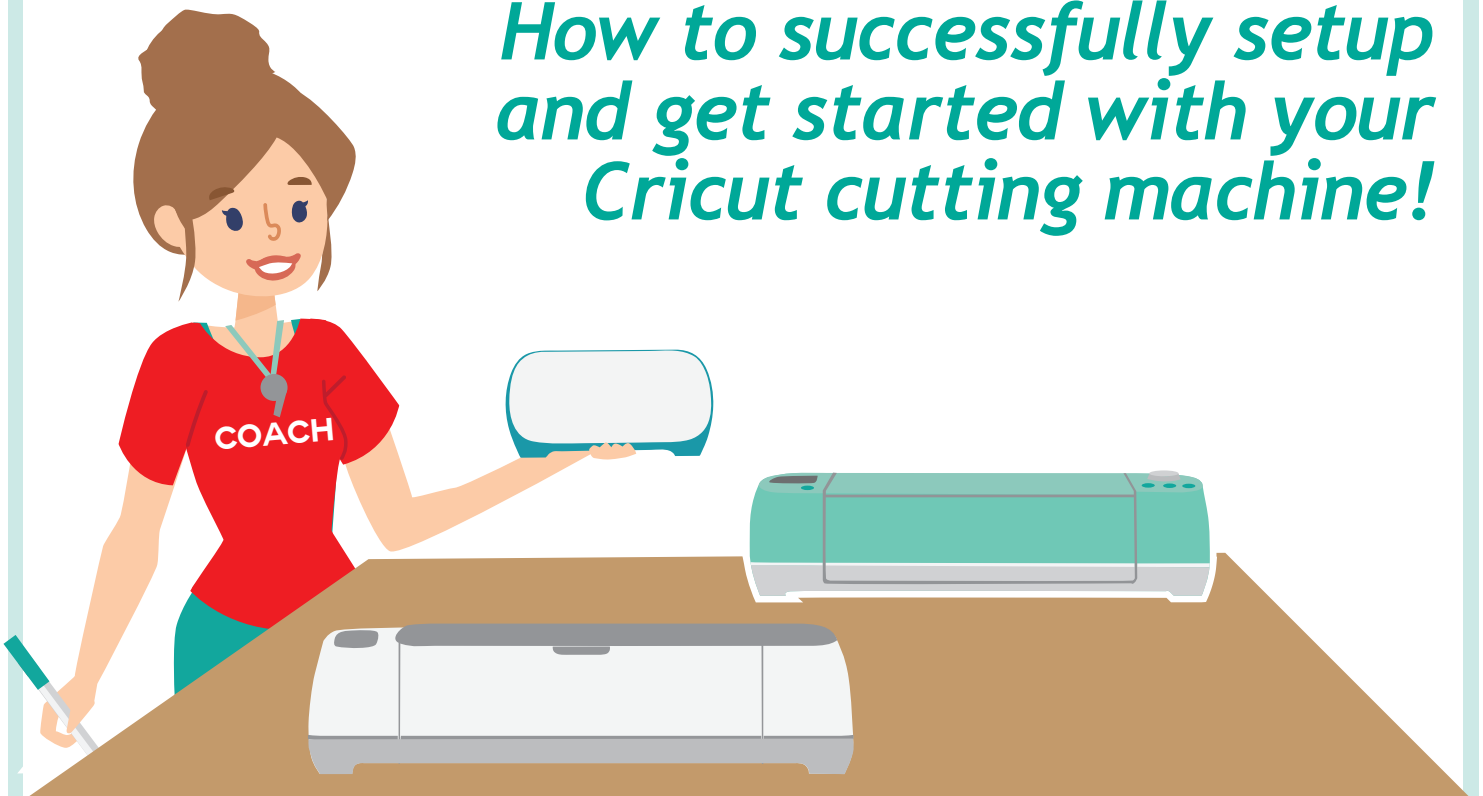


CRICUT KICKOFF HANDBOOK

*How to successfully setup
and get started with your
Cricut cutting machine!*



SET UP YOUR CRICUT FOR SUCCESS WITH
JENNIFERMAKER

ABOUT THIS HANDBOOK

Do you have a Cricut cutting machine or thinking of getting one, but aren't quite sure where to start? I can help you kick off your creativity with Cricut!

I will walk you through the selection and setup, then get you started with your first project using your Cricut cutting machine, whether you have a Cricut Joy, a Cricut Explore, or a Cricut Maker. Use this handbook along with my step-by-step videos at cricutkickoff.com.

Feel free to print this handbook out and keep it next to your Cricut as you are setting it up. If you need more pages than what I've included in here, just print out extras for whatever you need! I've kept the amount of color as low as possible on each page so you don't have to use too much ink.

If you have any questions about using this handbook, please join me in my Cricut group at jennifermaker.com/cricutcrafters or email me at hello@jennifermaker.com

For more Cricut help, join me at <https://jennifermaker.com/cricutcrafters>

Happy making,

Jennifer



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Ready to learn more? Get the *Cricut Coach Playbook* for over 100 step-by-step diagrams showing you exactly what to do in Cricut Design Space for fast, easy projects everytime! Details at jennifermaker.com/cricutcoach

MY LESSON LINKS

Below are links to each lesson video – check them off as you complete them!

Lesson 1: Connect With Your Cricut

Join me in my craft room to unbox, set up, and connect your Cricut right along with me.

- Cricut Joy: <https://jennifermaker.com/cklesson1a>
- Cricut Explore: <https://jennifermaker.com/cklesson1b>
- Cricut Maker: <https://jennifermaker.com/cklesson1c>

Lesson 2: Know the Tools to Use

Learn which mats, blades, tools, and materials work in your Cricut and when to use which ones.

- Cricut Joy: <https://jennifermaker.com/cklesson2a>
- Cricut Explore: <https://jennifermaker.com/cklesson2b>
- Cricut Maker: <https://jennifermaker.com/cklesson2c>

Lesson 3: Dive into Design Space

Get to know Cricut Design Space for your device, then make & cut a personalized project!

- iPhone/iPad with Joy: <https://jennifermaker.com/cklesson3a>
- Android with Explore: <https://jennifermaker.com/cklesson3b>
- Desktop/Laptop with Maker: <https://jennifermaker.com/cklesson3c>

Tip: All lessons can be played back again and again!

