the time spent on devices, Siri Shortcuts deliver a faster way to get things done with the ability for any app to work with Siri, augmented reality becomes even more engaging with the ability for developers to create shared AR experiences, and new privacy features help

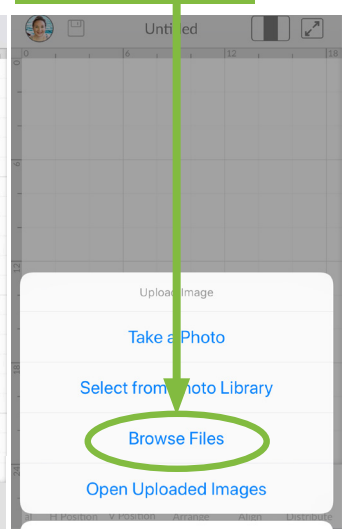
Step 1: Tap New Project



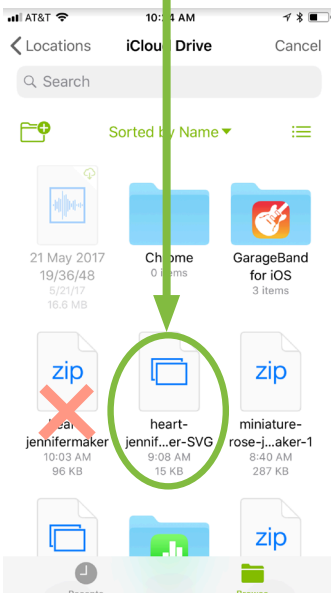
Step 2: Tap Upload



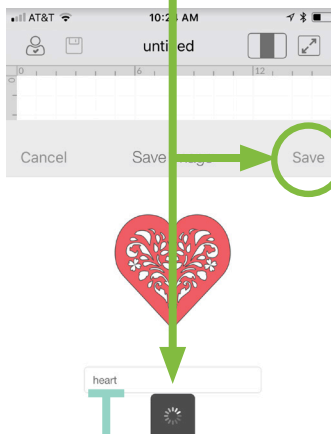
Step 3: Tap Browse Files



Step 4: Tap the SVG file (do NOT tap the ZIP file—it will give you an error).

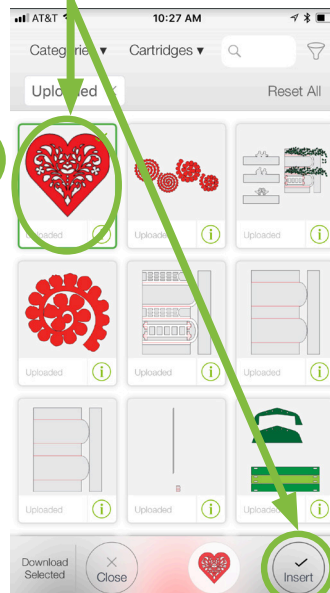


Step 5: Tap Save.

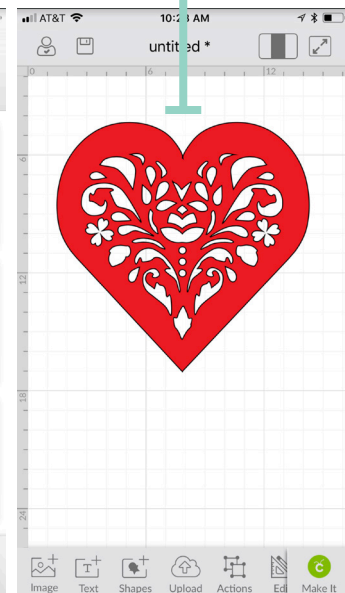


Tip: Type a word or two as a tag to help you find this image later in a search.

Step 6: Tap the uploaded SVG and then tap Insert.



Once inserted, your image appears on your canvas, ready to be modified and/or made!



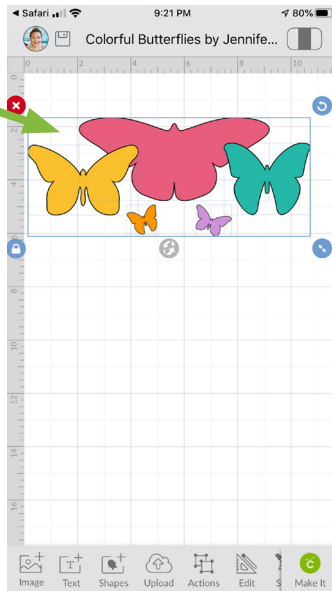
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/svg-heart>



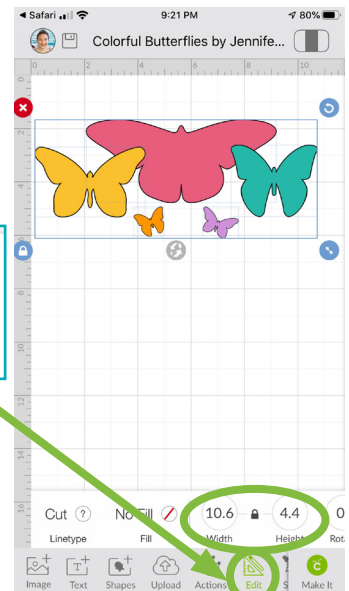
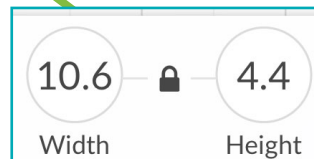
HOW TO RESIZE A PROJECT

Have you ever uploaded an SVG design, cut it out, and realized it was too small or too big? Here's how to check the size before you cut it out:

Step 1: Insert, upload, or create an image on your canvas in Design Space, then select all images you want to resize by tapping and dragging a selection box around them.



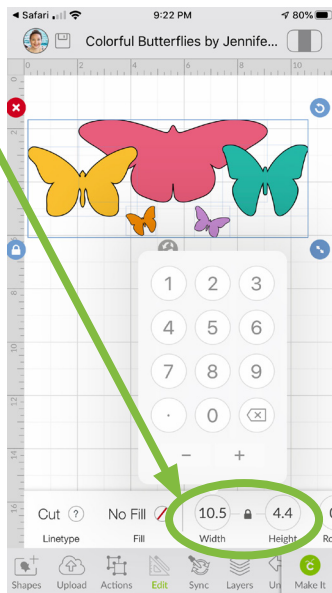
Step 2: Tap **Edit**, then note the size at the bottom of the window in the **Width** and **Height** circles.



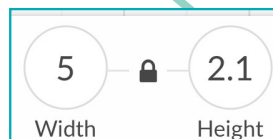
To determine if the sizing is right, compare it to the sizing in the original instructions or tutorial. If no sizing is provided, you'll have to use your best judgment. Here's how to resize a project:

Step 3: Be sure the lock icon indicates it is locked, then tap the **Width** or **Height** circles and tap on the **number pad** to enter the proper size.

locked

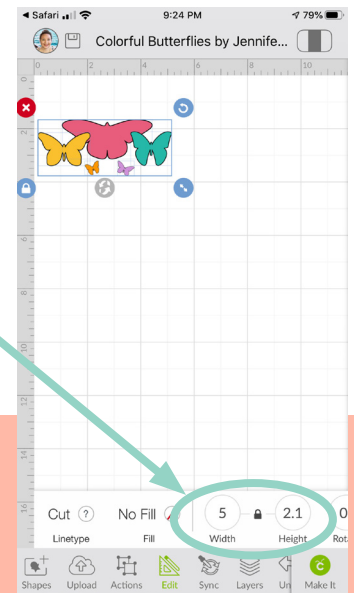


The entire selected image(s) is resized and retains its proportions.



Note that Cricut Design Space will automatically resize any SVG file that measures over 23.5" (either wide or high) down to 23.5" on its longest side, and there is no notification that an image was resized. So if you ever place an image on your canvas and notice that one side measures exactly 23.5", that is a strong indicator that your image has been resized.

You can also resize images using the resize icon in the lower right corner of a selection box. Just click, hold, and drag to resize.



RESIZE A PROJECT

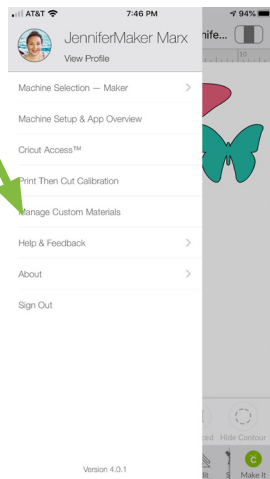
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/butterflies>



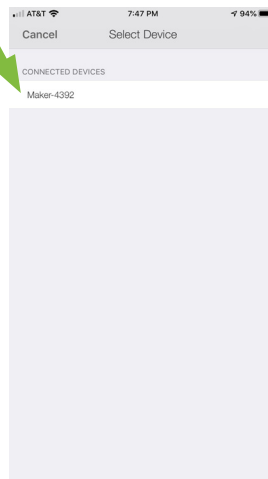
HOW TO USE AND MODIFY CUSTOM MATERIALS SETTINGS

You can use and modify settings for MANY materials using the Custom Materials settings in Design Space. Here's how you access and change them:

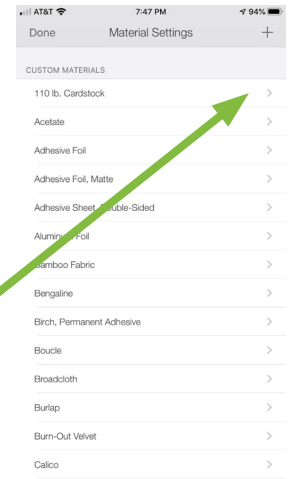
Step 1: Tap your profile circle in the upper left corner and tap **Manage Custom Materials**.



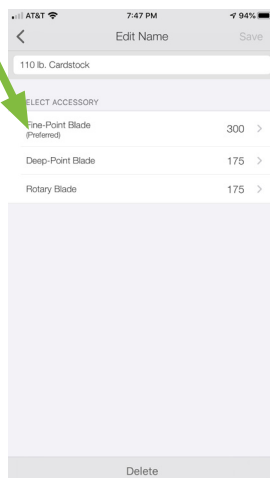
Step 2: If prompted, tap your Cricut here. Give it some time to load your settings.



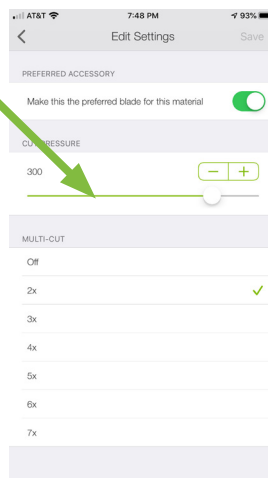
Step 3: Scroll through the list of materials, find one you want to edit, and click the **arrow** button to the right of it.



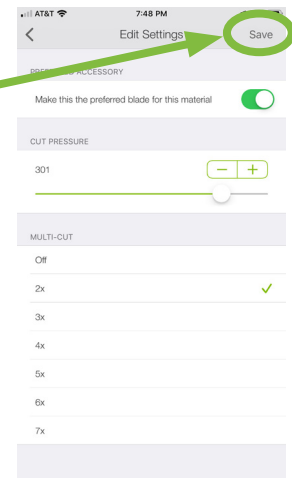
Step 4: Tap the setting you want to change, likely the one labeled **Preferred**.



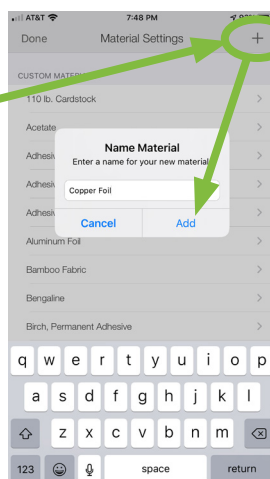
Step 5: Change the settings here as needed. Usually I just adjust pressure, but you can change how many times it cuts, too.



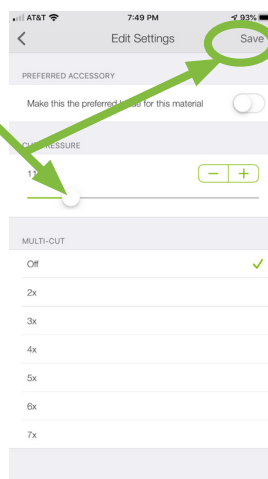
Step 6: When done, tap **Save**.



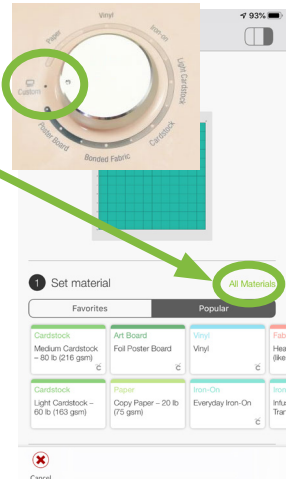
Step 7: If you want to create an entirely custom material, tap **+**, type a name for it, then tap **Add**.



Step 8: Change the settings here as needed, then tap **Save**. You may need to test to get the right settings.



Step 9: Set your dial to **Custom** (Joys and Makers are on Custom by default), and then choose a custom material before you cut.

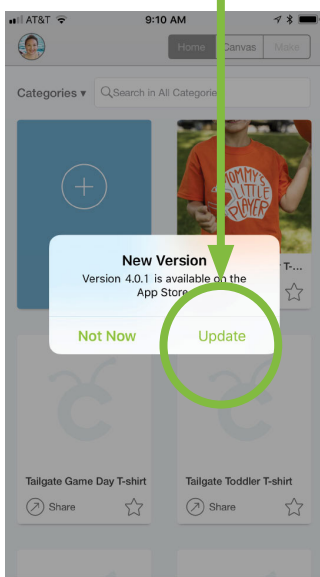




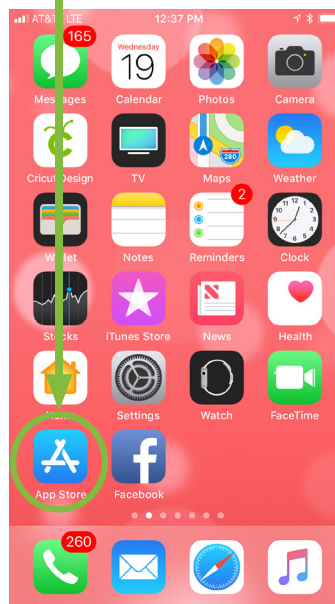
HOW TO UPDATE THE CRICUT APP IN IOS

UPDATE APP (IOS)

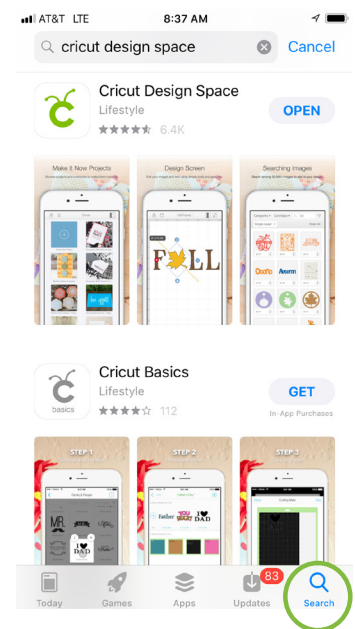
Step 1: Open your Cricut Design Space app. If a new version is available, it will tell you. Tap **Update**.



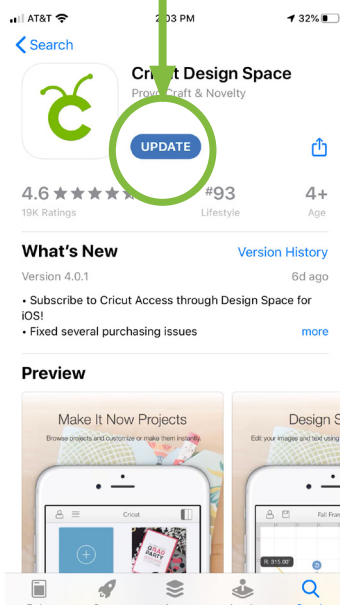
Alternatively, you can go to the **Home** screen and tap the **App Store** to check for updates.



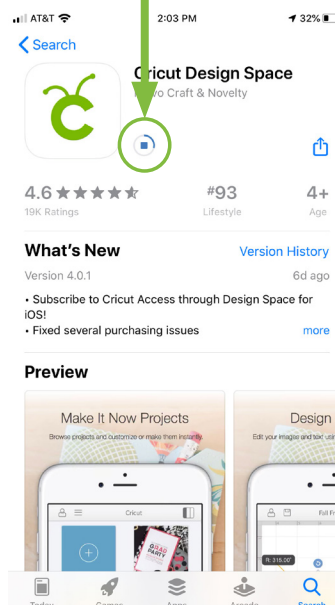
Once in the App Store, tap the **Search** icon and search on **Cricut Design Space**.



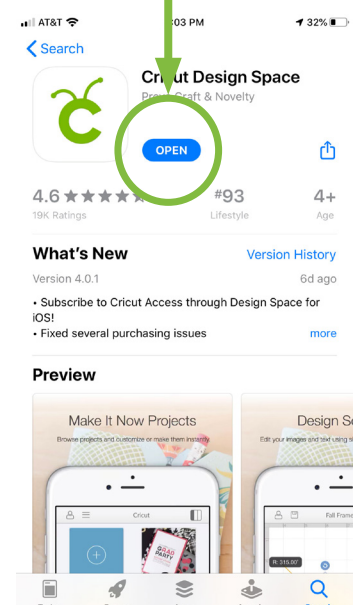
Step 2: Tap **Update**. Make sure you have a good Internet signal for the best results.



