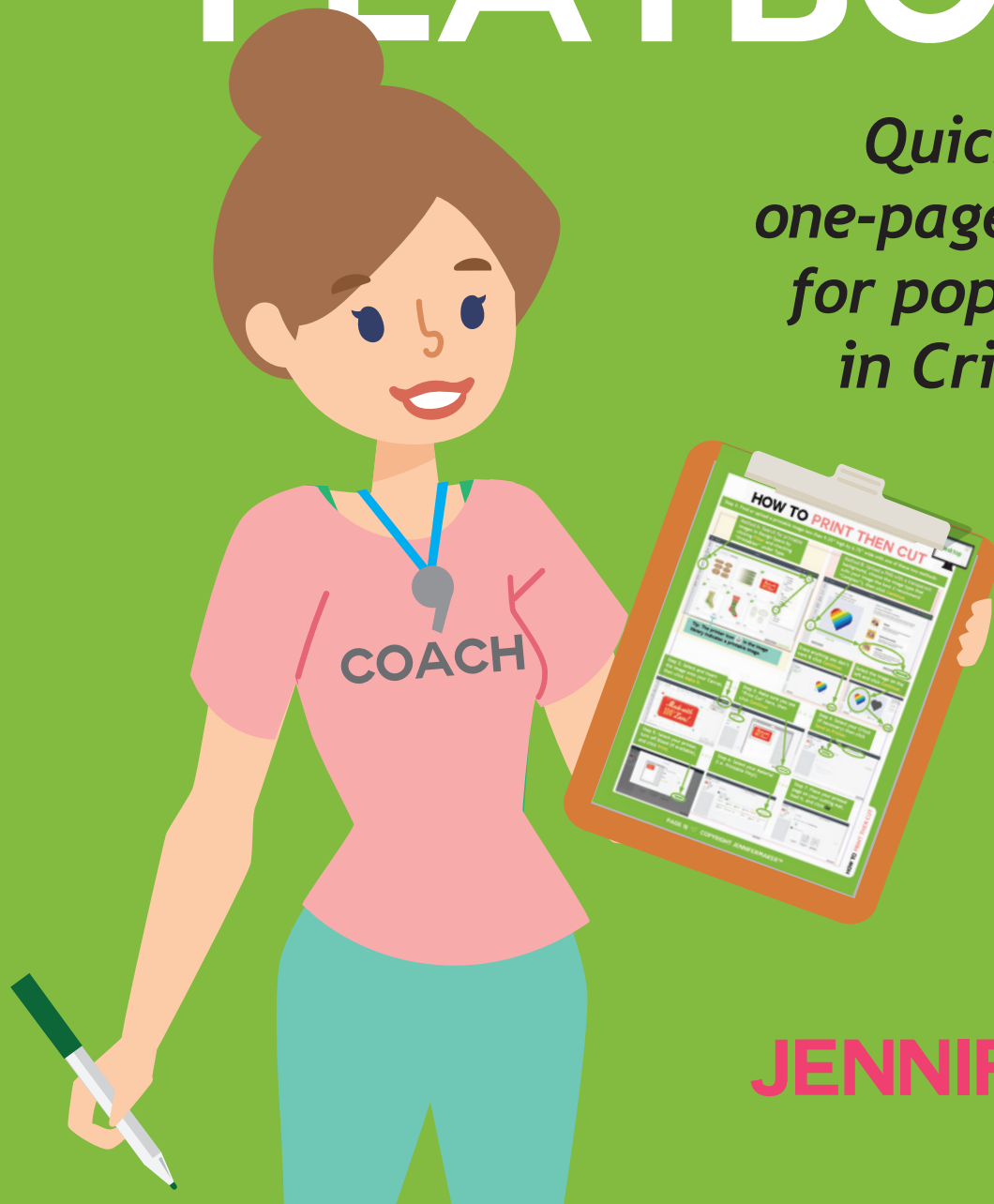


CRICUT[®] COACH PLAYBOOK

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



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ABOUT THIS PLAYBOOK

This playbook will give 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!

Key to Playbook Pages:

Steps are in green

Tips are in blue

Notes are in yellow

Warnings are in pink

To make the most of it, print off this playbook and keep it under or next to your Cricut® for quick reference.