LESSON 1

CONNECT WITH YOUR CRICUT

My cutting machine is a:

- Cricut Joy
- Cricut Explore One
- Cricut Explore Air or Air 2
- Cricut Maker

My device to connect is a:

- iPhone or iPad running iOS 12 or later
- Android running 6.0 or higher
- Mac desktop or laptop running MacOS 10.13 or later
- Windows desktop or laptop running Windows® 8 or later

MY CRICUT

Model: _____ Color: _____

Purchase Location: _____ Order #: _____

Purchase Date: _____ Tracking: _____

Tip: Tape your proof of purchase receipt or invoice to this page in the event you need it for your one-year limited warranty.)

Serial Number (on bottom of machine listed as S/N): _____

What Came With My Cricut (or Bought With It at the Same Time):

Different machines and bundles will come with different things. Mark off what came with yours so you know what you have!

- USB Cable
- Power Adapter
- Premium Fine Point Blade and Housing
- Additional Premium Fine Point Blades (Qty: _____ Cap Color: _____)
- Deep Point Blade and Housing
- Rotary Blade + Drive Housing
- Knife Blade + Drive Housing
- Scoring Tool (with without QuickSwap Housing)
- Engraving Tool (with without QuickSwap Housing)
- Debossing Tool (with without QuickSwap Housing)
- Perforation Tool (with without QuickSwap Housing)
- Wavy Edge Tool (with without QuickSwap Housing)
- Scoring Stylus (color: _____)
- LightGrip Cutting Mat (Blue), 12" x 12" (Qty: _____) 12" x 24" (Qty: _____)
- StandardGrip Cutting Mat (Green), 12" x 12" (Qty: _____) 12" x 24" (Qty: _____)
- StrongGrip Cutting Mat (Purple), 12" x 12" (Qty: _____) 12" x 24" (Qty: _____)
- FabricGrip Cutting Mat (Pink), 12" x 12" (Qty: _____) 12" x 24" (Qty: _____)
- Cricut Pen(s) (Size: _____ Color(s): _____)
- Materials for First Project (Cardstock Vinyl Fabric)
- Basic Tool Kit (Color: _____)
Tools Included: Spatula Scraper Scissors Sharp Hook Tool Needle Point Tweezers)
- Cricut Tools, Weeding Kit (Color(s): _____)
- Vinyl, Self Adhesive (Color(s): _____ Qty: _____)
- Vinyl, Iron-On (Color(s): _____ Type(s): _____ Qty: _____)
- Cardstock (Color(s): _____ Type(s): _____ Qty: _____)
- Transfer Tape (Type: _____ Qty: _____)
- Help Booklet (Title: _____)
- Cricut Cartridge Adapter USB (for Cricut Makers only)
- Carrying Case (Color: _____)
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
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- _____

SETUP CHECKLIST

When you first set up your Cricut, or when you move or travel with your Cricut, here's what to remember to do:

- Find or clear off a good surface for your Cricut, at least 24" x 24" (more is better). I recommend your surface not be either too high or low – desk-height is ideal.
- Look for an outlet within six feet of your chosen location (or get an extension cord).
- Move your desktop/device within 10-15 feet of your Cricut if you plan to use Bluetooth (within six feet if you plan to use the USB cord).
- Check your Internet strength and stability. If it's not strong enough, you may have issues connecting or problems with projects stalling while you cut.
- Remove your Cricut from the box or carrying case.
- Position your Cricut so there is at least 10" of clearance behind it for your mat to move. If you're going to use the 24" long mats, you'll want at least 22" in front and behind it.
- Plug in the power cable to both your Cricut and to your wall/extension cord/power strip. Make sure your power strip is plugged in and turned on.
- Open and press the power button on your Cricut.
- USB users: Plug your USB cable into your Cricut, and then into your desktop or laptop.
- Bluetooth users: Go to your Bluetooth settings and connect to your Cricut (the pairing code is simply 0000).
- Put the necessary blade and/or accessory in your Cricut clamp(s).
- Put your other Cricut materials, like mats, tools, and materials, nearby so they are handy. Mats can be stored under the Cricut machine and tools can go in the accessory cup or under the lift-up door.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

MY DESIGN SPACE ACCOUNT

Design Space Email Address: _____ Password: _____

Cricut Access Subscription Start: _____ Renews On: _____

Favorite Image Codes: _____

Favorite Cartridges: _____

Cartridges I've Linked: _____

Images/Cartridges I've Purchased: _____

Important Notes: _____

LESSON ONE TRANSCRIPTS

Download the transcripts for all videos in this lesson with the following links:

- ❑ Cricut Joy: <https://jennifermaker.com/cklesson-transcripts#joy>
- ❑ Cricut Explore: <https://jennifermaker.com/cklesson-transcripts#explore>
- ❑ Cricut Maker: <https://jennifermaker.com/cklesson-transcripts#maker>

Note that transcripts were created for us by an automated program and may contain small mistakes. We have tried to correct and update these whenever possible, but we may have missed a few words here and there.

Here is an example of a lesson one transcript so you can decide if it will be helpful:

Hello, everyone. My name is Jennifer Maker, and today, we are setting up a new Cricut Maker cutting machine. This is the Cricut Kickoff Lesson One, and we are going to set up this Maker together step by step. Pull up a chair in my craft room and let's get started.

Now the Cricut Maker is a computer-guided cutting machine that cuts more than 300 different materials, everything from vinyl, paper, and fabrics to basswood, leather, and matte board. The Cricut Maker is my favorite machine. I got it the day it came out in summer 2017, I believe, and I still use that very same machine to this day. You can see my very first Cricut right here back behind me. Can you see that? Yes, it's right there.

The Cricut Maker is the top of the line cutting machine, and it has 10 times the cutting power of the Explore cutting machine. It also has the adaptive tool system with a wide range of tools for cutting, scoring, writing, debossing, engraving, and a whole bunch of cool things like that.

So here I have a brand new and still sealed in the box Cricut Maker cutting machine. I'm going to open the box, see what's inside, show it everyone, show it to you so you can see with me. We're going to connect it to a variety of devices, including an iPad, an Android, a Windows laptop, and a Mac desktop computer, so basically everything, and then we'll do a test cut. My goal is to get you set up and able to cut by the end of this video. It's really easy, and you can totally do this.