Step 3: Wait for Cricut Design Space to update, usually no more than a few minutes.



Step 4: Tap **Open** to launch the updated version of the Cricut Design Space app.

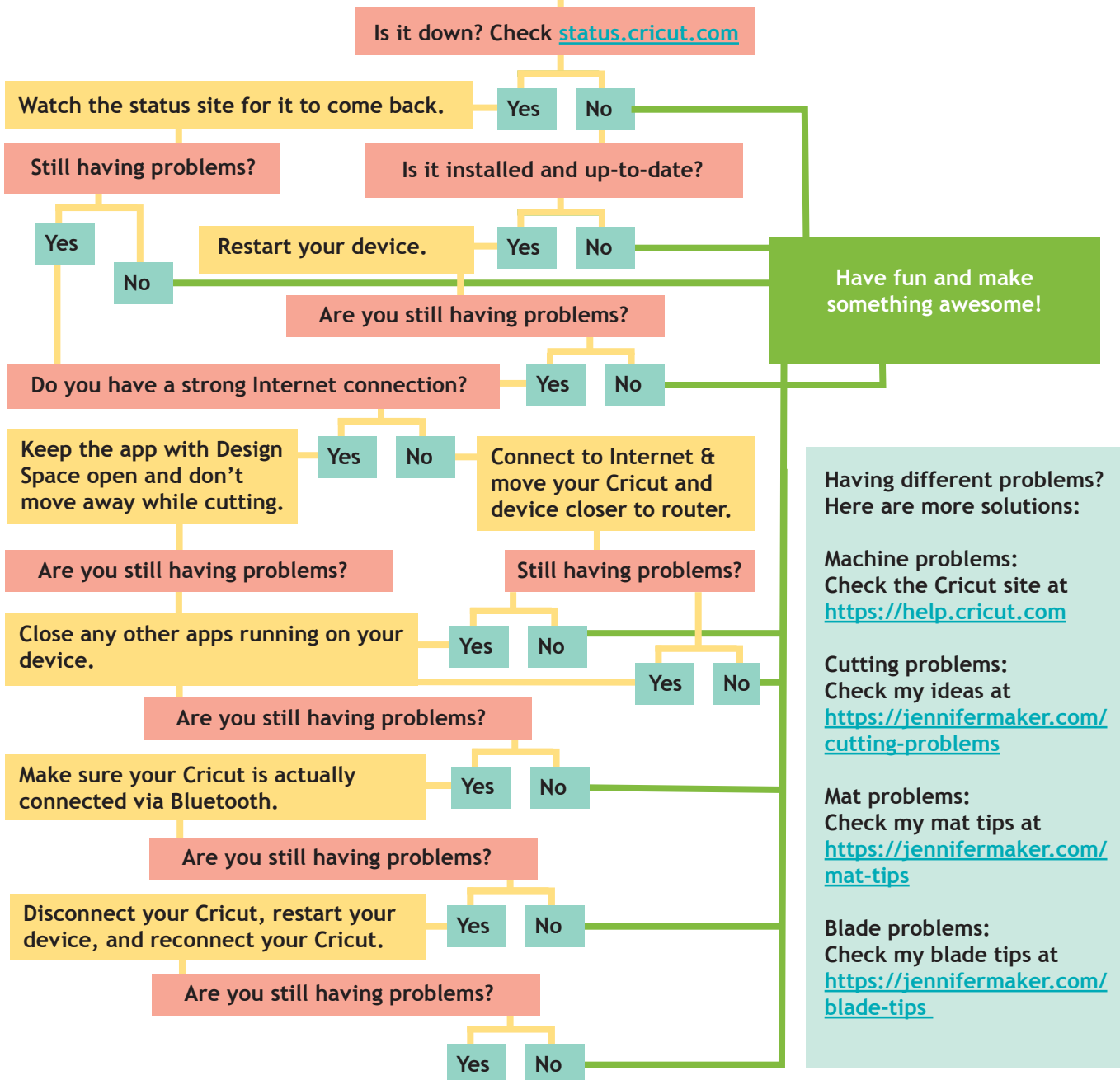




HOW TO TROUBLESHOOT DESIGN SPACE PROBLEMS

Your ability and willingness to troubleshoot problems is a high factor in your success with your Cricut (and really, most things in life). Problems happen, but you CAN solve them. Here are the steps I take when I encounter problems with Cricut Design Space:

Cricut Design Space is acting weird or not working at all.

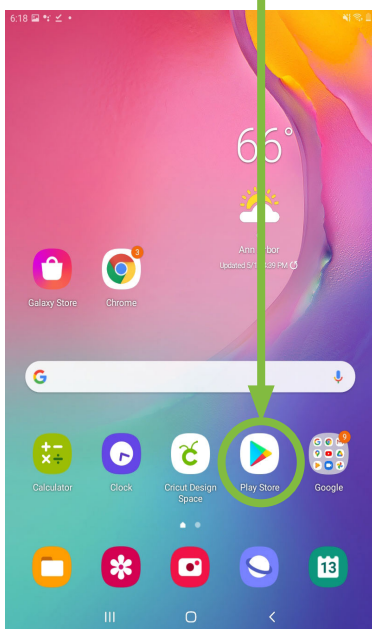


Contact Cricut Member Care at <https://help.cricut.com>. I recommend the Chat option when available—you can also call during open hours or email them at anytime. Cricut Member Care is very helpful!

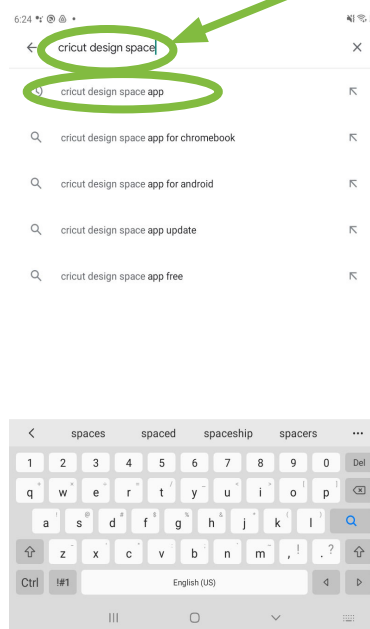


HOW TO INSTALL CRICUT DESIGN SPACE

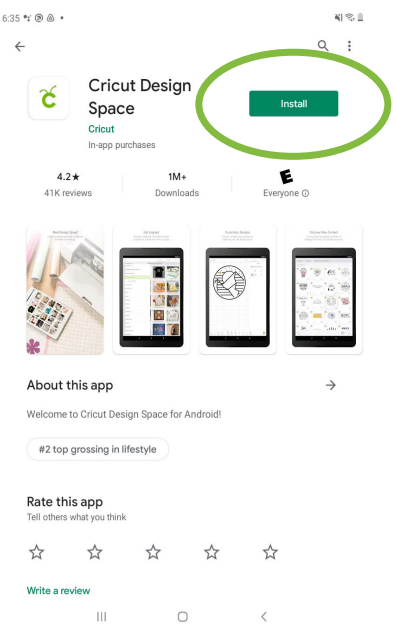
Step 1: Connect your Android device to the Internet, go to the Home screen, and tap **Play Store.**



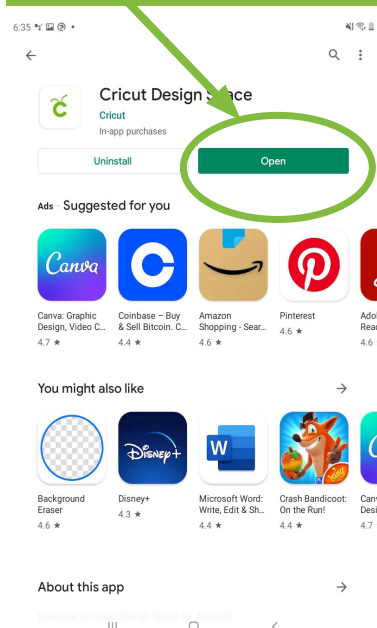
Step 2: Tap in the search bar at the top and type "Cricut" then tap **Cricut Design Space app.**



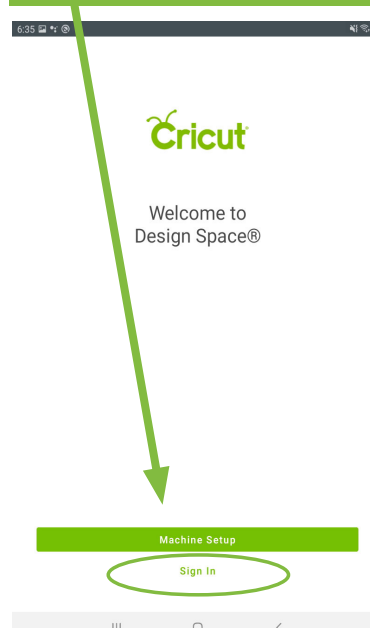
Step 3: Tap **Install and wait for it to download & install.**



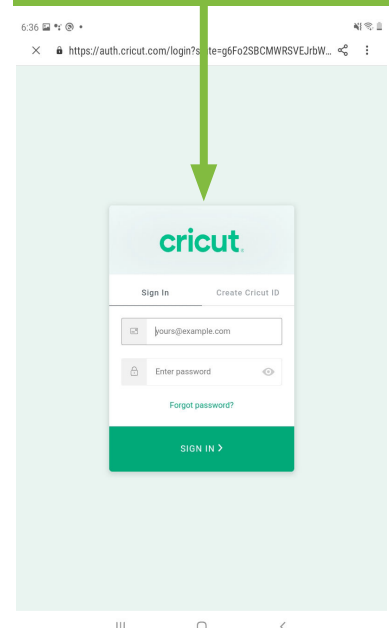
Step 4: Tap **Open. Make sure you have a good Internet signal for the best results.**



Step 5: Tap **Sign In (if you already have an account). If not, tap **Machine Setup**.**



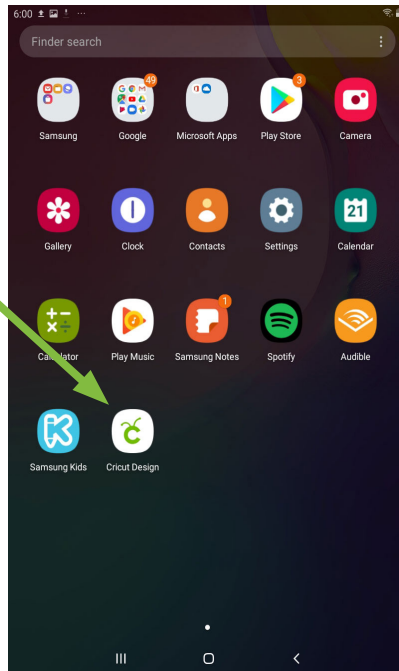
Step 6: Enter your Cricut sign in email and password to begin using the app.



OPEN & START PROJECT

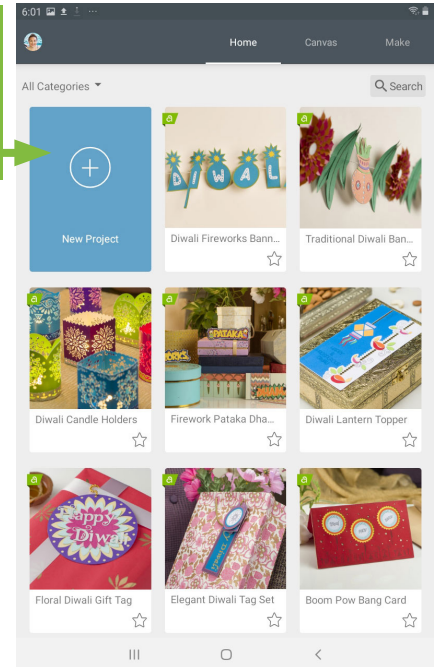
HOW TO OPEN AND START A NEW PROJECT

Step 1: Tap the Cricut Design icon on your device. If you cannot find it, tap in the Finder search area and search on "Cricut."



Tip: If this is your first time using Cricut on your device, see page 80 for details on how to install it.

Step 2: Tap the New Project button

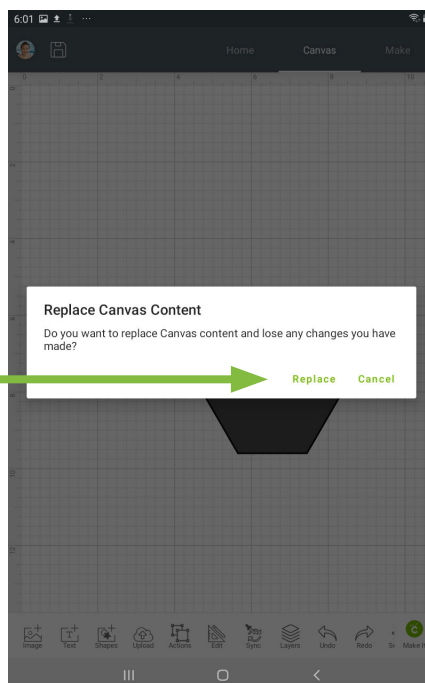


Warning: If you get an error message upon opening the Cricut app, it probably means your WiFi connection is missing or not strong enough for Cricut to retrieve your account information. Move within range and try again.

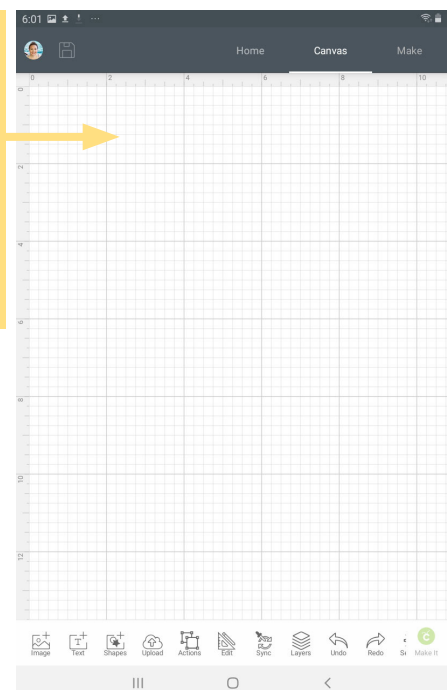
Attention!
Unable to retrieve the payment information

OK

Step 3: If you see this message, it means you left something on your canvas the last time you used the app. So either tap **Cancel (if you want to see what you left there) or tap **Replace** for a new, blank canvas.**



You will get a new canvas, ready for you to add images, shapes, text, and projects!

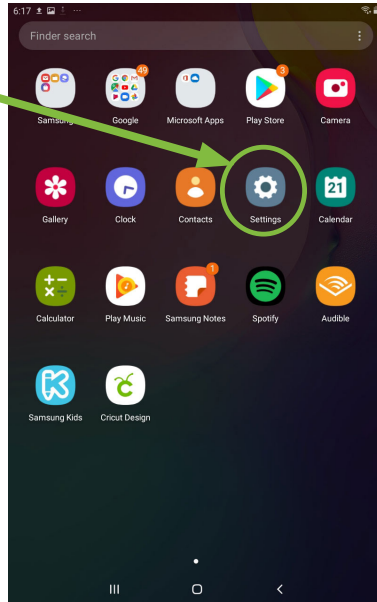




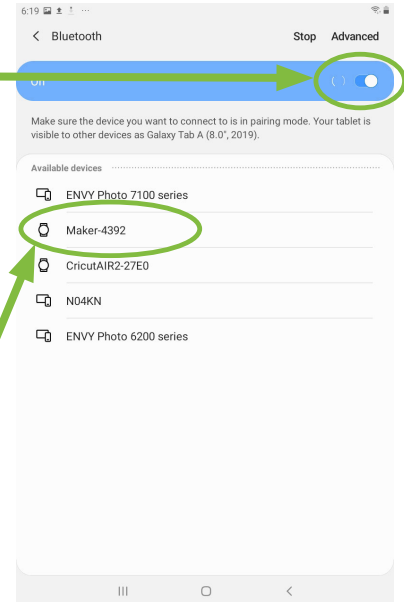
HOW TO CONNECT VIA BLUETOOTH

Step 1: Tap the **Settings** app.

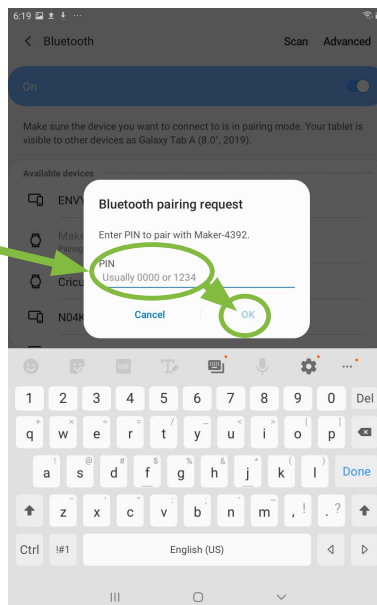
Note: Your Cricut must be within 10-15 feet of your device. If you need to use a Wireless Bluetooth Adapter, make sure it is inserted.