For project ideas and inspiration, join me at <https://jennifermaker.com/cricutgroup>

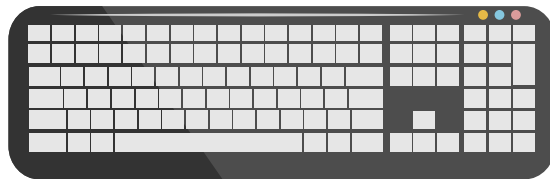
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Hi, I'm Jennifer!



Happy making,

Jennifer



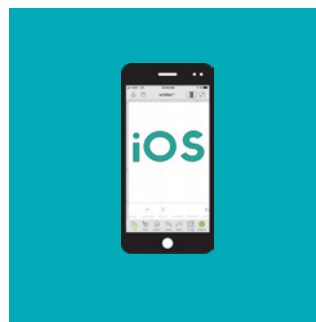
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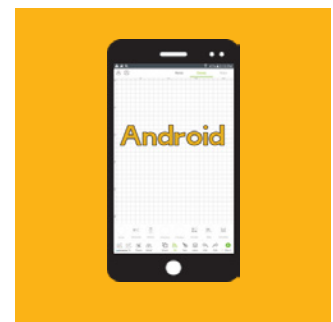
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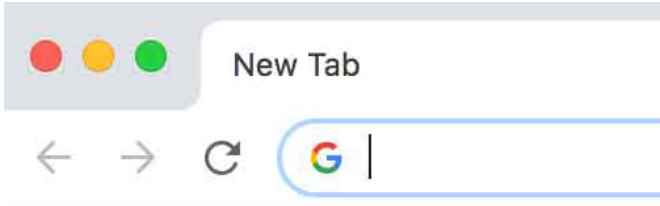


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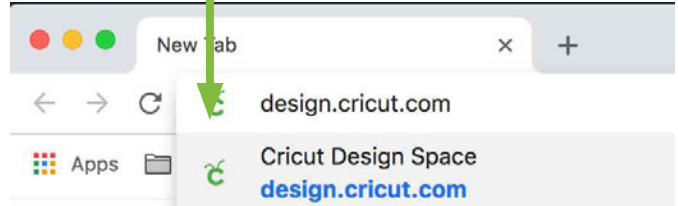


HOW TO OPEN AND START A NEW PROJECT

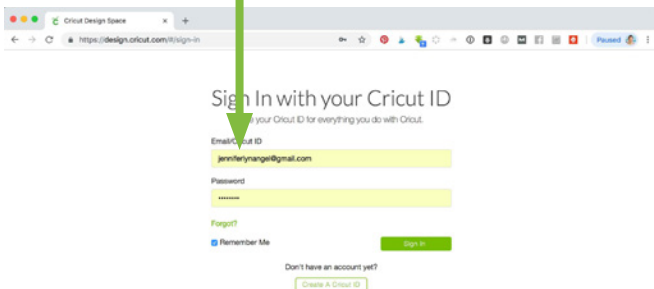
Step 1: Open your web browser (I recommend Chrome).



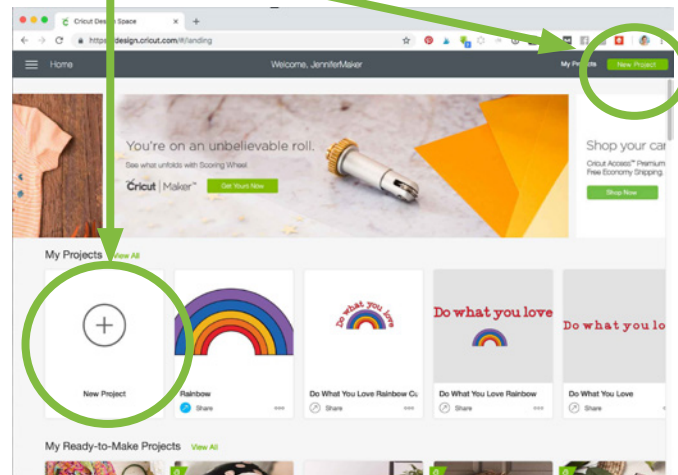
Step 2: Type design.cricut.com in the bar at the top of your web browser