Now I do have something special for everyone, a totally free printable handbook that goes along with

these free lessons. You can download it right now at CricutKickoff.com. Just register for the class, and you'll get the printable handbook. I'll be referring to it as we go along during today's lesson. So are you ready to unbox this marvel? It's an awesome machine. Let's get this big box opened and set her up.

All right, inside we have like a double lid. There we go. We have a box. It says, "Let's get started" right here. Cool. Awesome, okay. So what's inside this box? I want to see. Inside, materials for your first project. This is nice presentation. Isn't that pretty? This looks like a tool. That looks like the rotary blade. See that? Little beautiful thing, I love their rotary blade, and a booklet right here, and this is the welcome book. So this is very pretty. I really like this packaging.

All right, so let's set this aside. We're going to look at that, and it'll tell us what to do. These lift right out like this. All right, so it looks like it's in a little wrapper here, so what we need to do is lift this up and out of the box. There we go. All right, so inside here, we have the power supply. This is the power supply, so I'll set this aside, and a mat, two mats right here. So we'll set these over here as well. Is there anything else in here that we're missing? Always look inside your box. If you get a bundle, sometimes there will be, I don't know, something in here or underneath or something, but I don't see anything else. I put my box off to the side. We're going to keep it. I always recommend you keep your box.

View the full transcripts for this lesson at:
jennifermaker.com/cklesson-transcripts

LESSON ONE QUESTIONS

Here are answers to commonly-asked questions for Cricut Kickoff lesson 1:

Q: Can I set up my Cricut to work with multiple devices?

A: Yes, you can setup Cricut Design Space to work with your Cricut on all devices that support Design Space.

Q: Can I have more than one Cricut ID?

A: Yes, you can. I have several myself, though the extras are only for testing or demonstration purposes. Most people just use one.

Q: Can I hook my Cricut up to a Chromebook?

A: Cricut does not officially support the Chromebook, but you may be able to download the Design Space app for Android from the Google Play store on your Chromebook. No guarantee it will be available and/or continue to work, however.

Q: Can I use a Kindle Fire with my Cricut?

A: No, you cannot.

Q: I need a laptop so I can connect with my Cricut. What kind of laptop should I get?

A: Look for a laptop that uses Windows® 8 or later OR macOS 10.13 or later, has an Intel™ Dual-Core or equivalent AMD® processor (Windows) or a 1.83 GHz CPU (Mac), at least 4GB of RAM, an available USB port (or the ability to attach an adapter for one), and a minimum 1024px x 768px screen resolution.

Q: Do you have to use the USB cord to plug in your laptop or desktop if it is Bluetooth ready?

A: Contrary to what I mentioned in my lesson videos, I have since experimented with this and discovered that you CAN skip the USB cord and simply connect to Bluetooth on your laptop or desktop instead. Cricut's setup guide does not mention this is an option, but if you go to your Bluetooth settings and look for a new device when your Cricut is powered on, you will see a new Cricut appear – pair with it (remember to type 0000 if it asks for a pin) and you'll then be able to view it in Design Space. Just keep in mind that it will not be recognized as being connected during step 3 of the New Machine Setup sequence, so you will not be able to do the test cut without the USB cord connected (at least as of the time I am writing this).

Q: I really want to use my USB cord, but it won't reach my computer. What do I do?

A: You can buy an USB extension cable here: <https://makeracademy.com/cricutdiscount#extras>

Q: What do I do if I do not have Bluetooth on my computer?

A: You can buy an inexpensive Bluetooth adapter here: <https://makeracademy.com/cricutdiscount#extras>

Q: Is it better to use USB or Bluetooth when I have a choice?

A: I find the USB cable speeds things up for me, so I usually use the USB cable if I have the option.

Q: Can the cutting mat be inserted from the back of the Cricut?

A: No, only the front.

Q: Can a cutting mat be turned 180° and then inserted in the front of the Cricut?

A: Yes, you can insert both ends of a Cricut mat.

Q: Where is my fine point blade?

A: It comes pre-installed in your Cricut's clamp. Be sure you remove any packing material around the blade before you attempt to use it.

Don't see your question here? Come ask us in our Facebook group at [jennifermaker.com/cricutcrafters](https://www.facebook.com/jennifermaker.com/cricutcrafters)









LESSON 2

KNOW THE TOOLS TO USE





Basic tools and supplies to have on hand:

- Blade(s)
- Mat(s)
- Weeding tool, scraper tool, and spatula
 - Craft knife and self-healing mat
 - Cardstock
- Adhesive Vinyl (Permanent & Adhesive)
 - Iron-On Vinyl (HTV)
 - Infusible Ink
 - Iron or EasyPress

MY BLADES

BLADE	MATERIALS I CUT WITH IT	NOTES
<p>FINE POINT</p> <input type="checkbox"/>  <p>EXPLORE & MAKER JOY</p>		
<p>DEEP CUT</p> <input type="checkbox"/>  <p>EXPLORE & MAKER</p>		
<p>BONDED FABRIC</p> <input type="checkbox"/>  <p>EXPLORE & MAKER</p>		
<p>FOIL</p> <input type="checkbox"/>  <p>EXPLORE & MAKER</p>		
<p>ROTARY</p> <input type="checkbox"/>  <p>MAKER</p>		
<p>KNIFE</p> <input type="checkbox"/>  <p>MAKER</p>		
<p>SCORING SINGLE (01)</p> <input type="checkbox"/>  <p>MAKER</p>		
<p>SCORING DOUBLE (02)</p> <input type="checkbox"/>  <p>MAKER</p>		

MY BLADES

BLADE	MATERIALS I CUT WITH IT	NOTES
<p>PERFORATION, BASIC (11)</p>  <p>MAKER</p>		
<p>DEBOSSING, FINE (21)</p> <input type="checkbox"/>  <p>MAKER</p>		
<p>WAVY EDGE (31)</p> <input type="checkbox"/>  <p>MAKER</p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> ENGRAVING (41)</p> <input type="checkbox"/>  <p>MAKER</p>		

MY PENS & MARKERS

PEN	TYPE & COLOR	NOTES
<input type="checkbox"/> EXTRA FINE POINT		
<input type="checkbox"/> FINE POINT		
<input type="checkbox"/> MARKERS		
<input type="checkbox"/> GEL		
<input type="checkbox"/> METALLIC		
<input type="checkbox"/> INFUSIBLE INK		
<input type="checkbox"/> FABRIC		