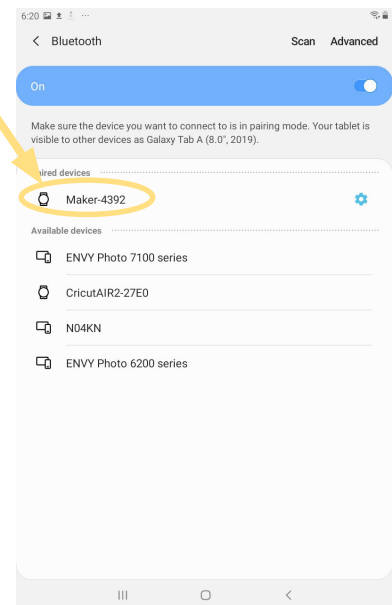
Step 2: Tap **Connections**, Tap **Bluetooth**, and turn on Bluetooth if it is off, then look for your Cricut in this list and tap it. If you do not see it listed, make sure your Cricut is turned on and no other Bluetooth device is connecting to it.



Step 3: If you get a pairing request, type **0000** (that's four zeros) or **1234** as the passcode and tap **OK**.



Once paired, it will appear in your Bluetooth window under **Paired Devices**.

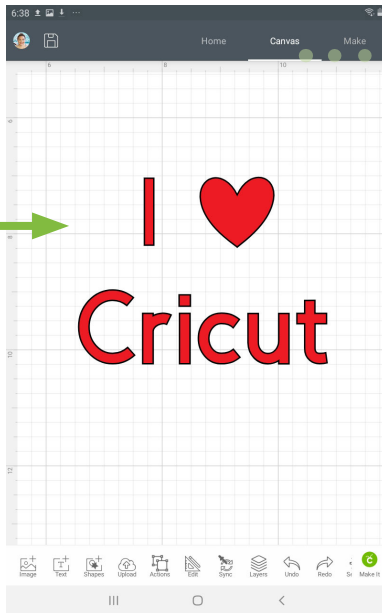




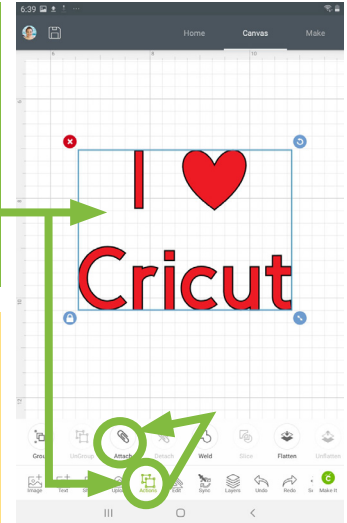
HOW TO ATTACH TO KEEP THINGS TOGETHER

Did you tap Make It and find all of your elements re-ordered and out of place? Fix this and keep everything exactly where you want with the Attach button. Use Attach to hold your cuts in the same position relative to each other on the cutting mat. The Attach feature also helps you affix a write or score layer to a cut layer.

Step 1: Add all of your elements to the Cricut Design Space app on your Android device, including text, SVG designs, score lines, write lines, etc.



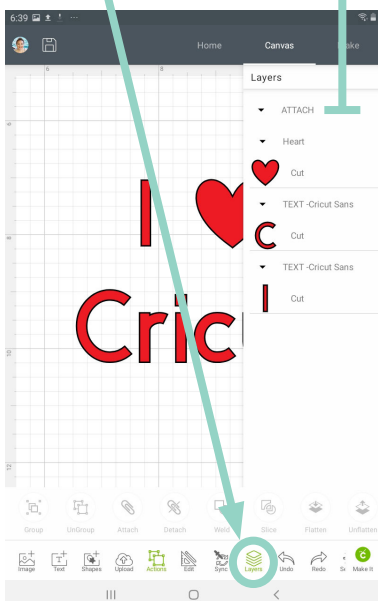
Step 2: Tap and drag a selection box around all of the images you want to attach together, tap on **Actions** at the bottom of the screen, then tap **Attach**.



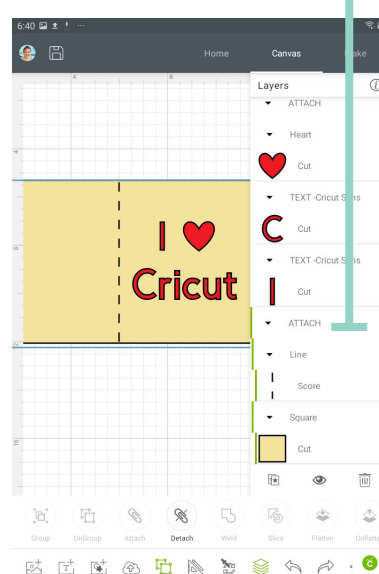
Note that attached layers will take on the same color. So only attach layers that you really want to be the same color!

Tip: If you are having a problem attaching layers, try ungrouping layers first.

You can verify that your images attached by tapping **Layers** and noting that they are now labeled "ATTACH."



Score lines must be attached with the appropriate cut layer in order for them to score on the right layer, as shown below.



Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/i-love-cricut>



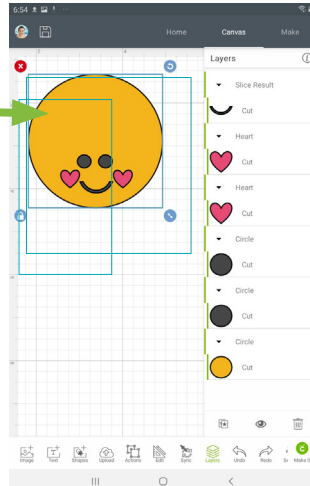
HOW TO GROUP AND UNGROUP

GROUP / UNGROUP

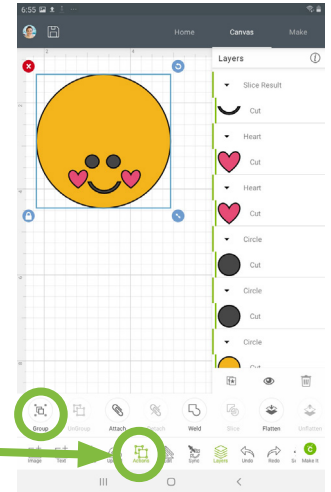
Grouping lets you keep objects together in your design but not necessarily on your mat (you still need to use the Attach function to keep things together on the mat). Sometimes projects and uploaded images will be grouped when you open/insert them, and you'll need to ungroup them so you can make changes.

HOW TO GROUP:

Step 1: Tap **Layers** and select each layer you want to group together. Alternatively, you can tap and drag a rectangle to select objects.



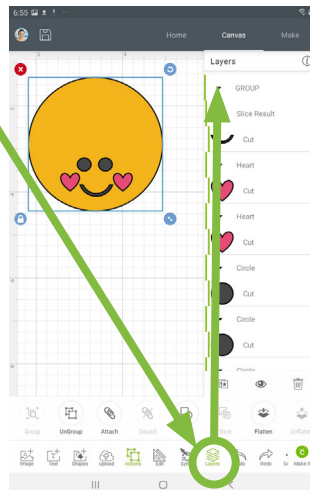
Step 2: With all objects you want to be in a group selected (the left side of the layers turn green when they are selected), tap **Actions** in the bottom toolbar then tap the **Group** button.



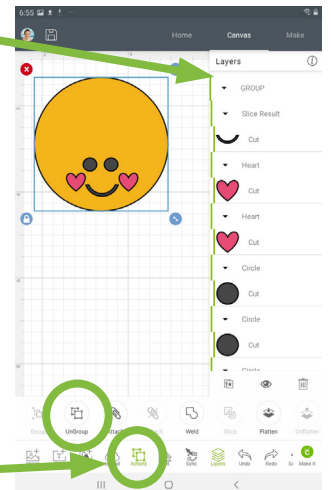
Tip: Once your objects group, they will be nested under a new line item in your Layers panel called "Group."

HOW TO UNGROUP:

Step 1: To ungroup, tap the **Layers** button in the bottom toolbar and look for the word "Group." (Hint: There may be more than one!)



Step 2: Tap the word "Group" in the Layers panel to select it, then tap the **Actions** button and tap the **Ungroup** button.



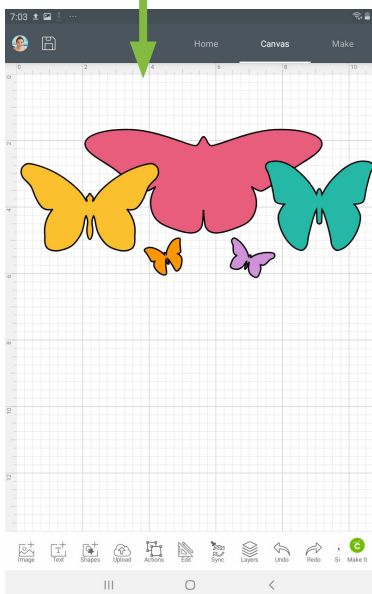
You often need to ungroup before you can attach objects. Sometimes, a project or image set has multiple groups. So if you want to attach and have an issue, look for ALL groups and ungroup them first.

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HOW TO WELD

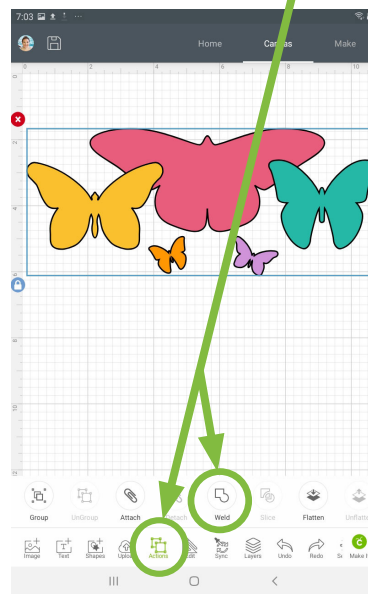
Need to join elements to create a new image? Do it with the Weld tool! The Weld tool can simplify a design, keep the letters of a word connected, and combine shapes to create new designs.

Step 1: Insert any images you want to weld onto your Canvas.



Note: If you are trying to create a single image with Weld, make sure all elements are overlapping.

Step 2: Tap and drag a selection box around all of the images you want to weld together, tap on **Actions** at the bottom of the screen, then tap **Weld**.



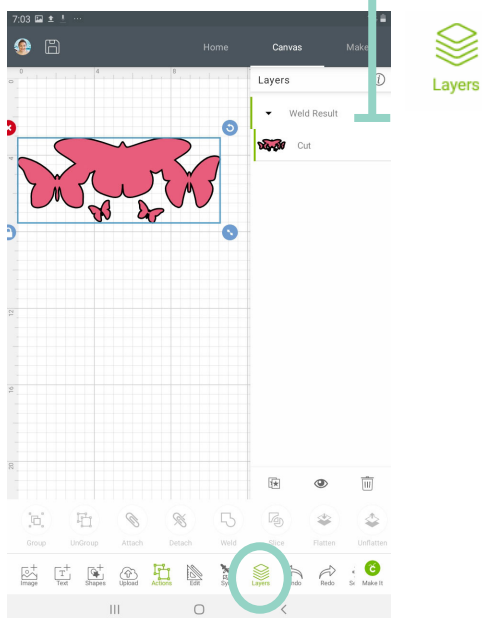
Actions

Weld

Tip: You can select items within groups to weld by tapping on their names in the Layers panel.

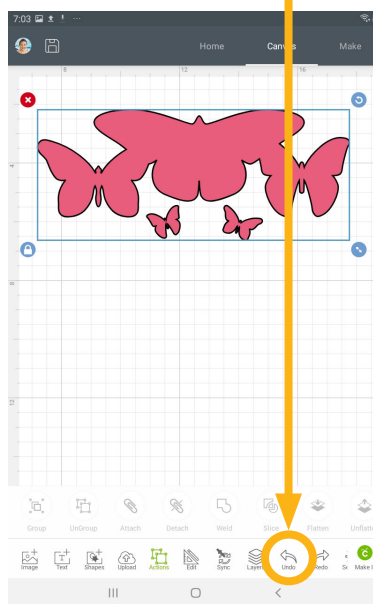
WELD

Once your images weld, they will change to the same color and a new image appears in the Layers panel.



Layers

Note: You can unweld ONLY if it is the current project on your Canvas and you recently welded it. If so, tap Undo until you unweld the image(s).



Undo

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/butterflies>

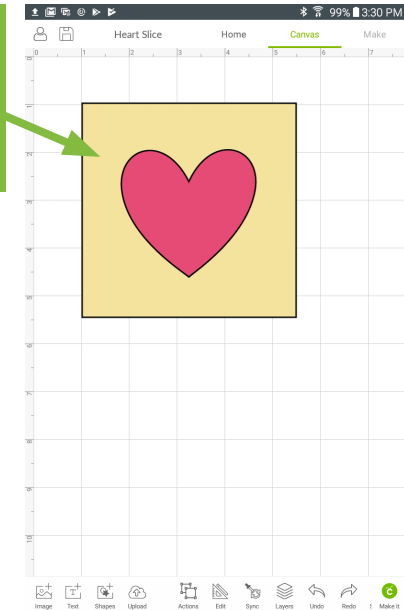


HOW TO SLICE (CUT AN IMAGE OUT OF ANOTHER)

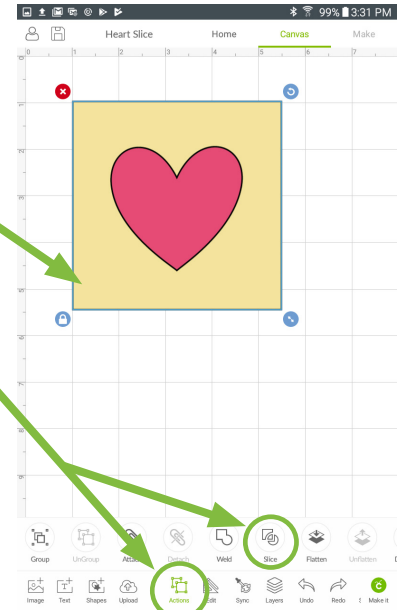
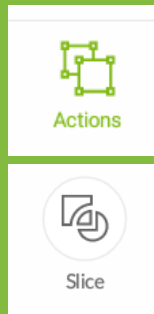
SLICE

Want to cut out parts or even make your own custom designs? If so, Slice is the tool for you! Slice lets you cut out parts of another object. If you keep slicing, you can make some pretty amazing designs!

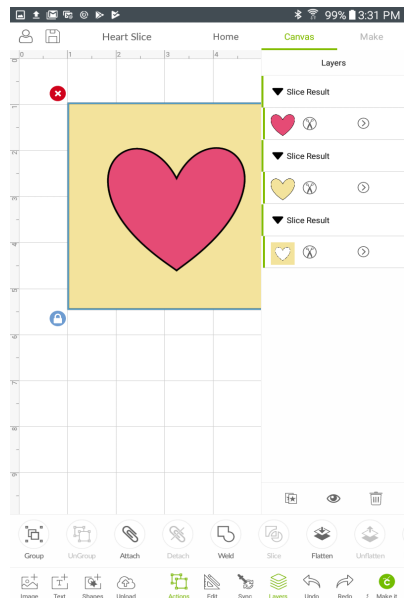
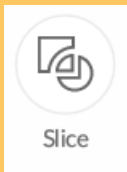
Step 1: Insert your images onto your Canvas so that they are overlapping.



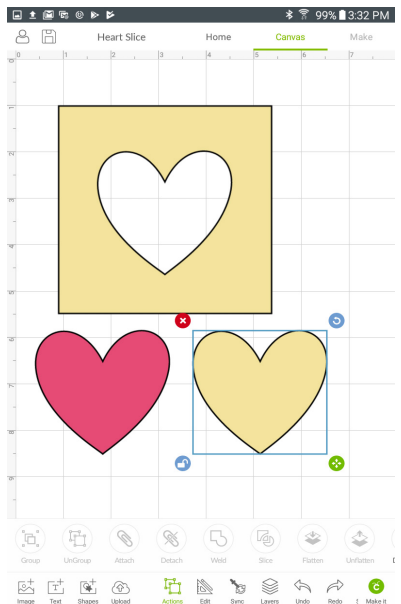
Step 2: Tap and drag a selection box around all of the images you want to slice, tap on **Actions** at the bottom of the screen, then tap **Slice**.



After you tap Slice, new layers called "Slice Result" will appear.



Step 3: Move, hide, or delete the layers you do not want, then you're good to go!



Slice Tips:

- You can Slice both images and text.
- Layers in groups can be Sliced if you select just the individual layers, not the entire groups.
- If you use Slice with hidden layers, all hidden layers will be removed.
- If text is multi-layered and one layer is hidden, you can use the Slice tool. However, if you ungroup text from its shadow layer, it becomes an image and will no longer work with the Slice tool unless the text is ungrouped to individual letters.