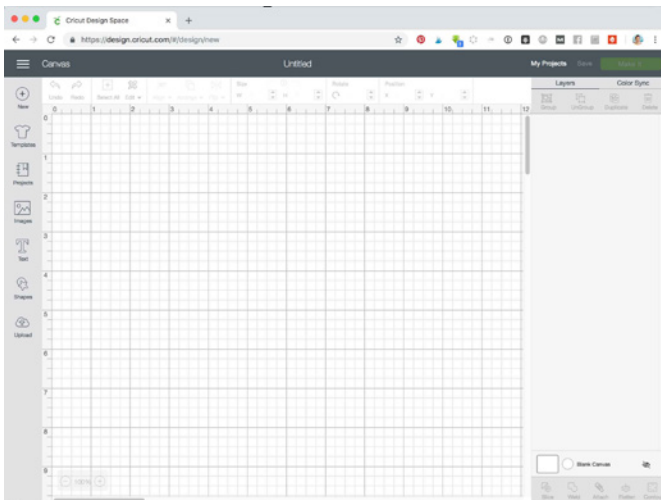
Step 3: If prompted, sign in with your email and password. (If you're already signed in, you will be taken to the next step automatically.)



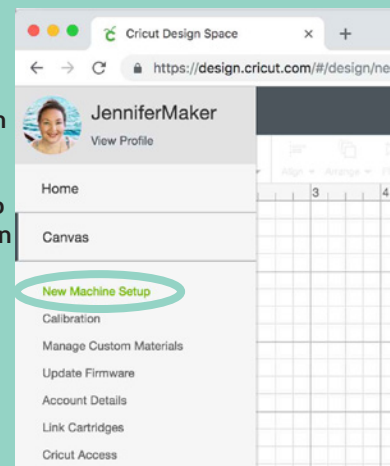
Step 4: Click the **New Project** icon on the left side or the New Project button in the upper right corner (they do the same thing).



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



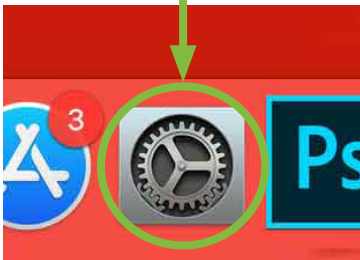
Tip: If you are completely new to Cricut, you will be guided through a welcome sequence and your first project upon your very first visit to this page. If you'd like to revisit this, click the menu icon in the upper left corner and choose **New Machine Setup** from the drop-down menu.





HOW TO CONNECT A MAC TO CRICUT VIA BLUETOOTH

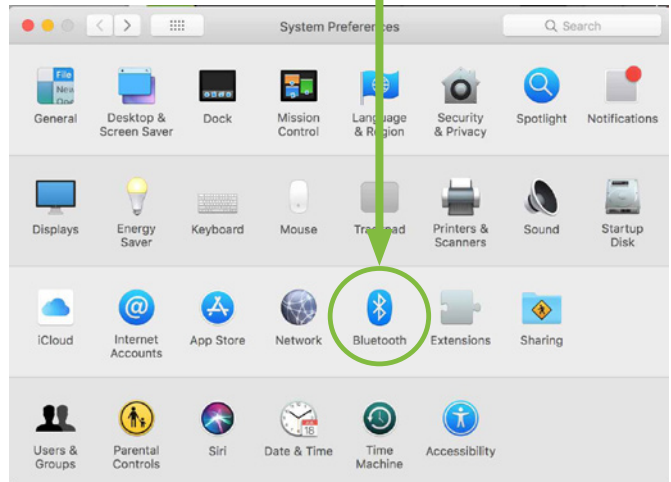
Step 1: Open **System Preferences** in your Dock.