MY MATS

MAT	SIZE & CONDITION	NOTES
<input type="checkbox"/> BLUE LIGHT GRIP		
<input type="checkbox"/> GREEN STANDARD GRIP		
<input type="checkbox"/> PURPLE STRONG GRIP		
<input type="checkbox"/> PINK FABRIC GRIP		

MY FAVORITE BRANDS

Adhesive Vinyl: _____ Where I Find It: _____

Iron On Vinyl: _____ Where I Find It: _____

Stencil Vinyl: _____ Where I Find It: _____

Specialty Vinyl: _____ Where I Find It: _____

Transfer Tape: _____ Where I Find It: _____

Cardstock (Solid): _____ Where I Find It: _____

Cardstock (Patterned): _____ Where I Find It: _____

Kraft board: _____ Where I Find It: _____

Vellum: _____ Where I Find It: _____

Glue: _____ Where I Find It: _____

Spray Adhesive: _____ Where I Find It: _____

Hot Glue: _____ Where I Find It: _____

Pens: _____ Where I Find It: _____

Markers: _____ Where I Find It: _____

Sealer: _____ Where I Find It: _____

Glitter: _____ Where I Find It: _____

Tape: _____ Where I Find It: _____

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MY FAVORITE BRANDS

Brand: _____ Where I Find It: _____

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WHERE IS IT?

ITEM	WHERE I STORE IT?	WHERE I BOUGHT IT?	NEED MORE?

MY SUPPLY INVENTORY

NAME	TYPE/COLOR	BOUGHT AT	AMOUNT PAID

MY TOOL INVENTORY

NAME	ORIGINAL PRICE	PURCHASE DATE	MODEL/SERIAL #

LESSON TWO TRANSCRIPTS

Download the transcripts for all videos in this lesson with the following links:

- ❑ Cricut Joy: <https://jennifermaker.com/cklesson-transcripts#joy2>
- ❑ Cricut Explore: <https://jennifermaker.com/cklesson-transcripts#explore2>
- ❑ Cricut Maker: <https://jennifermaker.com/cklesson-transcripts#maker2>

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Here is an example of a lesson two transcript so you can decide if it will be helpful:

Hello everyone! My name is Jennifer Maker, and today I'm teaching you all about the tools, supplies, and accessories you can use with your Cricut Maker cutting machine! This is the Cricut Kickoff Lesson 2, and we're going to through all of these fun things together, one by one.

In Lesson 1, you saw that your basic Cricut Maker cutting machine comes with a few things beyond the machine, power cord, and USB cable. In the box was a blue mat, a black pen, a rotary blade, and some cardstock. And there was also a fine-point blade was in the Cricut Maker machine. But there's a lot more tools, supplies, and accessories, and understanding them, and knowing when to use what when, goes a LONG way toward making what you love with your Cricut.

Before we get too far, I want to remind you about my free Cricut Kickoff printable handbook that goes along with these lessons! You can download it right now at cricutkickoff.com -- just register for the class and you'll get the handbook! I'll be referring to it as we go along during today's lesson.

So please pull up a chair in my craft room, and let's get started.

CRICUT BLADES

Let's begin with your BLADE. The Cricut Maker has a LOT of different blades -- It's the most versatile of all the Cricut cutting machines. Let me show you each one and explain what it is used for.

The basic, all-purpose blade is the fine point blade that came with your machine. The blade is made

from German carbide steel and is very sharp, so always handle it with care. This is the blade you'll use most of the time. It's either silver or gold, and it looks like this. This thick shank here is called the housing, and the blade itself pokes out at the end. You'll use the fine point blade for cutting cardstock, vinyl, and really most materials

The blade in the pink housing is the bonded fabric blade. But here's the thing -- even though it says it's specifically for bonded fabric, I don't believe there is any difference between it and the regular fine point blade other than the pink color. And because you have a Cricut Maker with a rotary blade, you probably do not want this blade at all. You CAN use it, but the rotary blade does a better job of cutting fabric.

The blade in the black housing is the deep cut blade allows you to cut thicker materials. The deep cut blade has a steeper blade angle of sixty degrees and it's made of a harder, more durable steel. I use the deep cut blade to cut cardboard, chipboard, magnets, basswood, balsa wood, stiffened felt, and foam sheets.

This one with the blue housing is not so much of a blade as a tool -- this is the Foil Transfer Tool and it comes with three interchangeable tips in fine, medium, and bold. This Foil Transfer tool is used to transfer Cricut's foil transfer sheets onto your projects. You can learn more about the Foil Transfer tool on my blog and YouTube channel.

But that's not all! In your box was a blade that looks

View the full transcripts for this lesson at:
jennifermaker.com/cklesson-transcripts

LESSON TWO QUESTIONS

Here are answers to commonly-asked questions for Cricut Kickoff lesson 2:

Q: Can you buy replacement blades?

A: Yes.

Q: Do you recommend buy a set of blades?

A: No. Just keep your blades clean and they will last a long time.

Q: Are the silver and gold blade holders interchangeable

A: Yes, the silver and gold housing are both for the Fine Point Blade, making them interchangeable.

Q: Do you need the black housing to use the deep cut blade?

A: Yes.

Q: Would you use rotary blade for vellum?

A: Cricut recommends the Fine Point blade for vellum, but you could try the rotary blade if that does not work.

Q: Can I reinforce the back of a mat if the Maker cut too deeply into it?

A: You can try taping it with packing tape, but do not add any extra depth to it with anything thicker.

Q: When do you move the star wheels and when do you leave them the way they are?

A: The white star wheels on your roller only need to be moved when Design Space tells you to. Otherwise, you can leave them as is.

Q: What is the difference between the deboss tool and the scoring tool?

A: The scoring tool has a smooth nub to indent the paper, while the debossing tool has a small roller ball.

Q: Do you use Infusible Ink pens IN the machine or for coloring by hand after you print a mandala or whatever you are making?

A: You can use Infusible Ink pens both in your Cricut and for coloring by hand – you choice!

Q: What do you mean by solid core vs white core cardstock?

A: Solid color is dye throughout the whole paper and will appear as the same color when viewed on the edge as from the front or back. White color is printed on the front and/or back only and will appear white when viewed from the edge of the paper.