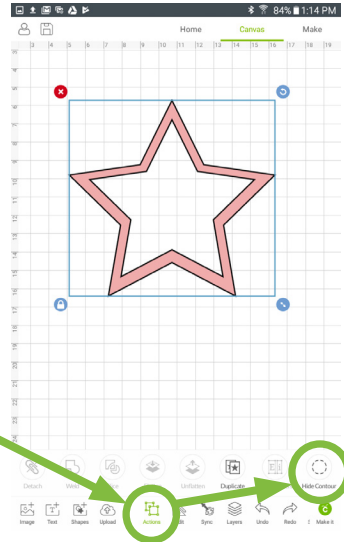
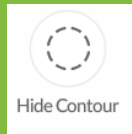
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/heart-slice>



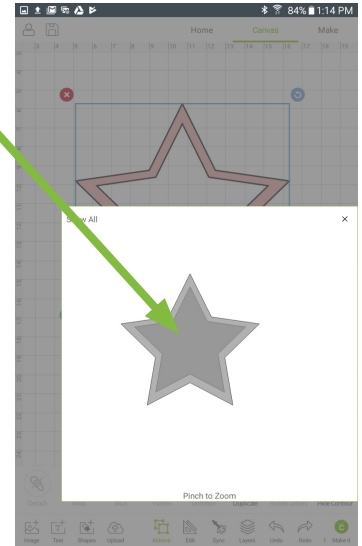
HOW TO REMOVE PARTS WITH CONTOUR

Need to erase parts of an existing design? Don't want that word or that circle, but can't ungroup or hide a layer? Use Contour to remove existing parts from projects.

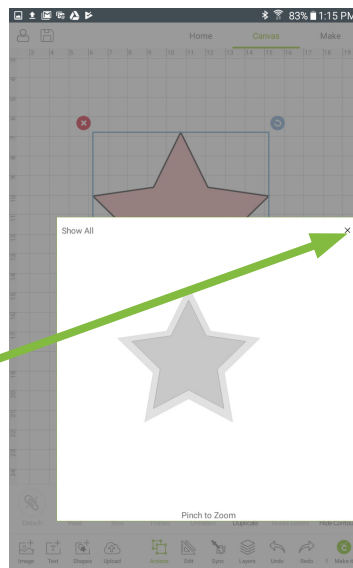
Step 1: Choose an image with elements you'd like to remove then tap **Actions**, then tap the **Hide Contour** tool in the lower right corner of the app window.



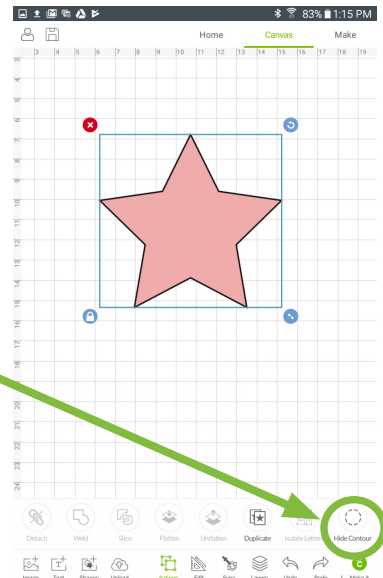
Step 2: Tap on the elements you want to remove. You can make the image larger (to see detail) by pinching to zoom.



Step 3: Elements that appear darker are those that you'll remove. When your image looks the way you want it, click the **X** icon in the upper right hand corner to return to your canvas.



Step 4: Confirm that your image looks the way you want it. If you need to make more changes, just click the **Hide Contour** tool again.



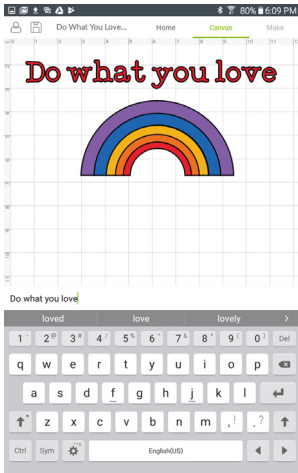
Tip: Contour isn't permanent so long as you don't Weld your images! If you decide later you want a Contoured image to go back the way it was, or simply edit it further, all the hidden parts are retained!

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/pink-star>

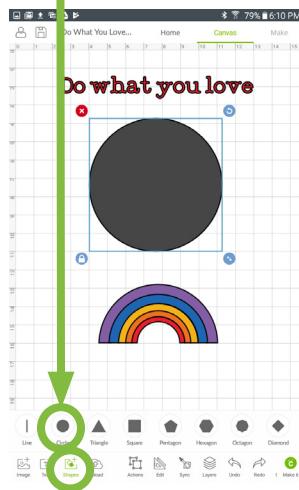


HOW TO CURVE TEXT

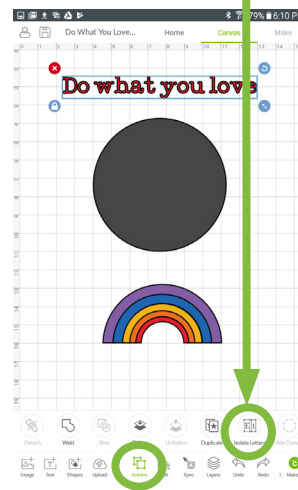
Step 1: Tap the **Text** tool and add some text.



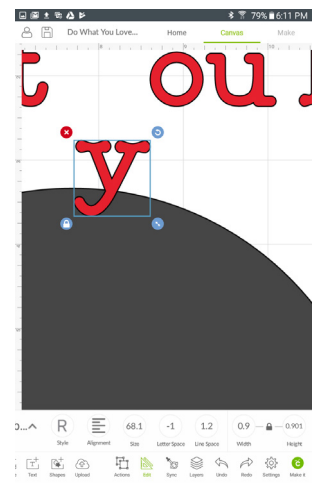
Step 2: Tap **Shapes** then tap **Circle**. Resize the circle to match the curve you want.



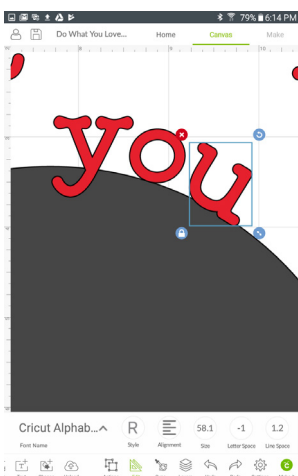
Step 3: Tap the text, tap **Actions**, and tap **Isolate Letters**.



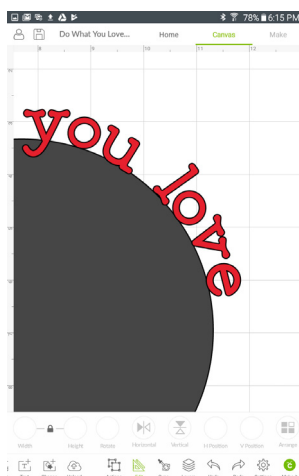
Step 4: Move each letter so it's base lines up with the circle below.



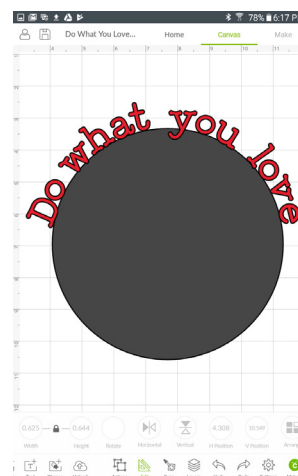
Step 5: As you work, rotate the letters to match the curve of the circle.



Step 6: Keep going until all the text is in position.



Step 7: Check that your curves look smooth and your words readable.



Step 8: Delete the circle and group all letters so they are easy to move around.



CURVE TEXT

Tip: If you have difficulties moving the letters into position, it may be because SmartGuides are turned on. To turn them off, tap Settings in the bottom toolbar and toggle off SmartGuides.

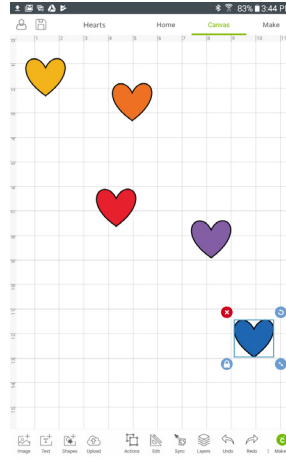
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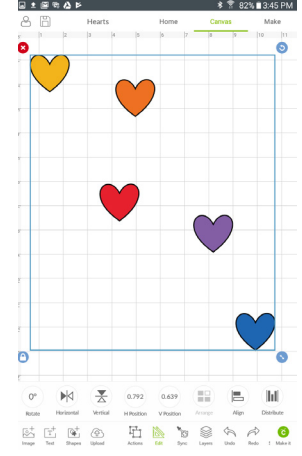
HOW TO ALIGN AND DISTRIBUTE OBJECTS

ALIGN AND DISTRIBUTE

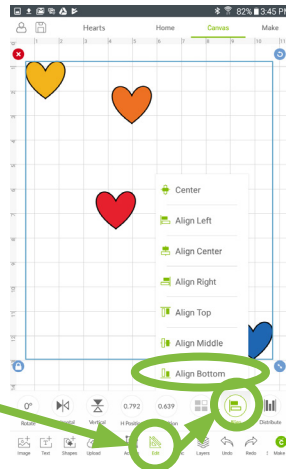
Step 1: Add two or more items to your canvas that you want to align or distribute evenly.



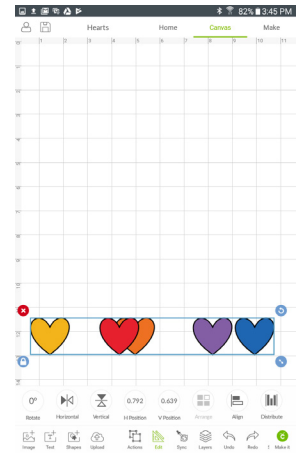
Step 2: Tap and drag a selection box around all items you want to align and/or distribute.



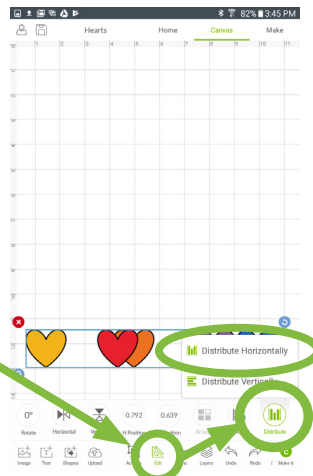
Step 3: Tap on the **Edit** tool in the bottom toolbar, tap **Align**, and tap **Align Bottom**.



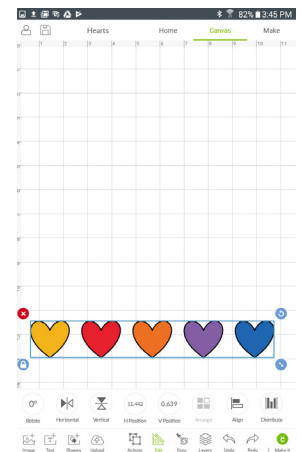
Step 4: All selected items are aligned with the bottommost object. Now let's space them out evenly.



Step 5: Tap on the **Edit** tool in the bottom toolbar, tap the **Distribute** tool, and choose **Distribute Horizontally**.



Step 6: Note that all the hearts are now in a perfect row with the same spacing.



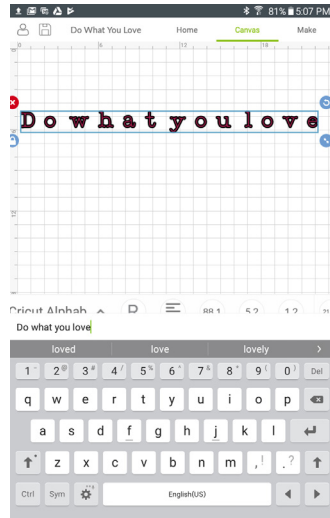
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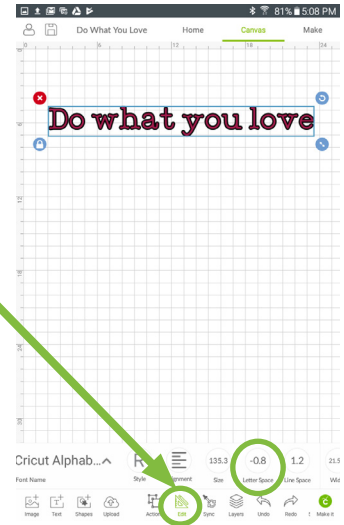
HOW TO CHANGE LETTER SPACE

CHANGE LETTER SPACE

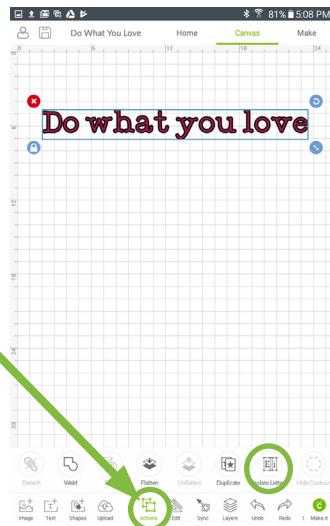
Step 1: Tap the **Text** tool, choose a font, and type something onto the Canvas. Note how the letters are spaced widely apart. Let's fix that.



Step 2: Select the text, tap **Edit**, tap **Letter Space**, and tap the minus sign until the letters look better.



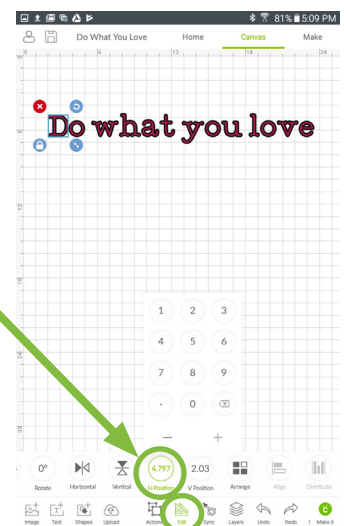
Step 3: The letter "D" is too close to the "o" in the example here. Select the text and tap **Action** then tap **Isolate**.



Step 4: Select just the letter "D" then tap **Edit**, then tap **H Position**, and tap the + symbol to move it to the right. Now these words are properly spaced.



Important: You will want to select all letters and tap **Action** then tap **Group** to make sure your letters stay together when you cut them.



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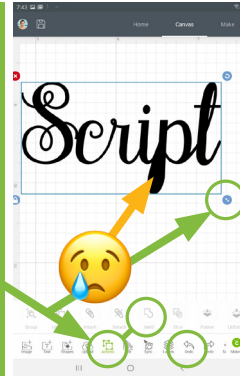
HOW TO WELD TEXT AND KEEP LETTER CENTERS

Welding text can be a little tricky. Typically, you weld script fonts (which can have overlapping letters) so words cut out as single units. Sometimes when you weld, the centers fill in—here's how to fix that:

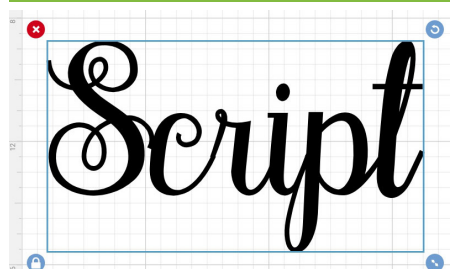
Step 1: Tap **Text**, type in script text, change your letter spacing so the letters overlap a bit (see page 90), select all, then tap **Actions > Weld**.



Step 2: If you get a center filling in (like the p here), tap **Undo**, then use the **Resize** handle to make your text MUCH larger, then tap **Actions > Weld** again.

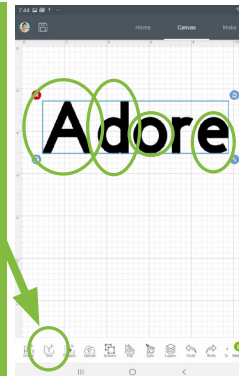


Step 3: Repeat step 2 until you can weld and the letter center does not fill in (you may have to get REALLY big), then resize back down to the right size.

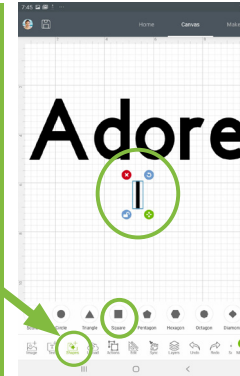


Another thing that can happen with text is that letter centers (the interior white space) can disappear when you cut them out. But you can connect the spaces and keep the centers! Here's how to fix that:

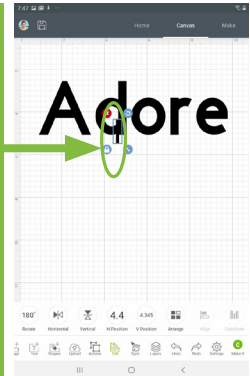
Step 1: Tap **Text**, type text, and look for letters & numbers with interior white space (counters), like A, B, D, O, P, Q, R, a, o, d, e, g, o, p, q and 0, 4, 6, 8, and 9.



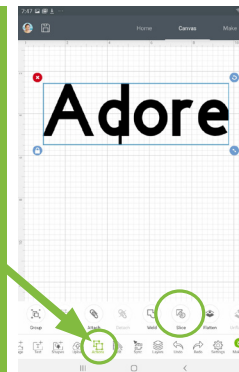
Step 2: Tap **Shapes**, select a **square**, and **unlock** it and **resize** it so it forms a rectangle about the width of the letter's strokes.



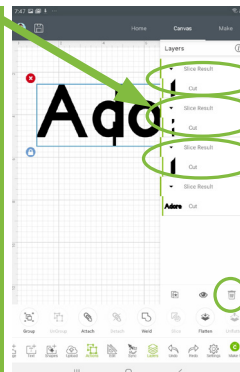
Step 3: Tap and drag the rectangle over a letter with interior white space so it's connecting the space inside to the space outside, like this:



Step 4: Select the word and the rectangle, then tap **Actions > Slice**.