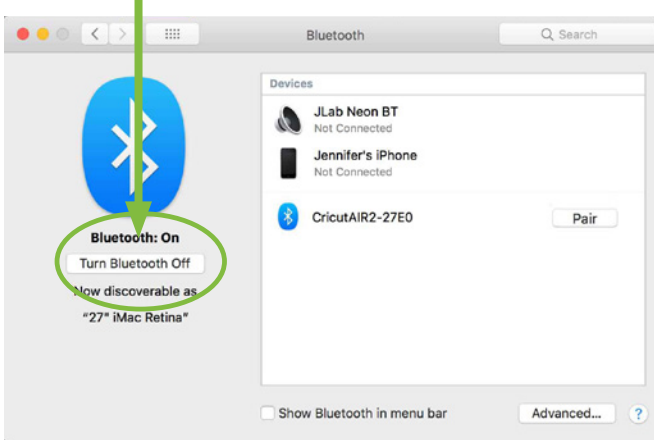
You can also find System Preferences by clicking on the Apple menu in the upper left corner and choosing System Preferences.

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.

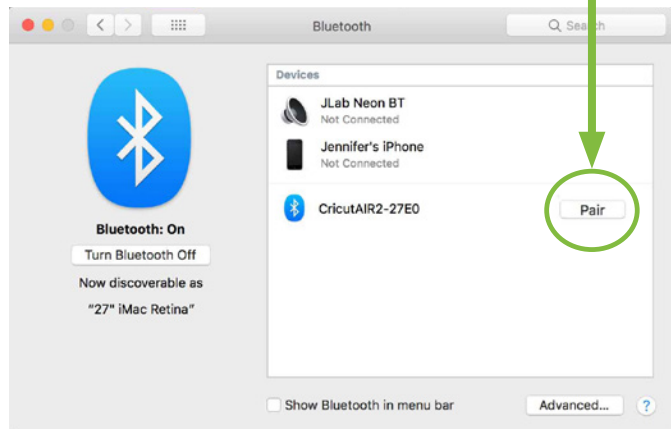
Step 2: Click the **Bluetooth** icon to open it.



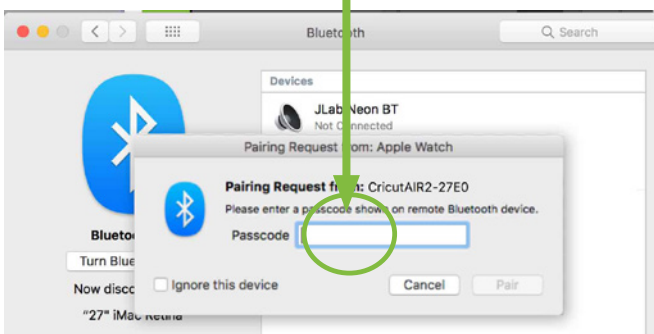
Step 3: If Bluetooth is off, click **Turn Bluetooth On**.



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 it 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.

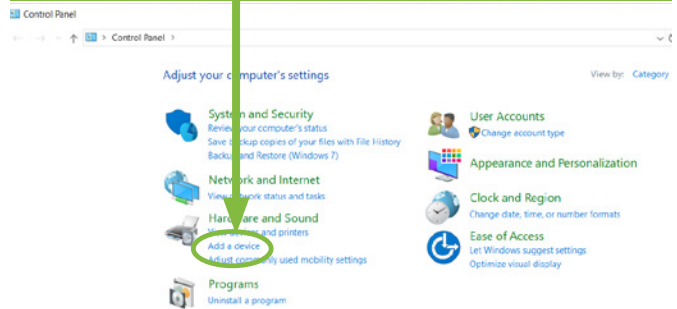


Control Panel

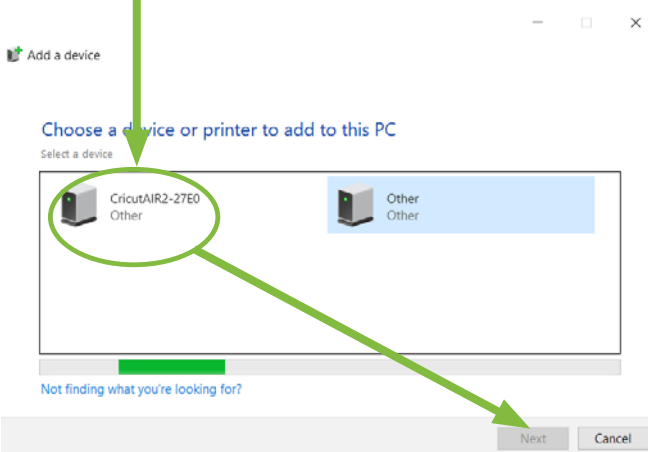
Find it by typing "Control Panel" into the search bar at the bottom of your window.