Q: Can you damage your mat with the scraper tool?

A: Yes, if you apply too much paper, you can scratch the mat and even remove adhesive. Use light pressure.

Q: What is bonded fabric?

A: Fabric you have bonded a piece of fusible interfacing to the back of. This allows it to be cut on an Explore.

Q: I want to buy some Cricut tools and supplies. Can you get me a discount?

A: Yes! You can get my discount code and affiliate link here: <https://makeracademy.com/cricutdiscount>

Don't see your question here? Come ask us in our Facebook group at [jennifermaker.com/cricutcrafters](https://www.facebook.com/jennifermaker.com/cricutcrafters)

LESSON 3

DIVE INTO DESIGN SPACE

I am connecting to Design Space with:

- iPhone running iOS version: _____
- iPad running iOS version: _____
- Android phone running version: _____
- Android tablet running version: _____
- Mac desktop with MacOS version _____ with _____ GB of RAM
- Mac laptop with MacOS version _____ with _____ GB of RAM
- Windows desktop with Windows version ____ with ____ GB of RAM
- Windows laptop with Windows version ____ with ____ GB of RAM
- _____
- _____

CRICUT DESIGN SPACE MAP (iOS app for iPad and iPhone)

Note that while it does not appear rotated like this in your lesson video (not possible due to my video streaming software), you CAN rotate it by simply rotating your photo or iPad and this allows you to see all of the icons along the bottom, so I will use this view for our map.

Account menu **Save menu** **Project Name** (asterisk means you have unsaved changes) **Toggle between Home Canvas Make**

Ruler **Canvas** **Layers panel** **Selected layer (highlighted)**

Double-tap text to edit **Delete** **Rotate** **Duplicate layer** **Hide layer** **Delete layer**

Unlock/lock aspect ratios **Perspective View** **Resize**

Image menu (browse & select images from Cricut and those you uploaded) **Insert Font & Add Text** **Insert Shape** **Upload SVG & PNG** **Actions menu** **Edit menu** **Sync colors** **Layers panel** **Undo action** **Redo action** **Turn on camera on canvas** **Settings menu** **Make It (click here when ready to make it)**

Shapes

- Line
- Circle
- Triangle
- Square
- Pentagon
- Hexagon
- Octagon
- Diamond
- Star
- Heart

Actions

- Group
- UnGroup
- Attach
- Detach
- Weld
- Slice
- Flatten
- Unflatten
- Duplicate
- Advanced
- Hide Contour

Edit

- Cut
- No Fill
- Width: 5.95
- Height: 4.12
- Rotate: 0°
- Horizontal
- Vertical
- H Position: 10.01
- V Position: 6.23
- Arrange

Canvas Settings

- Metric Units:
- Grid:
- Smart Guides:

CRICUT DESIGN SPACE MAP (Android app for phones & tablets)

Account menu **Save menu** **Canvas** **Toggle between Home Canvas Make**

Ruler **Layers panel** **Selected layer (highlighted)**

Delete **Rotate** **Unlock/lock aspect ratios** **Resize** **Duplicate layer** **Hide layer** **Delete layer** **Make It (click here when ready to make it)**

Settings menu

Image menu (browse & select images from Cricut and those you uploaded) **Insert Font & Add Text** **Insert Shape** **Upload files** **Actions menu** **Edit menu** **Sync colors** **Layers panel** **Undo action** **Redo action**

Shapes
Score Circle Triangle Square Pentagon Hexagon Octagon Diamond Star Heart

Actions
Group UnGroup Attach Detach Weld Slice Flatten Unflatten Duplicate Isolate Hide

Edit
Cut No Fill Linetype Fill 5.951 Width 4.117 Height 0° Rotate Horizontal Vertical H Position V Position 6.924 1.763 Arrange Align Distil

CRICUT DESIGN SPACE MAP (Desktop & Laptop)

Project Name
(asterisk means you have unsaved changes)

Linetype
(change to cut, draw, print, etc.)

Toggle to/from Canvas

Account menu

Toggle grid lines

New project

Template options

Ready-to-make projects

Image menu

Text menu

Shapes menu

Upload SVG files & other images

Zoom in/out

Scroll side to side

Linetype

Text menu

Align menu

Arrange menu

Slice

Weld

Attach

Flatten

Contour

Font
Cricut Alphabet

Style
Writing

Font Size
22.13

Letter Space
1.2

Line Space
1

Alignment

Curve

Advanced

Undo & Redo

Color picker

Fills & Patterns

Select everything on canvas

Edit menu

Align Layers

Arrange Layer

Size
(click in fields to change)

Flip Layer

Unlock/lock aspect ratios

Rotate Layer(s)

Position on your canvas

Your Saved Projects

Save menu

Machine Selection

Layers panel

Sync colors

Make It
(click here when ready to make it)

Group

Ungroup

Delete layer

Duplicate layer

Hide layer

Selected layer (highlighted)

Template

Contextual menu
(right click to view)

Width
5.951"

Height
4.117"

Rotate

Resize

Double-click text to edit

Delete

Unlock/lock aspect ratios

Align

- Align Left
- Center Horizontally
- Align Right
- Align Top
- Center Vertically
- Align Bottom
- Center

Distribute

- Distribute Horizontally
- Distribute Vertically

Send to Back

Move Backward

Move Forward

Send to Front

Slice 1 layer from another layer

Weld layers together permanently

Attach layers together to cut together

Flatten layers for print & cut

YOUR FIRST PROJECT

In lesson 3, I teach you how to cut a simple project perfect for a beginner. It's not so simple that you don't learn anything useful, yet not too complicated that it will stump you. The purpose of this project is to teach you critical tasks in Design Space you will use on a regular basis. In this project you learn the following skills – check these tasks off as you do them.

- How to find, download, and unzip a SVG design
- How to upload the SVG file you downloaded
- How to place an image on your canvas
- How to resize a design
- How to ungroup a design
- How to add and edit text
- How to select a font and filter for types of fonts (I used Cricut Alphabet - Writing Style)
- How to resize text
- How to align text
- How to attach layers together for cutting (attach draw layer to base layer)
- How to choose material settings (i.e., Medium Cardstock)
- How to put your pen in your Cricut
- How to put cardstock on a mat
- How to load your mat
- How to cut and draw your project
- How to remove cardstock from your mat
- How to remove small bits of leftover material from your mat
- How to assemble the final project

To begin, you'll find the free Cricut Kickoff Certificate SVG design in my free resource library at <https://jennifermaker.com/resource-library> (if you don't have a password, request one free at <https://jennifermaker.com/library>). You are looking for [design #277](#). Click/tap the first link on the 277 line in the library list.