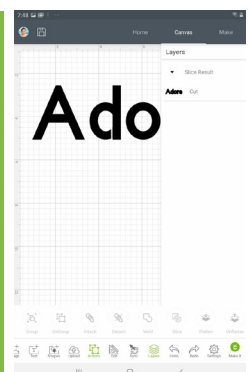


Step 5: Delete all layers except the layer with the word in it.



Repeat steps 2-5 for all letters as needed.

Adore



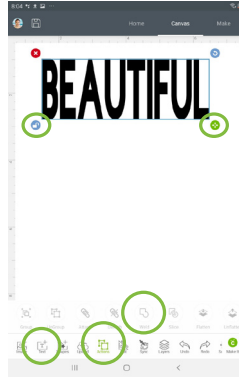
KEEP LETTER CENTERS

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/script-text> and <https://jennifermaker.com/adore-text>

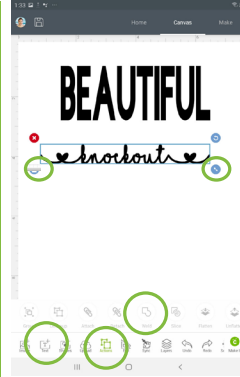
HOW TO KNOCKOUT TEXT

Knockouts are a popular decorative effect. It's not currently possible to do them completely within Design Space, but here is a workaround until the day that (hopefully) this feature is added:

Step 1: Tap **Text**, type your main word in a bold chunky font like **Cricut Sans Bold**. Unlock it, resize it to make it taller, and tap **Actions > Weld**.



Step 2: Tap **Text** again, type an accent word in script font (i.e., **I Love Glitter**). Adjust letters as needed, unlock it, resize it, and tap **Actions > Weld**.



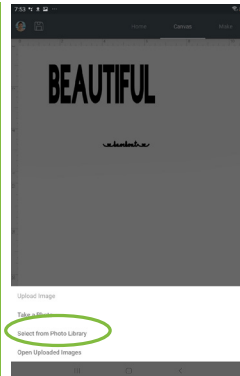
Step 3: Tap the accent layer and resize it to be about half the size it was, then take a screen shot (hold down the Power and Volume Up buttons).



Step 4: Go to the **Gallery** app on your Android, open the screen shot, tap the **Pencil** icon, crop it so only the knockout word remains, then tap **Save**.



Step 5: Return to the **Cricut** app, tap the **Upload** icon, and tap **Select from Photo Library**.



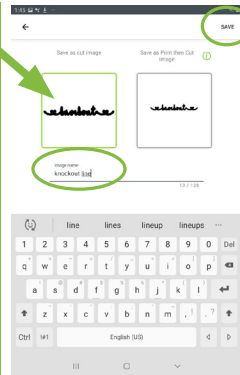
Step 6: Tap the magic wand icon labeled **Remove**.



Step 7: Tap the background of the knockout image to make it transparent, then tap **Next**.



Step 8: Tap **Save as cut image**, type in a name, and tap **Save**.



Step 9: Insert the knockout, resize it to match your accent word, unhide your main word, position the knockout over your main word, select both layers, and tap **Actions > Slice**.



Step 10: Delete the three sliced layers (leaving the main word layer), tap and drag the accent word inside the empty space sliced out of the main word, with the accent word selected tap **Edit > Fill** menu and change it to **No Fill**, tap the color box to change the accent word color if desired, and tap **Make It!**

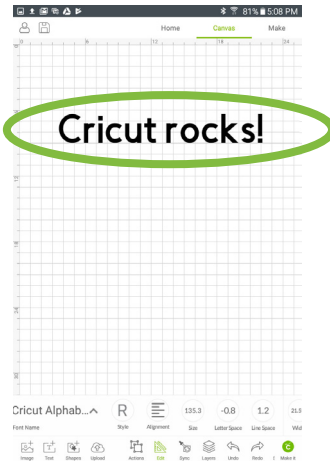


Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/beautiful-knockout>

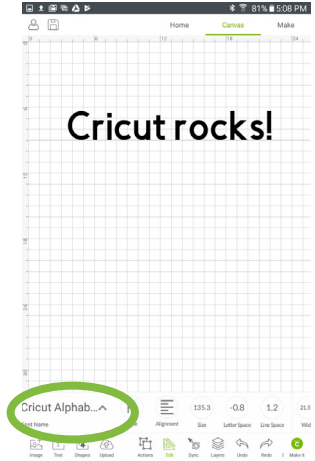


HOW TO CHANGE THE FONT FOR EXISTING TEXT

Step 1: Open your project and double-tap the text you want to change the font for.



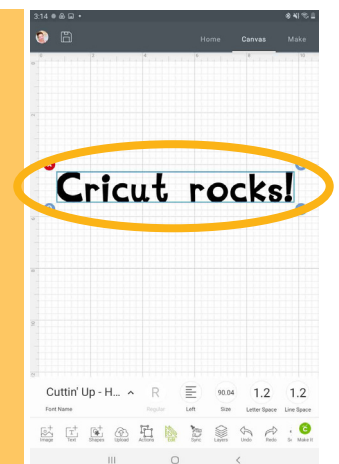
Step 2: Tap the font menu in the lower left corner to view the font list.



Step 3: Scroll through the list and tap the new font you want to use.



Your font changes!



CHANGE FONT

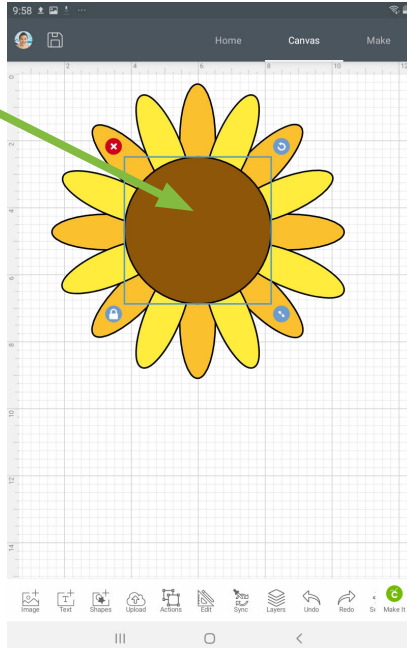


If you ever type NEW text and cannot find it on your Android, zoom out and check the upper left corner—that's usually where you'll find it!

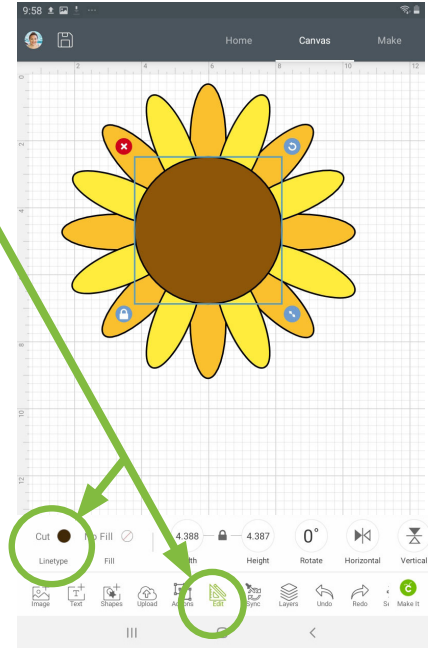


HOW TO CHANGE COLORS

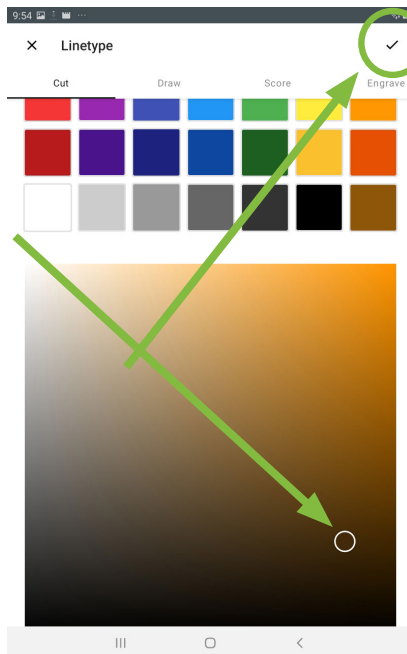
Step 1: Select (tap) the layer you want to change, like the center of this flower.



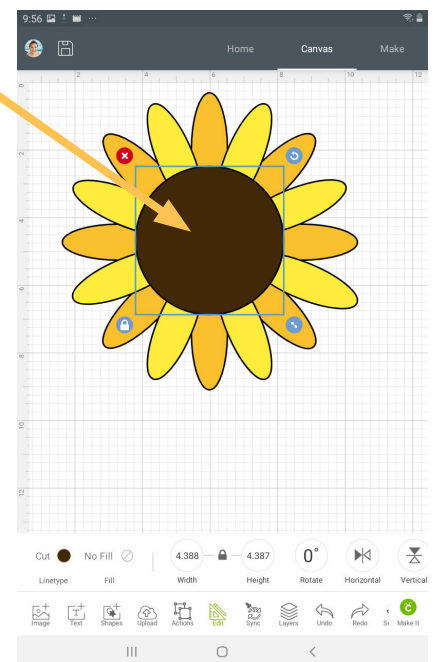
Step 2: Tap Edit then tap the circle above the Linetype option.



Step 3: Select (tap) the color you want. If you don't see the color you want, you can choose any custom color in the color picker below it. When done, tap the checkmark.



Your object changes to the color you selected!



CHANGE COLORS

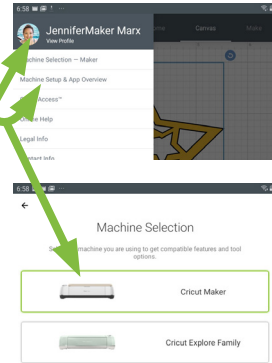
Note that you cannot set pattern fills in the Android version of Cricut Design Space. If you need to set pattern fills, use a desktop or laptop to access Cricut Design Space and see directions on page 21.



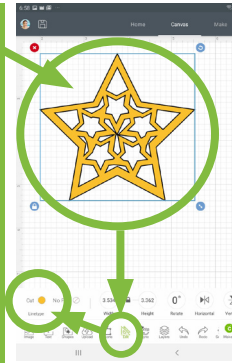
HOW TO CHANGE LINETYPE AND TOOLS

The Linetype menu lets you change the tool for a layer. Choices for the Joy are Cut (default) and Draw. The Cricut Explores add Score. The Cricut Makers add Engrave, Deboss, Wave, and Perf. You will only see the Maker linetype choices if you've set your machine to Maker or Maker 3. (Note: You cannot use the Knife or Foil Transfer tools from Android devices.) Here's how to set your machine and change the linetype.

Step 1: Tap the **circle menu** in the upper left, tap **Machine Selection**, then tap your **Cricut**.



Step 2: Tap a layer, then tap **Edit**, then tap **Linetype**.



Tap **Cut** then ✓ to use the fine point, deep cut, fabric, or rotary (Maker only) blades. You cannot use the knife blade with the Android version of



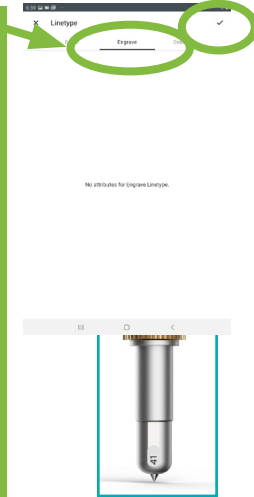
Tap **Draw** then ✓ to set a layer to write with pens and markers. You can choose the color and thickness, too.



Tap **Score** then **Apply** to set a layer score with the Stylus (Maker or Explore) or Scoring Wheel Tools (Maker only).



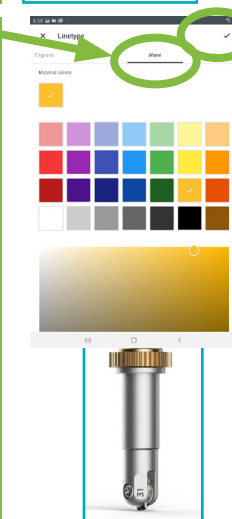
Tap **Engrave** then ✓ to set a layer to use the Engraving Tool (Maker only).



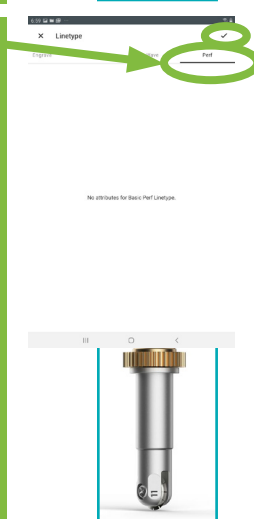
Tap **Deboss** then ✓ to set a layer to use the Debossing Tool (Maker only).



Tap **Wave** then ✓ to set a layer to use the Wavy Edge Tool (Maker only).



Tap **Perf** then ✓ to set a layer to use the Perforation Blade Tool (Maker only).



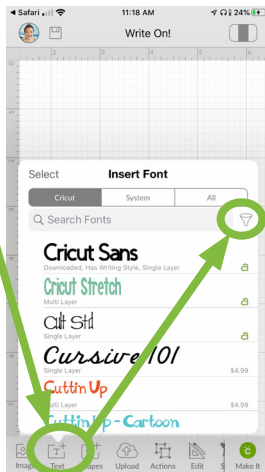
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/starry-star>



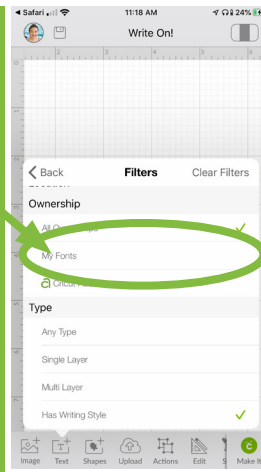
HOW TO SET TEXT TO WRITE WITH A PEN

You can insert a Cricut pen or marker into any Cricut Joy, Explore, or Maker machine and have it draw for you! Many crafters like to use this feature with a writing font to mimic handwriting. Here's how to choose a good font that looks like handwriting and set it to Draw in Cricut Design Space:

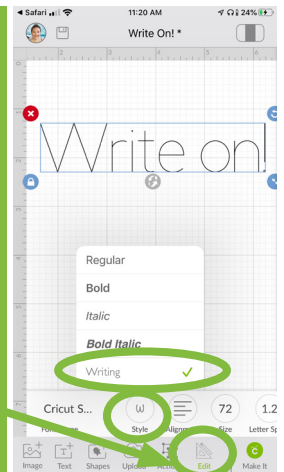
Step 1: Tap **Text**, tap the **Filter** icon, and scroll down to tap **Writing** to see writing fonts.



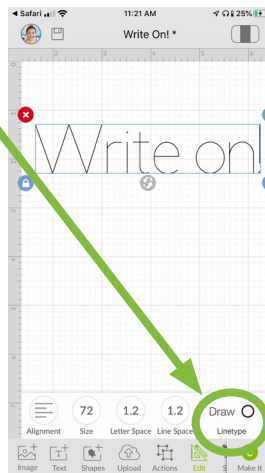
Step 2: Select a writing font (such as the free **Cricut Sans** or **Cricut Alphabet**). Some may have a fee, like this:



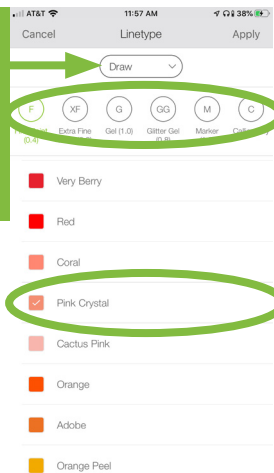
Step 3: Tap **Edit**, tap **Style**, then tap **Writing** to select the Writing style of the font.



Step 4: Tap **Linetype**.



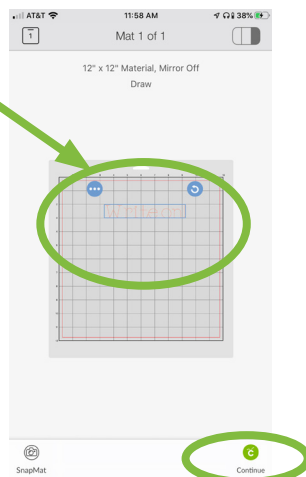
Step 5: Select **Draw** and tap a pen type and color.



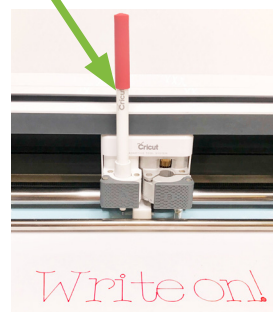
Step 6: Adjust the **Font Size** and **Letter Space** as necessary so it looks the way you want it to look, then click **Make It**.



Step 7: Tap, hold and drag the text to the exact spot you want it to be written on your material on the cutting mat (see page 64), then click **Continue**.



Step 8: Insert the pen in your Cricut's accessory clamp, position your material on the cutting mat, load your mat, and press the flashing button.