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.

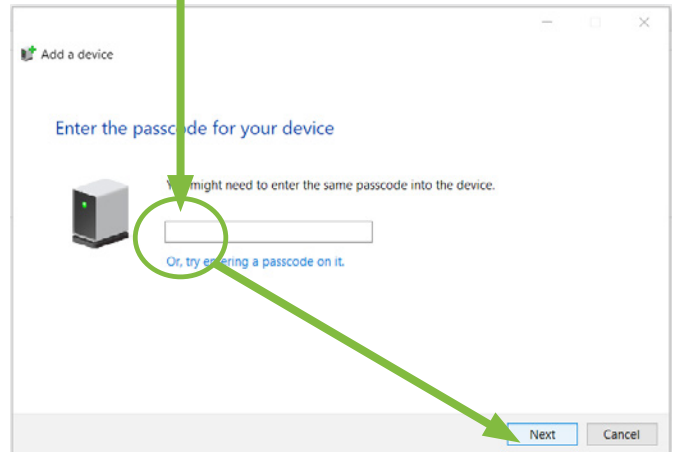
Step 2: Click on **Add a Device** under Hardware.



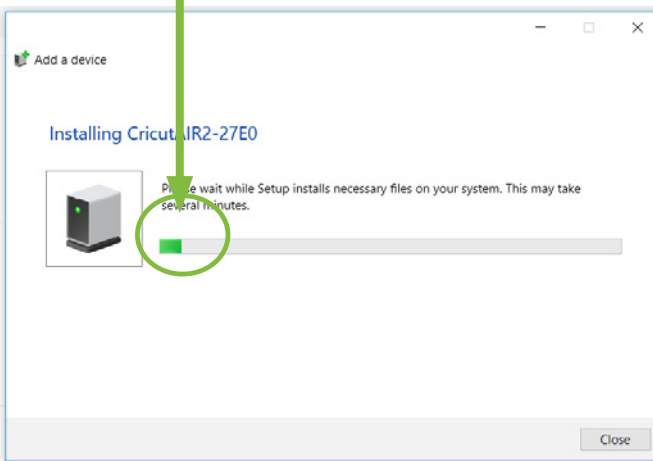
Step 3: Let your computer look for your Cricut, then click its icon and click **Next**.



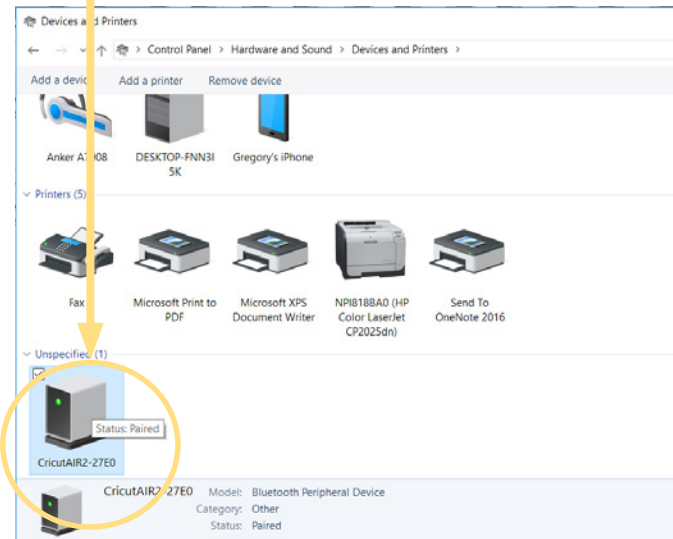
Step 4: If you get a pairing request, type **0000** (that's four zeros) as the passcode and click **Next**.



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.