Click here to download the file

277. [Cricut Kickoff Certificate](#) (see free classes at [Cricut Kickoff](#)) – **new!**

276. [Hugs & Kisses Layered Paper Art SVG/DXF/PDF](#) (see tutorial at [Hugs & Kisses Layered Paper Art](#)) – **new!**

275. [Wine Bottle Serving Tray SVG/DXF/PDF](#) (see tutorial at [Wine Bottle Serving Tray](#)) – **new!**

Once you have the file, please follow along with me in the video for [iOS](#), [Android](#), or [Desktop/Laptop](#).

PROJECT IDEA

What Is It: _____

Where I Heard About It: _____

Do I Have an SVG? (Saved To: _____ File Name: _____)

Is it in Design Space? (Name: _____ - _____)

Saved Where? Cloud Design Space for Desktop iPhone/iPad

Design Space Notes For This Project: _____

Tools/Accessories I Need:

- _____ own it (location: _____) need it (from: _____)
- _____ own it (location: _____) need it (from: _____)
- _____ own it (location: _____) need it (from: _____)
- _____ own it (location: _____) need it (from: _____)
- _____ own it (location: _____) need it (from: _____)
- _____ own it (location: _____) need it (from: _____)

Materials/Supplies I Need:

- _____ have it (location: _____) need it (from: _____)
- _____ have it (location: _____) need it (from: _____)
- _____ have it (location: _____) need it (from: _____)
- _____ have it (location: _____) need it (from: _____)
- _____ have it (location: _____) need it (from: _____)
- _____ have it (location: _____) need it (from: _____)

Shopping List:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

MY FILE ORGANIZATION

Where I Save My Files: _____

Organized By: Alphabetical Designer Type/Format Date

My File Folder Structure:

 _____

 _____

 _____

 _____

 _____

 _____

 _____

 _____

 _____

 _____

 _____

 _____

 _____

Notes: _____

MY FAVORITE IMAGE FONTS

Image fonts can be cut out with a blade or outlined with a pen, just like images. Some have more than one layer so you can easily add a color, outline, or shadow.

Font Name: _____ free purchased personal use commercial use
Sample:

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Sample:

Font Name: _____ free purchased personal use commercial use
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Font Name: _____ free purchased personal use commercial use
Sample:

Font Name: _____ free purchased personal use commercial use
Sample:

MY FAVORITE WRITING FONTS

Writing fonts draw letters with a line using a pen in your Cricut, in much the same way you would by hand.

Font Name: _____ free purchased
Sample:

Font Name: _____ free purchased
Sample:

Font Name: _____ free purchased
Sample:

Font Name: _____ free purchased
Sample:

Font Name: _____ free purchased
Sample:

Font Name: _____ free purchased
Sample:

Font Name: _____ free purchased
Sample:

Font Name: _____ free purchased
Sample:

Font Name: _____ free purchased
Sample:

Font Name: _____ free purchased
Sample:

MY FAVORITE WEB SITES

Where I Find Great Fonts: _____

URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____

Where I Find Great SVG Cut Files: _____

URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
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URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____

Where I Find Great Cricut Tutorials: _____

URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____
URL: _____	Login/Password: _____

MY FAVORITE SETTINGS

Material: _____	Blade: _____	Mat: _____	Setting: _____
Material: _____	Blade: _____	Mat: _____	Setting: _____
Material: _____	Blade: _____	Mat: _____	Setting: _____
Material: _____	Blade: _____	Mat: _____	Setting: _____
Material: _____	Blade: _____	Mat: _____	Setting: _____
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Material: _____	Blade: _____	Mat: _____	Setting: _____
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Material: _____	Blade: _____	Mat: _____	Setting: _____
Material: _____	Blade: _____	Mat: _____	Setting: _____

MY FAVORITE HEAT SETTINGS

Surface: _____ Heat Transfer Type: _____ Machine: _____ Temp: _____
Pre-Heat Time: _____ Press Time: _____ Flip Time: _____ warm peel cool peel
Notes: _____

Surface: _____ Heat Transfer Type: _____ Machine: _____ Temp: _____
Pre-Heat Time: _____ Press Time: _____ Flip Time: _____ warm peel cool peel
Notes: _____

Surface: _____ Heat Transfer Type: _____ Machine: _____ Temp: _____
Pre-Heat Time: _____ Press Time: _____ Flip Time: _____ warm peel cool peel
Notes: _____

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Pre-Heat Time: _____ Press Time: _____ Flip Time: _____ warm peel cool peel
Notes: _____

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Pre-Heat Time: _____ Press Time: _____ Flip Time: _____ warm peel cool peel
Notes: _____

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Pre-Heat Time: _____ Press Time: _____ Flip Time: _____ warm peel cool peel
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Pre-Heat Time: _____ Press Time: _____ Flip Time: _____ warm peel cool peel
Notes: _____

Surface: _____ Heat Transfer Type: _____ Machine: _____ Temp: _____
Pre-Heat Time: _____ Press Time: _____ Flip Time: _____ warm peel cool peel
Notes: _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Where I Found the Design: _____

Font(s) Used: _____

Saved as SVG? (Saved To: _____ File Name: _____)

Saved in Design Space? (Name: _____)

Saved Where? Cloud Design Space for Desktop iPhone/iPad

Design Space Notes For This Project: _____

Do I Need to Remember to Mirror This Project?

Do I Need to Move Items on the Preview Mats Before Cutting?

Best Material Settings: _____

Materials Used: _____

Techniques Used: _____

Supplies and Tools Used: _____

Special Notes: _____

LESSON THREE TRANSCRIPTS

Download the transcripts for all videos in this lesson with the following links:

- ❑ iOS (iPhone & iPad) on a Joy: <https://jennifermaker.com/cklesson-transcripts#ios>
- ❑ Android on an Explore: <https://jennifermaker.com/lesson3b-transcript#android>
- ❑ Desktop on a Maker: <https://jennifermaker.com/lesson3c-transcript#desktop>

Note that transcripts were created for us by an automated program and may contain small mistakes. We have tried to correct and update these whenever possible, but we may have missed a few words here and there.