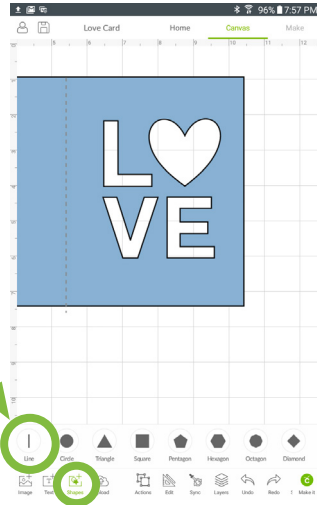
See my blog post at <https://jennifermaker.com/cricut-writing> for more tips on writing on your Cricut! I also have a free writing font you can use at <https://jennifermaker.com/writing-font>

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/write-on>

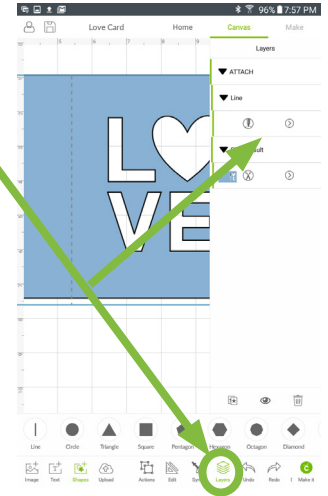


HOW TO SCORE WITH STYLUS OR WHEEL

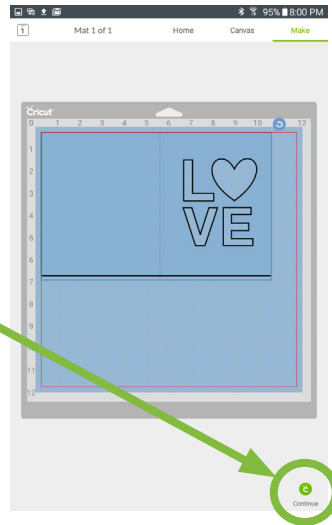
Step 1: Open or create a project with score lines. You can add a score line to any project by tapping **Shapes**, then tapping **Line**.



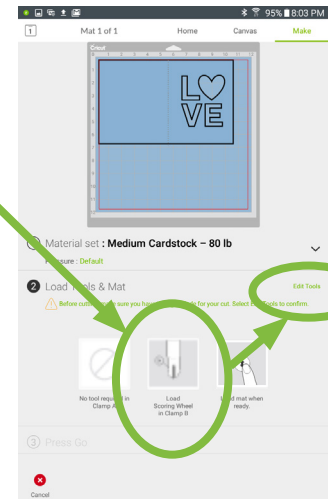
Step 2: Make sure any lines you want to be scored are attached to the layer that should have the score line (tap the arrow on the layer to change). Tap **Make It**.



Step 3: Make sure the score line is on the same layer as the cut, then tap **Continue**.



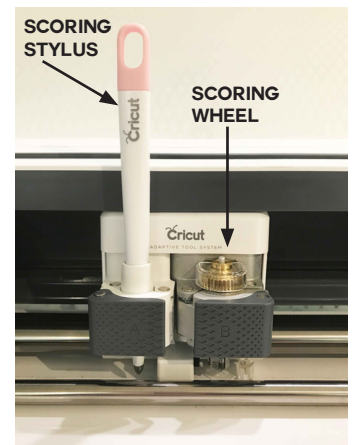
Step 4: Check the necessary tools. If the screen says to use a scoring wheel but you do not have one, tap **Edit Tools**.



Step 5: Tap on the scoring tool of preference, then tap **Continue**.



Step 6: Insert the scoring tool that matches step 5, then click the flashing icon on your Cricut.



Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/love-card>

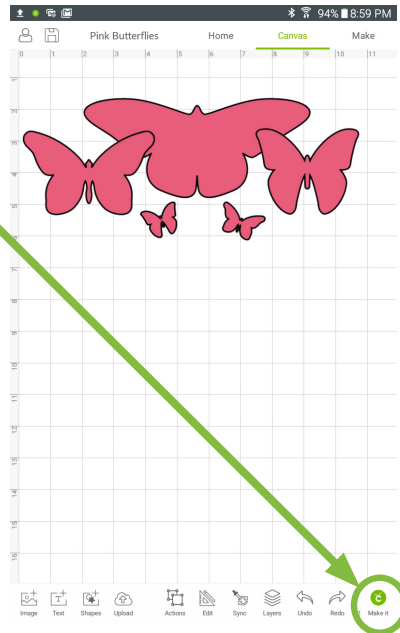
SCORE (STYLUS/WHEEL)



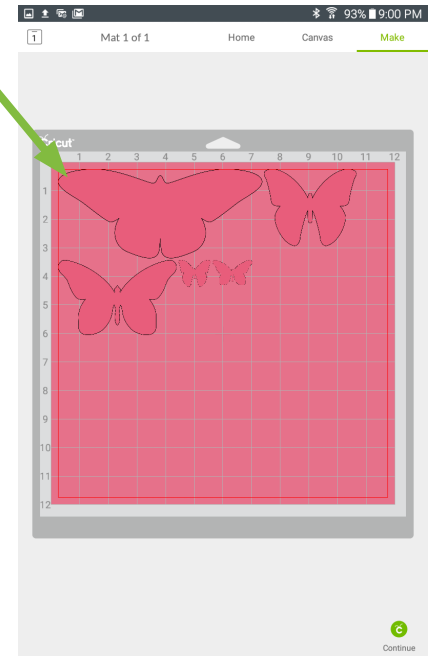
HOW TO REPOSITION ITEMS ON MAT PREVIEW

Need exact control over where items on your mat are cut? Want to cut one mat with multiple pieces of paper in different colors? You can do this if you reposition items on your mat before you cut! Here's how to do it on an Android device:

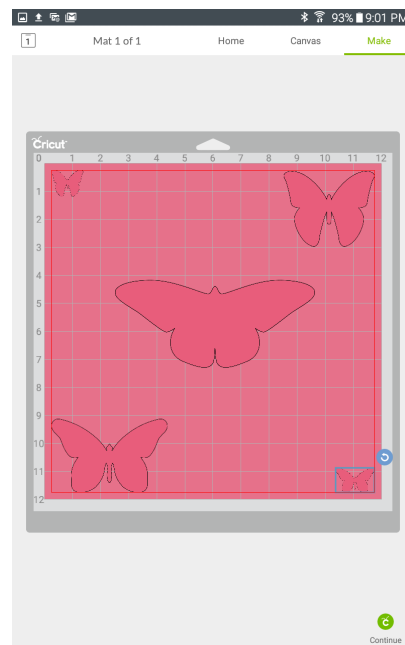
Step 1: Open or create a project. Make anything you want to appear on the same mat the same color. Tap **Make It**.



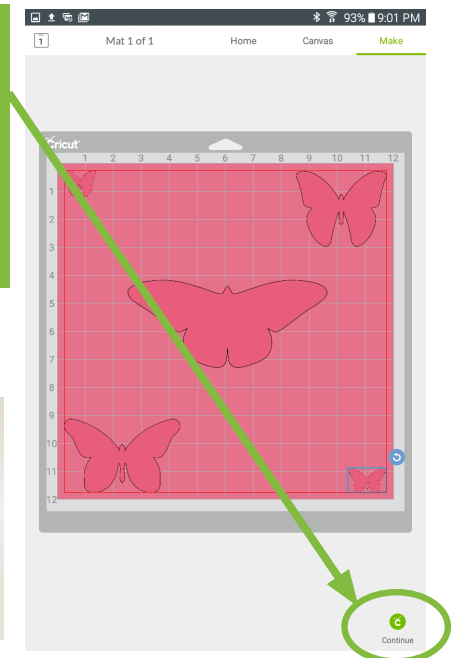
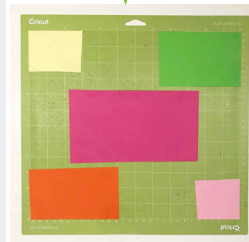
Step 2: Make sure the items you want to reposition are all on the same mat.



Step 3: Move each object on the mat by tapping and dragging to a new position. You can also rotate.



Step 4: Make sure the material on your actual mat matches the placement on this virtual mat, then tap **Continue**.



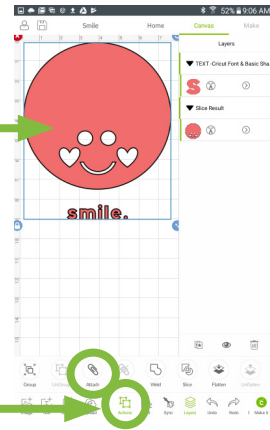
REPOSITION ON MAT

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/butterflies>

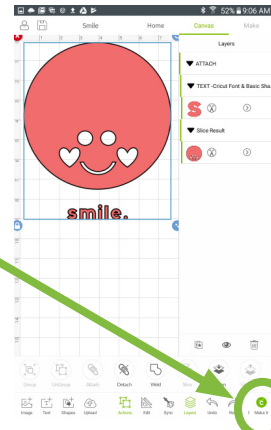
HOW TO MIRROR AND CUT IRON ON VINYL

Want to make a T-shirt or bag with iron-on vinyl? Here's how to mirror your image and position your vinyl on your mat for iron-on (heat transfer) vinyl!

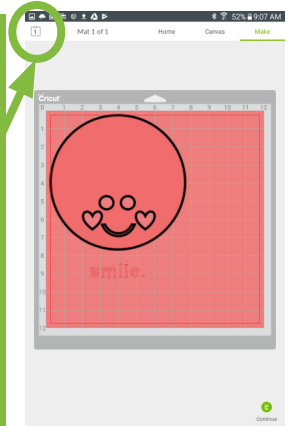
Step 1: Select all the objects you want to iron-on, tap **Actions**, then tap **Attach**.



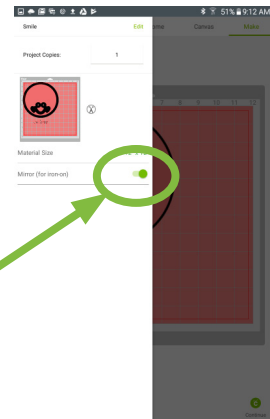
Step 2: Tap **Make It**.



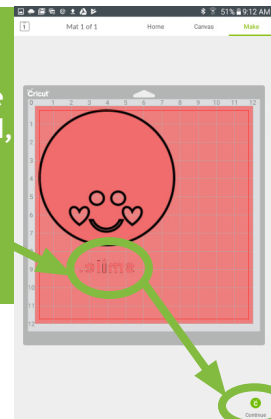
Step 3: Tap the **mat** icon in the upper left corner of the screen.



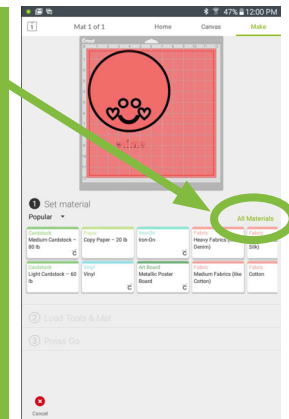
Step 4: Toggle **Mirror** to the on position and tap on the gray area to close this panel.



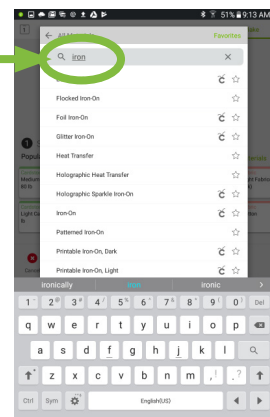
Step 5: Verify that your image is mirrored, then tap **Continue**.



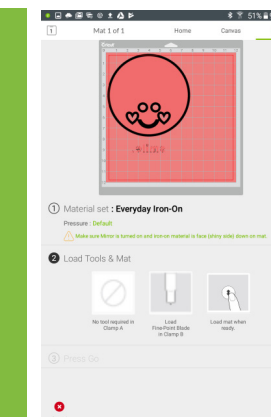
Step 6: Tap on **All Materials**.



Step 7: Search for **"iron"** and select the type of iron-on vinyl you plan to use.



Step 8: Place your iron-on vinyl on your cutting mat shiny side down, insert the mat, and press **Go**.



Remember, put the vinyl **SHINY SIDE DOWN** on your cutting mat!

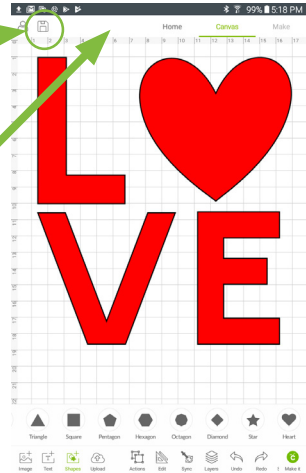


Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/simple-smile>

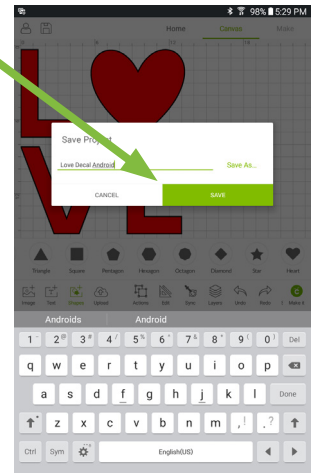


HOW TO SAVE WORK AND VIEW SAVED PROJECTS

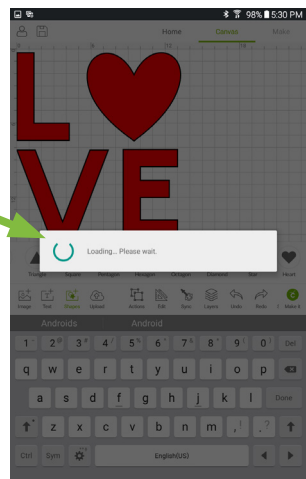
Step 1: Create something and tap the **Save** icon. You can tell when a project is unsaved when the title area is blank.



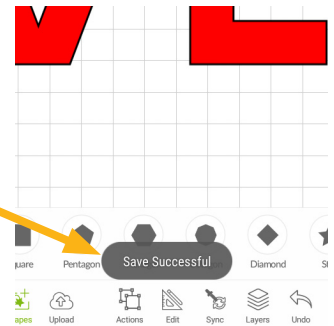
Step 2: Give the project a name and tap **Save**.



Step 3: Give your device time to save the project. Make sure you are near your Wi-Fi source for the best results.

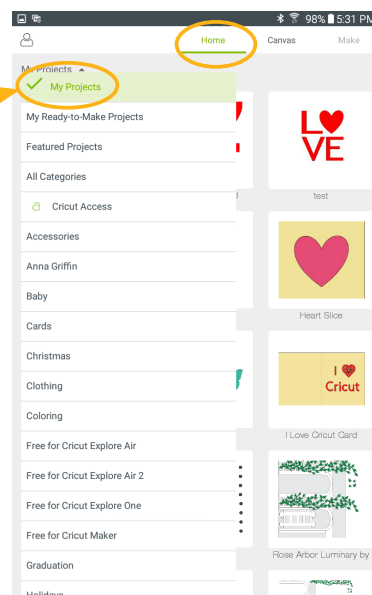


If Cricut is able to save your project, a confirmation notice will appear at the bottom.



To view your Saved Projects, tap the Home link at the top, then tap the All Categories menu and choose My Projects.

Note that you cannot currently share a project from the Android version of Cricut Design Space, but you can save a project on Android and then access and share it from the desktop version.



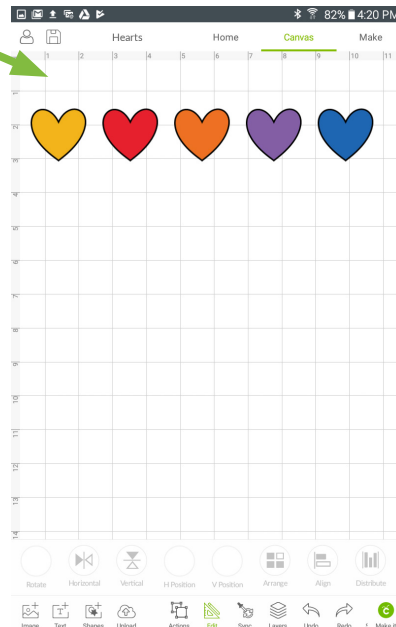
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/love-decal>



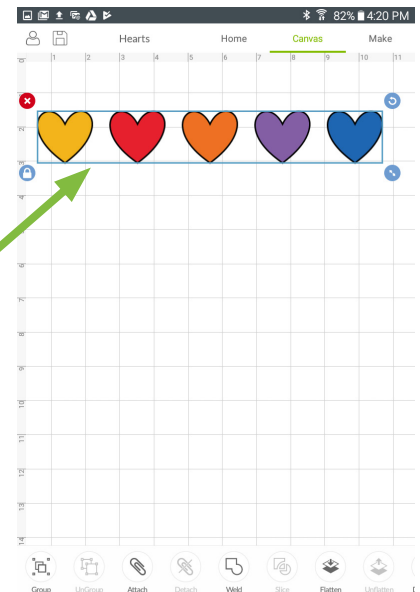
HOW TO FLATTEN

Need to make a Print Then Cut project? Flatten is your friend! The Flatten tool allows you to turn any image into a single, printable layer for the Print then Cut feature.

Step 1: Add two or more items to your canvas that you want to flatten.



Step 2: Tap and drag a selection box around all objects you want to flatten to select all of them.



Step 3: Tap **Actions**, then tap **Flatten**.