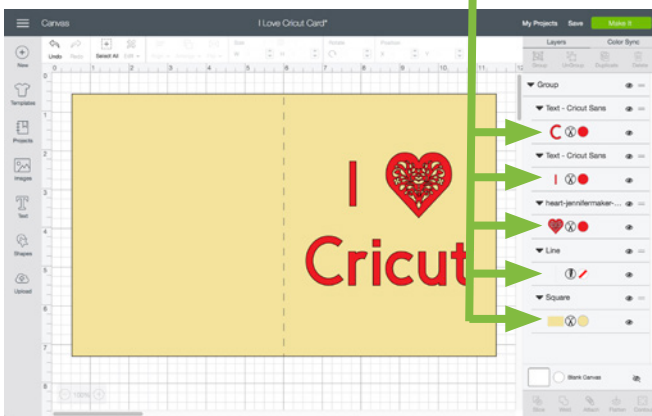
CONNECT VIA BLUETOOTH



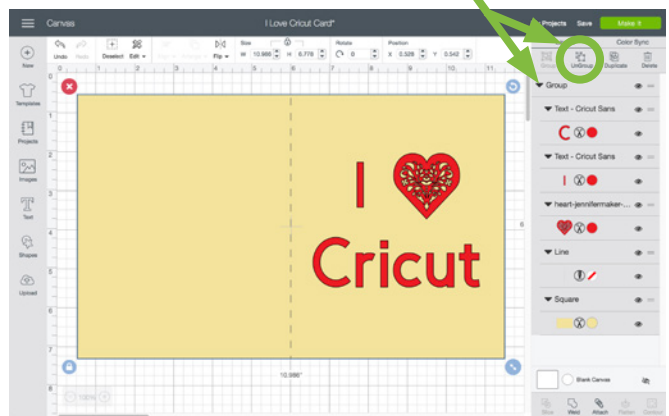
HOW TO ATTACH TO KEEP THINGS TOGETHER

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.

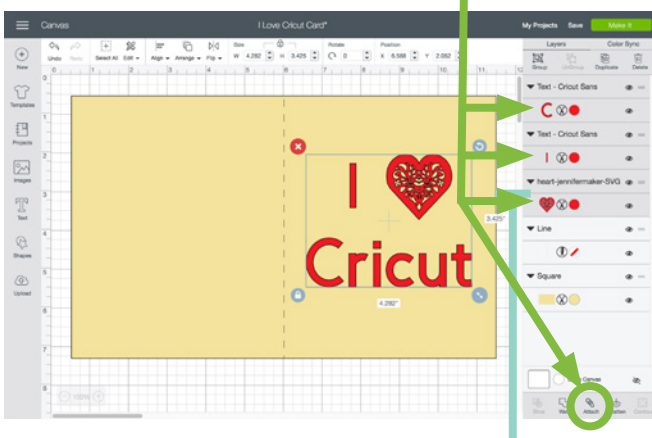


Step 2: Ungroup any groups. To do this, click on any layers called "Group" and click the Ungroup icon.

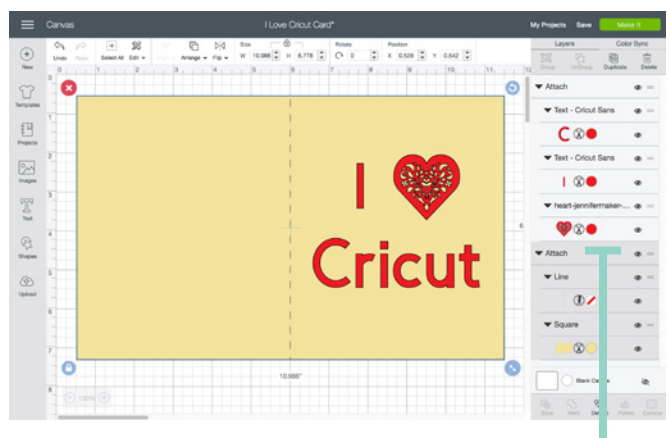


Tip: If you are having a problem attaching layers, try ungrouping layers first.

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!