Here is an example of a lesson three transcript so you can decide if it will be helpful:

Hello everyone! My name is Jennifer Maker, and today I'm teaching you about Cricut Design Space for Desktop and laptop! This is the Cricut Kickoff Lesson 3, and we're going to go over the primary functions of Design Space so you feel more comfortable in the software, and then create something fun together!

In Lesson 1, we downloaded and installed the free Cricut Design Space App from cricut.com/setup, created a Cricut ID (or signed in with the one we had), and did our test cut. Today we'll dive into Design Space itself, and see how it all works!

Before we get too far, I want to remind you about my free Cricut Kickoff printable handbook that goes along with these lessons! You can download it right now at [cricutkickoff dot com](https://cricutkickoff.com) -- just register for the class and you'll get the handbook! I'll be referring to it as we go along during today's lesson.

So please pull up a chair in my craft room, and let's get started.

WHAT IS DESIGN SPACE

So Cricut Design Space is the FREE companion app to your Cricut cutting machine. Design Space, or "DS" as some will call it, lets you design and cut with your Cricut. You can create projects from scratch, use one of Cricut's images, or upload images. And again, this is FREE software, so even if you don't currently have a Cricut, you can download this software free and play around with it first.

Let's go ahead into the Design Space app on my Mac so you can see what it looks like. Design Space for Desktop looks the same on Mac and Windows. Current

system requirements for Cricut Design Space on Windows are to have Windows 8 or later, at least 4 GB of RAM or more, and at least 2 GB of free disk space. On the Mac, you need to be running os 10.13 or later, have at least 4 GB of RAM, and 2 GB of free disk space. If you find Cricut Design Space seems really slow, the likely culprit is your computer's CPU, memory, or available hard drive space. Cricut Design Space is very fast for me, and I have virtually NO problems with it ever..

Let's begin by opening the Design Space for Desktop app.

Cricut Access is a subscription plan that allows unlimited use of over 100,000 of Cricut's graphics and fonts and ready-to-cut Cricut projects. Access subscribers also get discounts on Cricut.com purchases, a Priority Member Care Line to contact, and special offers on products reserved just for Access subscribers. is an optional subscription plan that provides benefits such as access to Cricut images, fonts and projects for free and licensed designs at a discounted price.

A lot of people confuse Cricut Access with Design Space, but they are NOT the same. Cricut Design Space is the free software you use to create or upload designs and cut them on your Cricut. All Cricut Explore family, Maker and Joy users need to download and use the free Cricut Design Space software, but they do NOT need to pay for Cricut access unless they want it.

View the full transcripts for this lesson at:
jennifermaker.com/cklesson-transcripts

LESSON THREE QUESTIONS

Here are answers to commonly-asked questions for Cricut Kickoff lesson 3:

Q: When you buy a font or image, can you use it on multiple projects or are you buying it for just that one project?

A: You can use it for multiple projects.

Q: Do you recommend paying for Cricut Access Premium?

A: I do if you find yourself order frequently from the Cricut shop or purchasing items in Design Space, as it will pay for itself quickly. You can sign up for Cricut Access Premium [here](#).

Q: Is there a way to draw directly in the Design Space?

A: No, there is not.

Q: Do you lose the design that you downloaded to the canvas and saved in your projects once you no longer are an access subscriber?

A: If you purchased an image or font, you keep access to it forever in Design Space. If you use an image or font from Cricut Access and no longer pay for Access, you *should* still see it (unless it was removed because Cricut was no longer licensing the image or font for some reason) but you would need to pay for it if you want to cut it (or rejoin Cricut Access).

Q: Can you edit the text you typed after you click away?

A: Yes. Double-click (or double-tap) the text and the white edit box will appear so you can add or delete text.

Q: Can you use different fonts at the same time on the certificate?

A: Yes! Just be sure to attach all of them to your base layer.

Q: When you are using different fonts and want certain words in one color, is there a way to keep them together in their set place on the cut mat?

A: Yes, select all items of the same color and then click Attach.

Q: Do you know how many levels of Undo there are?

A: I tested and got bored after 154 undos. It appears there are a LOT, way more than most will ever need.

Q: Can u use the rest of the paper for another project?

A: Yes! Save it with your other scraps for another project.

Q: How do you change the mat color for the design when you cut the project?

A: Mat color in the mat preview screen is determined by your material color chosen during the design.

Q: I have old cartridges, but no cartridge adapter on my Cricut. What do I do?

A: You can buy a cartridge adapter from Cricut, but they are often out of stock. If you cannot purchase one, contact [Cricut Member Care](#) at jennifermaker.com/cricut-member-care and they can help you link your cartridges to your Design Space account.

Q: How do you get your signature in?

A: I drew it myself in Adobe Illustrator and saved it as an SVG. You can learn how to create your own SVGs in my Cut Above SVG Design Course at <https://jennifermaker.com/cutabove>

Don't see your question here? Come ask us in our Facebook group at jennifermaker.com/cricutcrafter

BEYOND THE LESSONS

WORKSHEETS & NOTES

**These worksheets help you track important things for your Cricut.
Feel free to make as many copies of them as you need!**

SUPPORT RECORD

Learn how to contact [Cricut Member Care](https://jennifermaker.com/cricut-member-care) at jennifermaker.com/cricut-member-care

Why I Contacted Cricut Support: _____

When I Contacted (Date/Time): _____

Who I Spoke/Chatted With: _____

What We Tried: _____

What Worked: _____

Special Notes: _____

SAVE ON CRICUT SUPPLIES

I can get you a 10% discount on Cricut supplies and materials when you order over \$50 of these items from the [Cricut Shop](https://www.cricut.com/shop)... plus free shipping in the U.S. The discount changes frequently, so to get the latest code please go to this link:

<https://jennifermaker.com/cricutdiscount>

On that page you'll also find links to the other items I mentioned during our lessons!