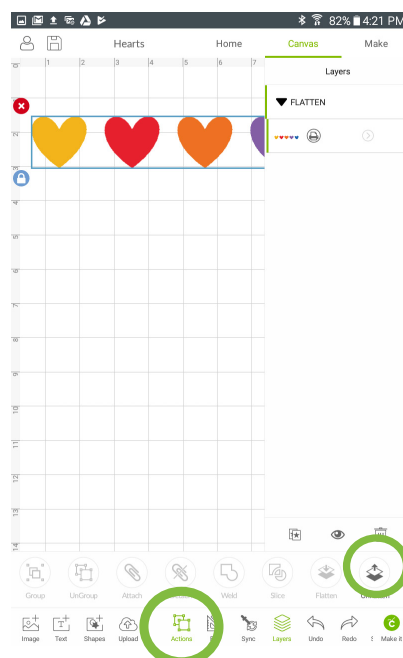


Actions



Flatten

Note that all items are now on one layer and now work only for Print Then Cut.



If you decide this isn't what you wanted to do, tap the **Unflatten** button right away.



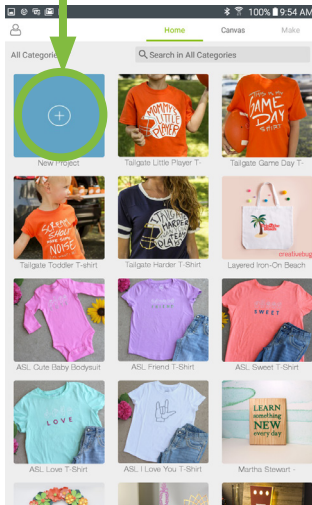
Unflatten

FLATTEN

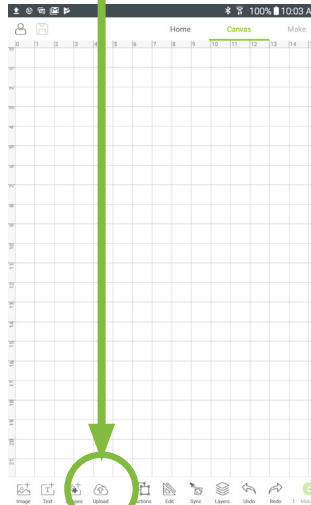
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/five-hearts>

HOW TO UPLOAD IMAGES

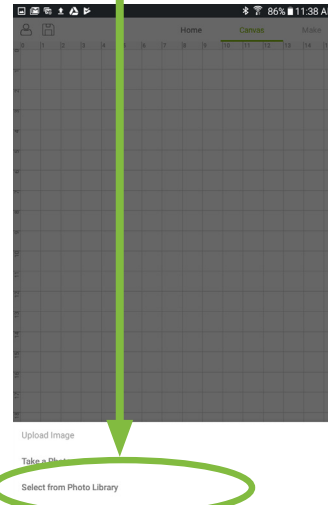
Step 1:
Tap **New Project**



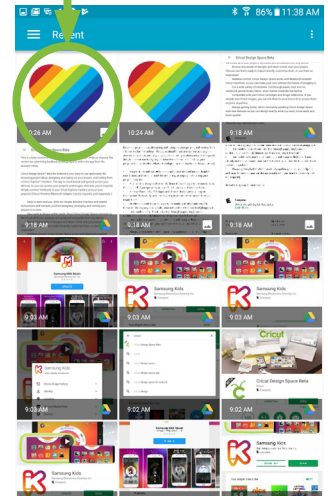
Step 2:
Tap **Upload**



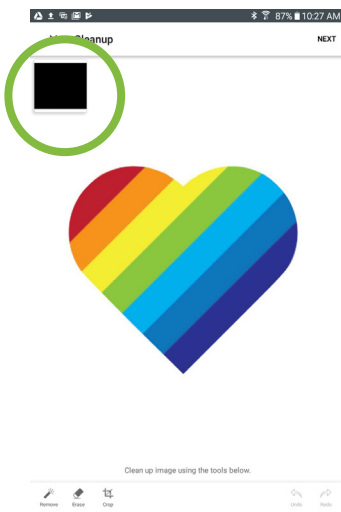
Step 3:
Tap **Select from Photo Library** to locate an image you already saved there.



Step 4:
Tap the image file, such as PNG, JPG, GIF, or JPG.



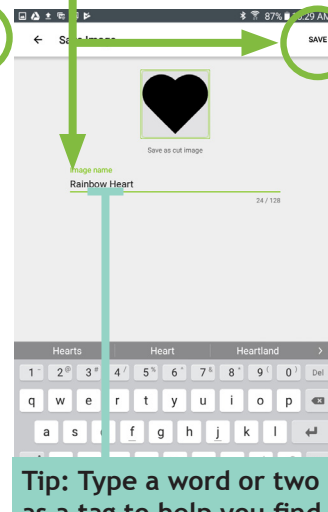
Step 4:
Look at the box in the upper left corner — that is the cut file.



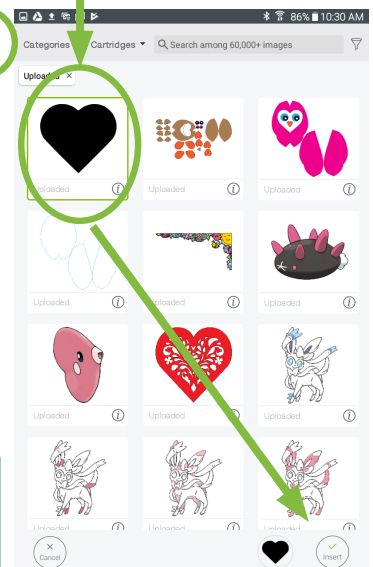
Step 5:
Clean it up (if you want) and tap **Next**.



Step 6:
Name your image and tap **Save**.



Step 7:
Tap the uploaded image and then tap **Insert**.



Tip: Type a word or two as a tag to help you find this image later in a search.

UPLOAD IMAGES (ANDROID)

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/rainbow-heart>



HOW TO ERASE A BACKGROUND FROM AN IMAGE

ERASE BACKGROUND

Step 1: Find or upload a JPG, PNG, GIF, or BMP file that you want to use. Tip: You'll need to save to your Photos library in order to upload it. Use Google Drive or something similar to transfer files if necessary.



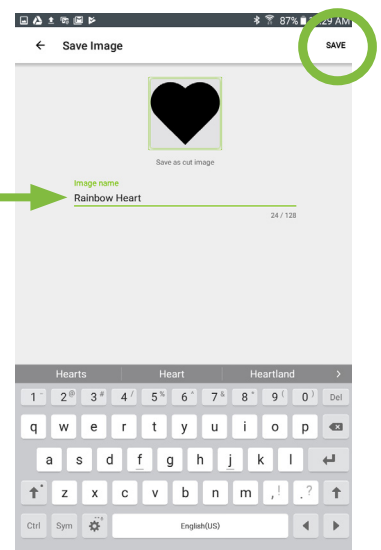
Step 2: Tap the **Remove** tool.



Step 3: Tap on the white background around your image to erase it. You may need to click in several areas to get it all. The slider at the bottom controls how much of a given color you remove. When it looks good, tap **Next**.

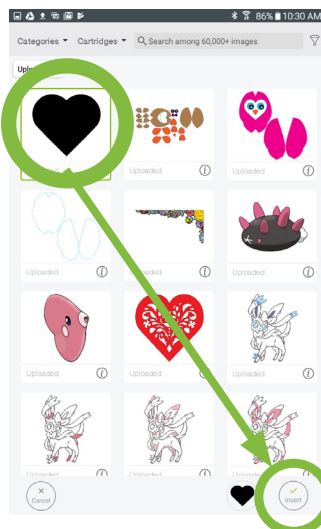


Step 4: Check the cut lines of the object. If you need to fix it, tap the **back arrow**. If it looks good, give it a name and tap **Save**.



Note that your image will turn black because Print Then Cut is not available on Android devices yet, so you can only create cut images.

Step 5: Once saved, you can use the image by selecting it and clicking **Insert Image**.

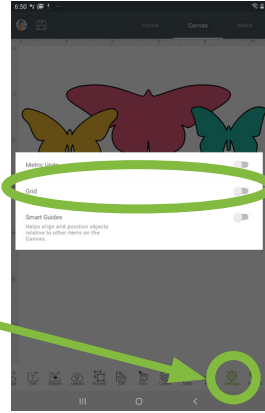


Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/svg-heart>

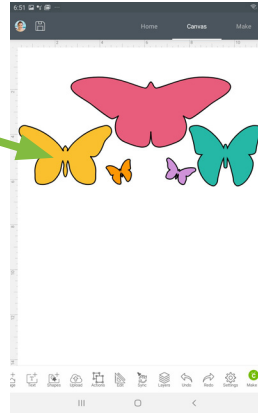


HOW TO COMBINE MULTIPLE PROJECTS

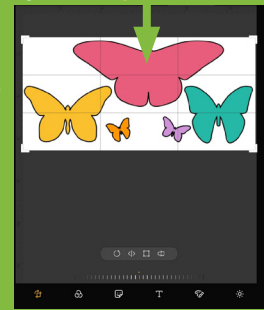
Step 1: Open the project you want to add to another and turn off the grid by tapping **Settings** and toggle the **Grid** off.



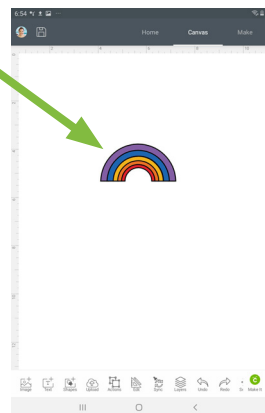
Step 2: If any individual elements in your design are touching and you need them separated, move them apart now.



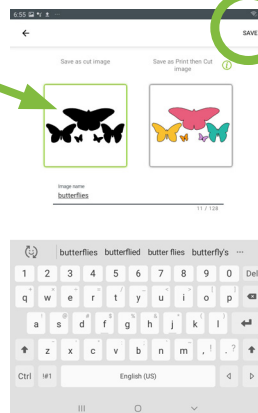
Step 3: Take a picture of Design Space screen by pressing the **Power** button and the **Volume** up button at the same time. Quickly release both buttons. Go to Home screen and tap **Gallery**, find the image, tap the **Pencil** icon, and **crop** it (slide in the sides) to just the design, and tap **Save**.



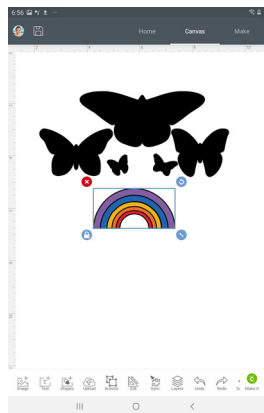
Step 4: Open the project to which you want to add your other project. Allow it to replace your current canvas.



Step 5: Follow previous pages to upload the image from step 3 and remove the background. Tap **Cut Image** then tap **Save**.



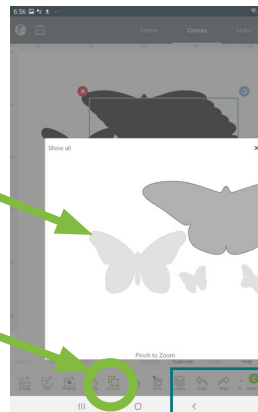
Step 6: Insert the newly uploaded image onto your Canvas with the other image from step 4.



Step 7: Tap the first project's image, tap **Actions**, tap **Duplicate**, and make as many duplicates as there are elements in the project.



Step 8: Select each duplicate copy and tap **Actions** > **Hide** (see Contours on page 53) to separate out each element into its own layer.



Step 9: Recolor each element (see page 21) as needed and move back into position. Now your two projects are combined!

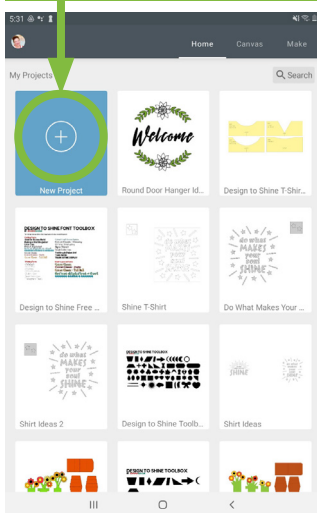


Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/butterflies> and <https://jennifermaker.com/rainbow-love>

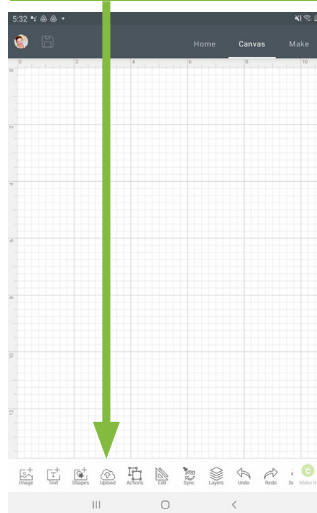
HOW TO UPLOAD SVG FILES ON AN ANDROID

SVG files are special files that you can upload to Cricut Design Space and cut beautiful designs from. To use an SVG, first you must download and unzip an SVG file. You can practice downloading a file at jennifermaker.com/svg-heart. To unzip a file, go to My Files on your Android, tap on Downloads, tap to select the downloaded ZIP file, click on the three dots in the upper right corner of your screen, and choose Extract. Note that you will not see the folder in step 4 unless you do this first.

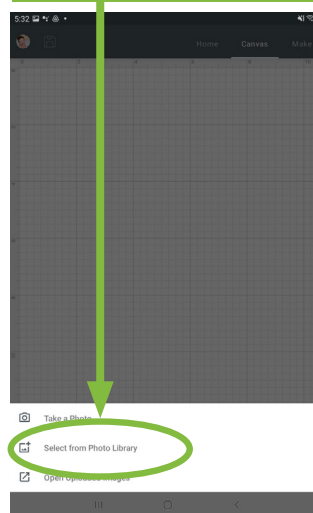
Step 1: Tap New Project



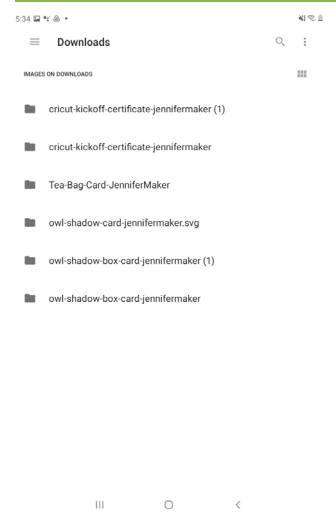
Step 2: Tap Upload



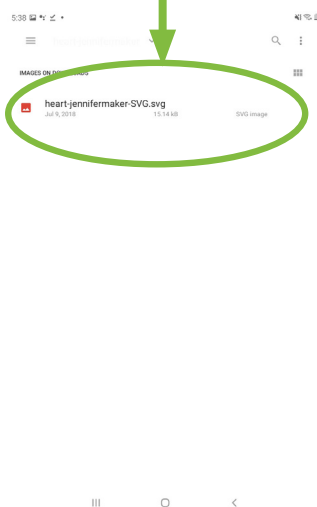
Step 3: Tap Select from Photo Library



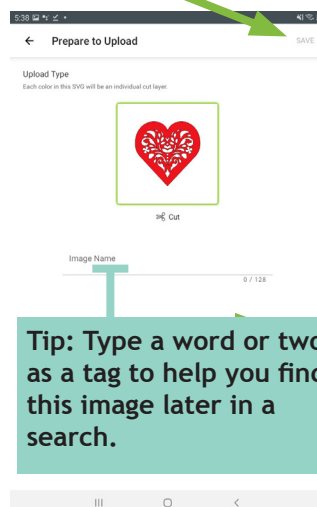
Step 4: Tap the menu icon and open Downloads



Step 5: Tap the SVG file (do NOT tap the ZIP file—it will give you an error).

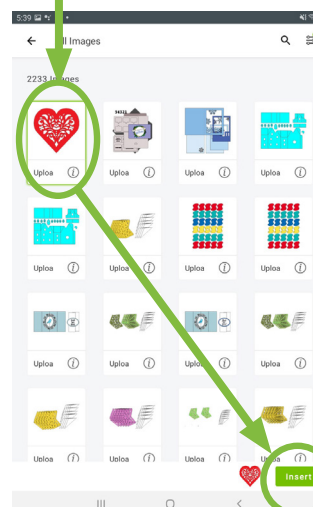


Step 6: Enter a name for your image, then tap Save.

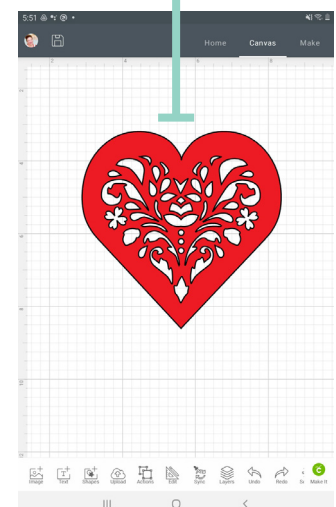


Tip: Type a word or two as a tag to help you find this image later in a search.

Step 7: Tap the uploaded SVG and then tap Insert.



Once inserted, your image appears on your canvas, ready to be modified and/or made!



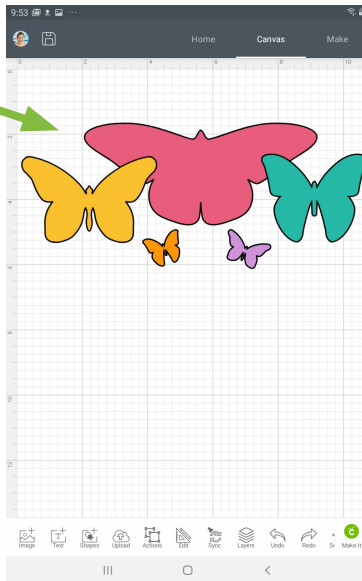
Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/svg-heart>



HOW TO RESIZE A PROJECT

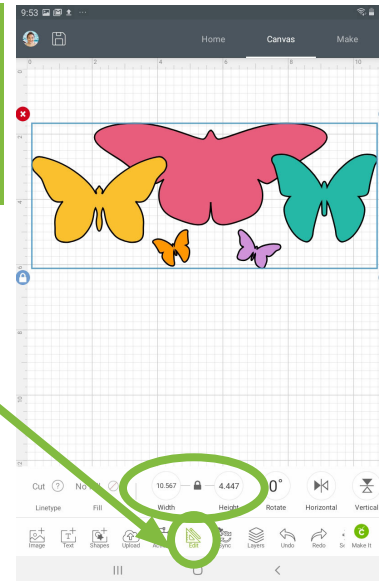
Have you ever uploaded an SVG design, cut it out, and realized it was too small or too big? Here's how to check the size of a project before you cut it out:

Step 1: Insert, upload, or create an image on your canvas in Design Space, then select all images you want to resize by tapping and dragging a selection box around them.



Step 2: Tap **Edit**, then note the size at the bottom of the window in the **Width** and **Height** circles.

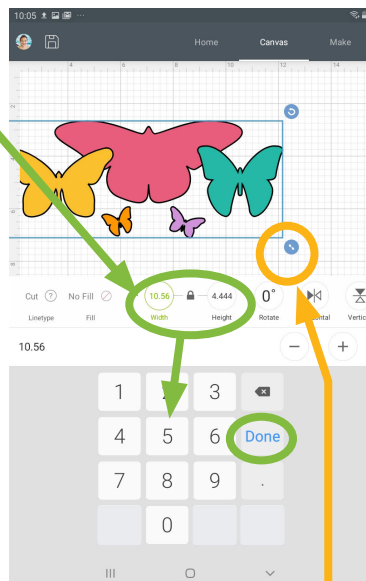
10.567 — 4.447
Width Height



To determine if the sizing is right, compare it to the sizing in the original instructions or tutorial. If no sizing is provided, you'll have to use your best judgment. Here's how to resize a project:

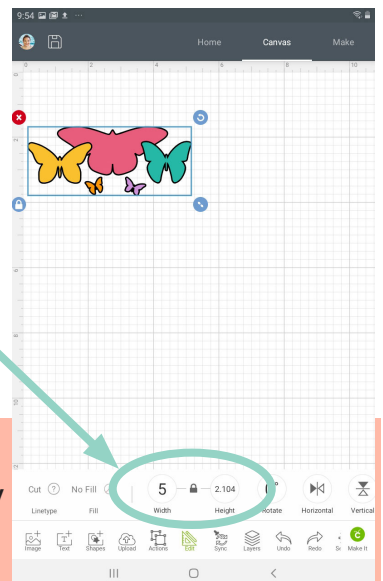
Step 3: Be sure the lock icon indicates it is locked, then tap the **Width** or **Height** circles and tap on the **number pad** to enter the proper size, then tap **Done**.

locked



The entire selected image(s) is resized and retains its proportions.

5 — 2.104
Width Height



Note that Cricut Design Space may automatically resize any SVG file that measures over 23.5" (either wide or high) down to 23.5" on its longest side, and there is no notification that an image was resized. So if you ever place an image on your canvas and notice that one side measures exactly 23.5", that is a strong indicator that your image has been resized.

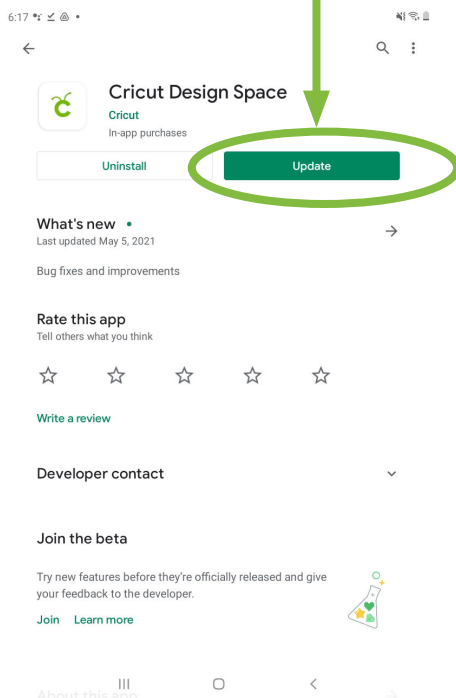
You can also resize images using the resize icon in the lower right corner of a selection box. Just click, hold, and drag to resize.

Practice this at <https://jennifermaker.com/butterflies>

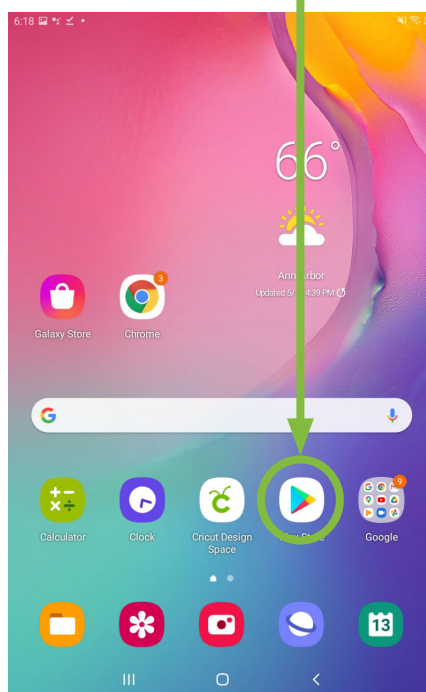


HOW TO UPDATE THE CRICUT APP ON ANDROID

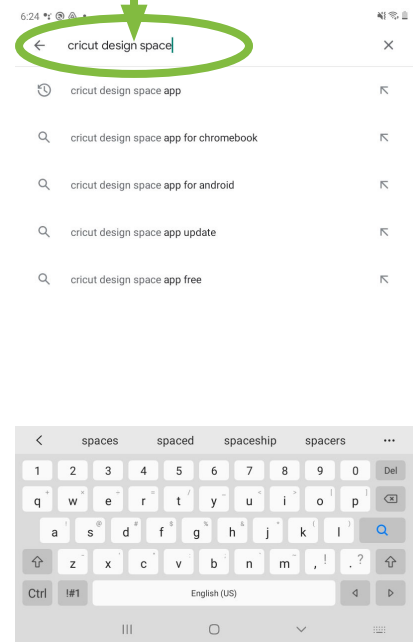
Step 1: Open your Cricut Design Space app. If a new version is available, it will tell you. Tap **Update.**



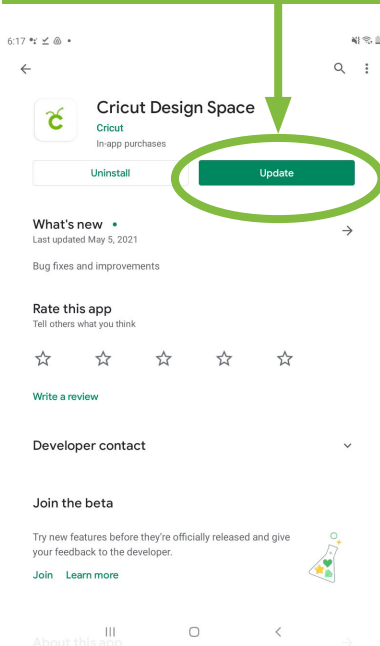
Alternatively, you can go to the Home screen and tap the **Play Store to check for updates.**



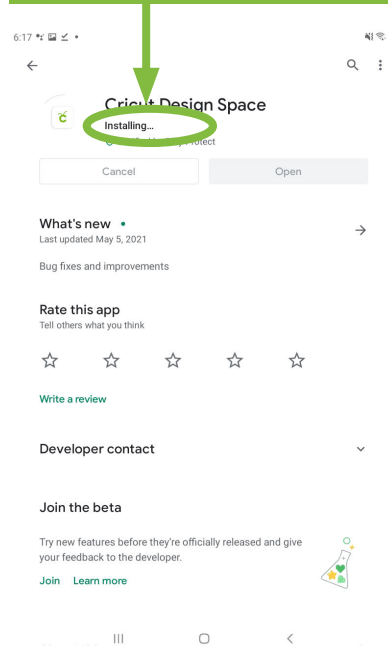
Once in the Play Store, tap the **Search bar and search on **Cricut Design Space**.**



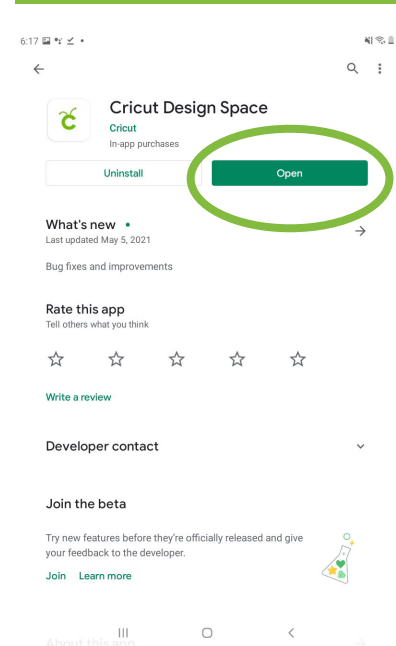
Step 2: Tap **Update. Make sure you have a good Internet signal for the best results.**



Step 3: Wait for the Cricut Design Space app to update, usually just a few minutes.



Step 4: Tap **Open to launch the updated version of the Cricut Design Space app.**



Your ability and willingness to troubleshoot problems is a high factor in your success with your Cricut (and really, most things in life). Problems happen, but you CAN solve them. Here are the steps I take when I encounter problems with Cricut Design Space:

Is it down? Check status.cricut.com

Yes No

Is it installed and up-to-date?

Yes

No

Yes No

Do you have a strong Internet connection?

Yes No

Yes No

Are you still having problems?

Still having problems?

Yes No



Are you still having problems?

Yes No

Are you still having problems?

Yes No

Are you still having problems?

Yes No

Having different problems?
Here are more solutions:

Machine problems:
Check the Cricut site at
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Cutting problems:
Check my ideas at
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TROUBLESHOOTING

HOW TO PRINT

While I generally recommend you use this playbook electronically on your computer or mobile device to save paper, search easier, and keep the latest version, I know that some people prefer to have a printed hard copy. So here are some tips on printing this Playbook:

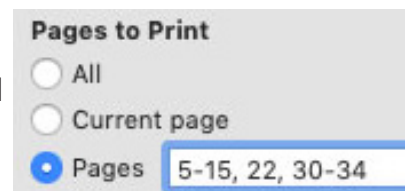
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Whenever possible, print from a desktop or laptop computer—iOS devices have known print bugs that can cause images to disappear.

Always do a test print before you print all the pages to ensure you have ink in your printer, that the quality is good enough for you, and so on.

Before you send the entire playbook to print, look through it and decide if you really want all the pages to be printed. There are sections on desktop, iOS, and Android, and you may not need all of them.

You can print specific pages (say, just iOS pages, or just updated pages) by typing just the page numbers in your Print dialog box, like this:



If you're concerned about ink usage, you can print in grayscale instead (look for an option in your Print dialog box for grayscale or black and white). Another option is to click on your Printer settings and change your quality to "draft" and this will save more ink (but do a test first, as you may not like it).

If your test print looks blurry, click on your Printer settings and make sure your quality settings are set to normal or even best for the highest resolution print.

Readers outside the U.S. may need to print on A4 paper. If you do this, make sure your pages are not being reformatted before you print them (check the print preview box). You can also scale your pages down 97% to print on A4.

If you intend to keep your playbook updated with future updates, put the pages in clear protective sleeves in a binder rather than have the pages bound—it'll be easier to add and update pages that way.

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No more endless searching on YouTube or through posts to find a simple answer.

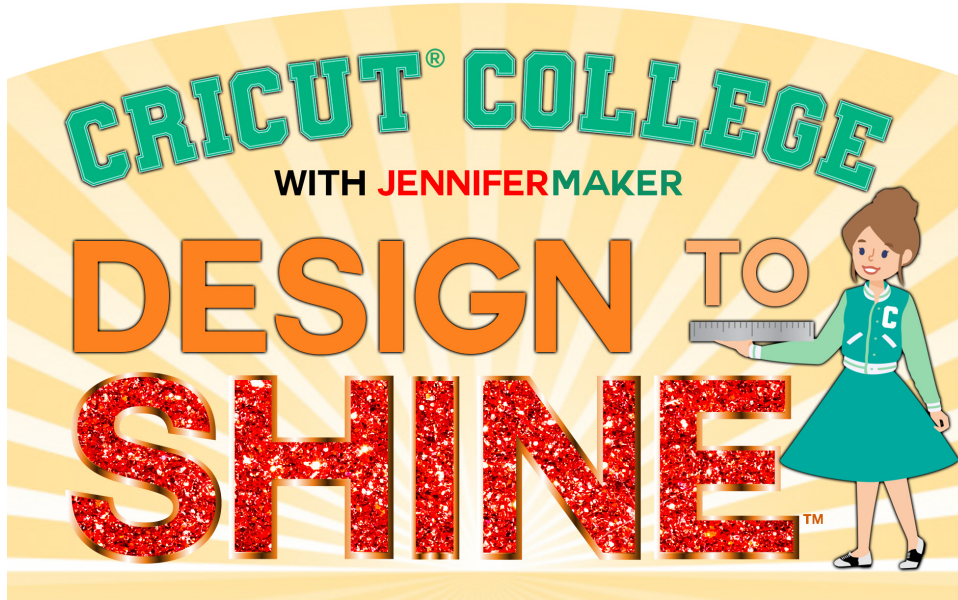
I show you exactly what to do, where to click, and how to make it work!

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In DESIGN TO SHINE, you are fully supported through our Q&A Center, Play-by-Play videos, Behind the Design videos, and our private Student Group. And you can watch and re-watch whenever and wherever. And I help everyone, regardless of whether you are on Design Space for Desktop, iOS, or Android, so even if you have Desktop right now, when you get that brand new iPad next year, you can revisit Design to Shine and learn how to use Design Space in iOS, too! This is a true program, one built carefully and thoughtfully to really teach you how to independently make projects on your own without relying on expensive SVGs or following step-by-step tutorials for the rest of your crafting life.

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WANT TO MAKE YOUR OWN CRICUT DESIGNS TO SHARE OR SELL?

Do you spend too much time searching for just the right design or cut file for your project?
Do you have to compromise on what you want just to make something.
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whenever you wanted?**

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I cracked the code on creating SVG cut files to make gorgeous projects that have been shared over a million times. My files even got the attention of a book publisher, who just two months after I learned to do this, offered me a book deal. My crafting projects, my blog, and my entire life, have been forever changed by my ability to design SVG cut files.

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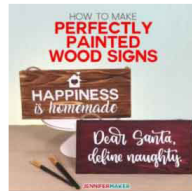
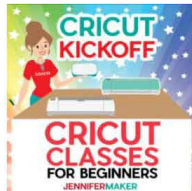
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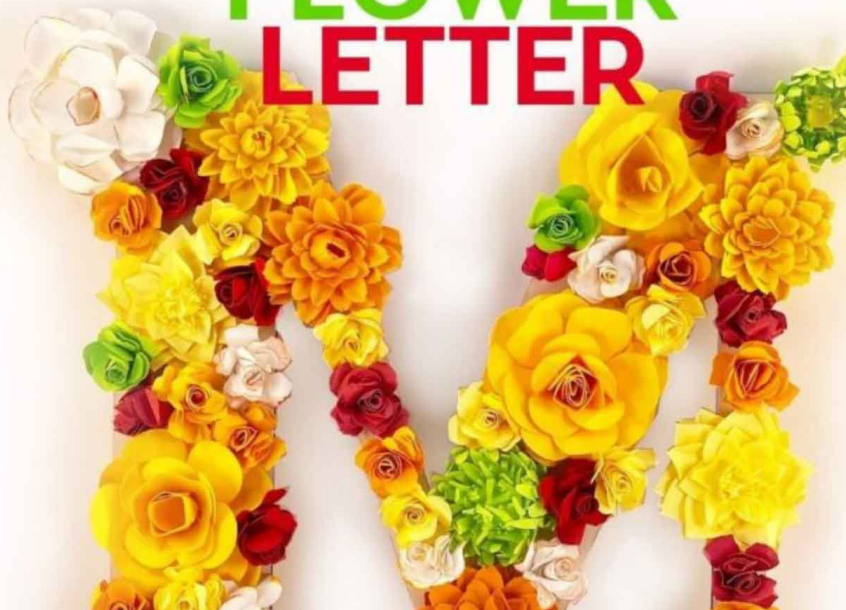
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