Links to more tools you can use with your Cricut:

[Magnifier Glasses](#)



[Weeding Ring](#)



[Foil Ball](#)



[Bluetooth Adapter](#)



[USB Extension](#)

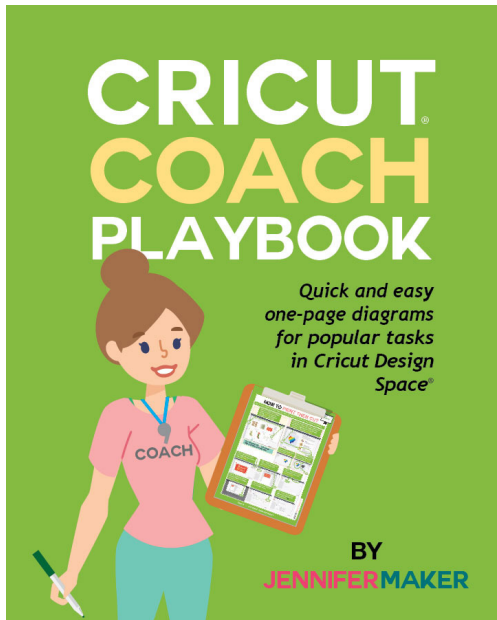


[Explore One Adapter](#)



NEED SOME CHEATSHEETS? GET THE CRICUT COACH PLAYBOOK!

Become a Cricut Expert with my step-by-step playbook for all the popular tasks in Cricut Design Space!



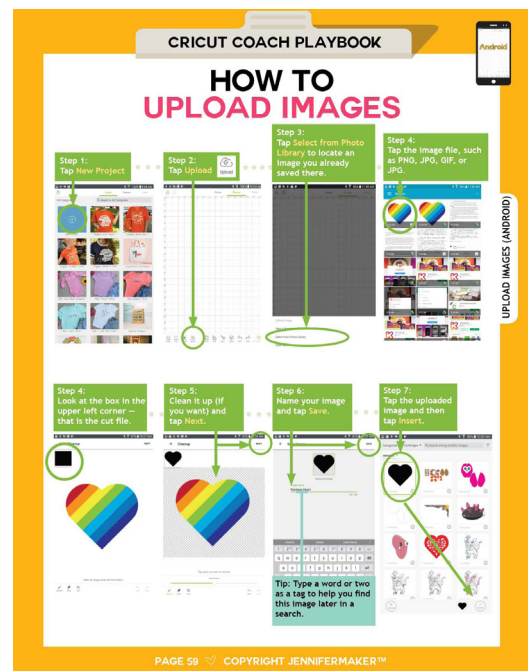
Can't remember how to do print then cut? Not sure how to remove a background from an uploaded image? Clueless about Snapmat and how it can help? The Cricut Coach Playbook can help, with over 100 step-by-step diagrams. Each of these "cheat sheets" show you exactly what to click and what to do for easy, fast results.

By learning in small steps, you avoid the overwhelm that usually comes with trying to get control over something that is confusing and hard-to-remember.

The Cricut Coach Playbook is a collection of step-by-step diagrams with easy-to-follow directions for all the most popular tasks in Cricut Design Space! It tells you exactly what to do for each task. If you just want someone to tell you what to do, this is it.

Used by over 150,000 Cricut owners!

Learn more and get your copy today at jennifermaker.com/cricutcoach



WANT TO MAKE YOUR OWN 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. Or, worse yet, do you refuse to settle and never finish that project?

What if, instead, you could design whatever you wanted, whenever you wanted?

Imagine how it will feel to finally make precisely what you envision, just the way you want, without compromise. Imagine having the know-how to impress everyone, even yourself, with what you can create. Imagine being connected to others who are on the same journey as you... all committed to designing beautiful things that they can upload, share with others, and even sell.

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.

IMAGINE WHAT IT COULD DO FOR YOU?

I can show you how to create SVG files that work with minimal fuss and bother, allowing you to create beautiful and cuttable designs on a whim. Use your designs for your personal

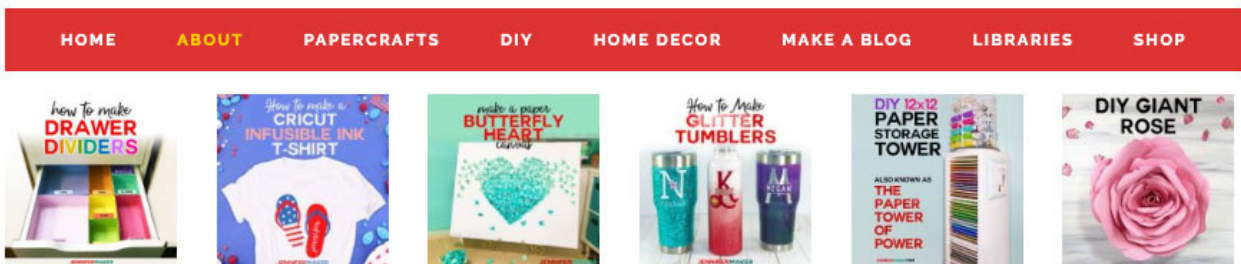


projects, share them with friends and family, or even sell them to earn extra money!

Get on the waiting list for enrollment at
<https://jennifermaker.com/cut-above>

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Visit me at JenniferMaker.com regularly for



START HERE

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DO YOU WISH YOU HAD A FRIEND TO WALK YOU THROUGH A FUN PROJECT STEP BY STEP?

Welcome to JenniferMaker



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?

WELCOME!



I inspire you to make crafts and decorate your home. I'm always working on something new and fun! Follow along on my DIY adventures, reconnect with your creativity, and read more about me [here](http://JenniferMaker.com).

HOW TO PRINT

While I generally recommend you use this organizer 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 organizer:

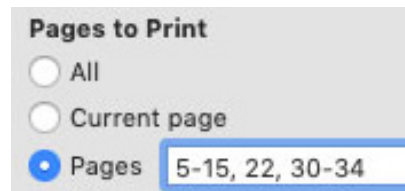
Download the book, open the PDF from within Adobe Reader, and print from inside Adobe Reader for the most options, flexibility, and quality. You can get Adobe Reader free at <https://get.adobe.com/reader>

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 organizer to print, look through it and decide if you really want all the pages to be printed. Or if you need extra copies of some pages.

You can print specific 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 organizer 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.

If you do not have a printer or would rather someone else print it, you can send your PDF to a copy shop or an office supply store like Staples.com. You can also tell them that you want only certain pages printed, too! There's a Print Release Form for them on the next page.

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