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

ATTACH THINGS TOGETHER

Practice this at jennifermaker.com/i-love-cricut



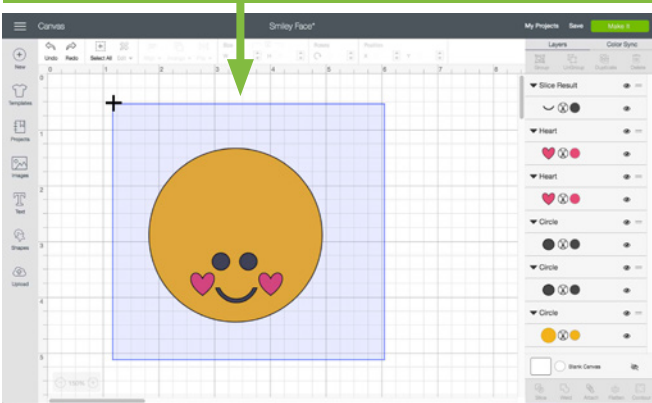
HOW TO GROUP AND UNGROUP

GROUP / UNGROUP

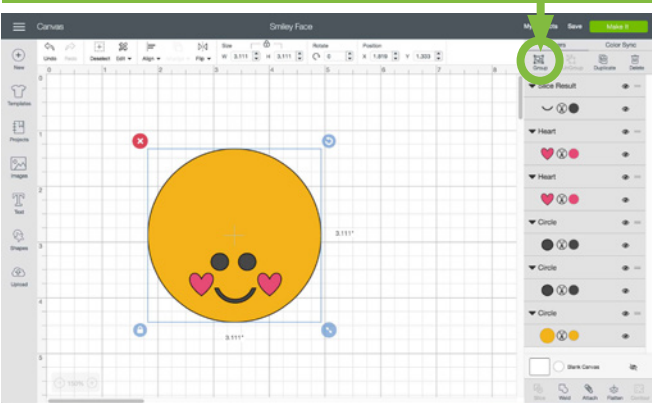
Grouping lets you keep objects together in your design but not necessarily on your mat (you still need to use the Attach function to keep things together on the mat). Sometimes projects and uploaded images will be grouped when you open/insert them, and you'll need to ungroup them so you can make changes.

HOW TO GROUP:

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



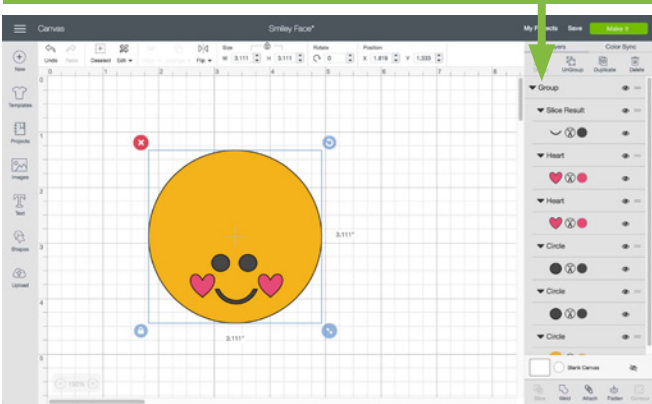
Step 2: With all objects you want to be grouped selected, click the **Group** button at the top of the Layers panel.



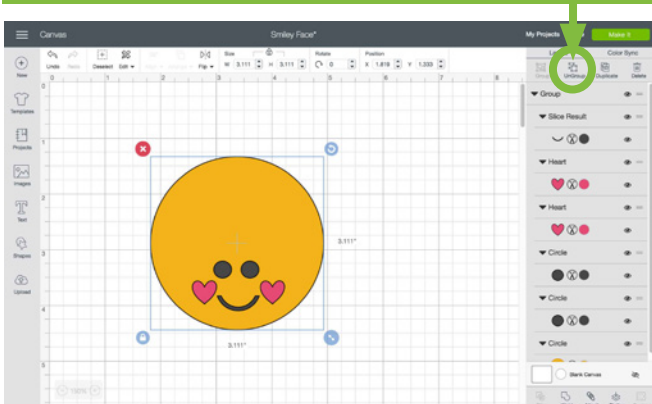
Tip: Once your objects group, they will be nested under a new line item in your Layers panel called "Group."

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 jennifermaker.com/smiley-face

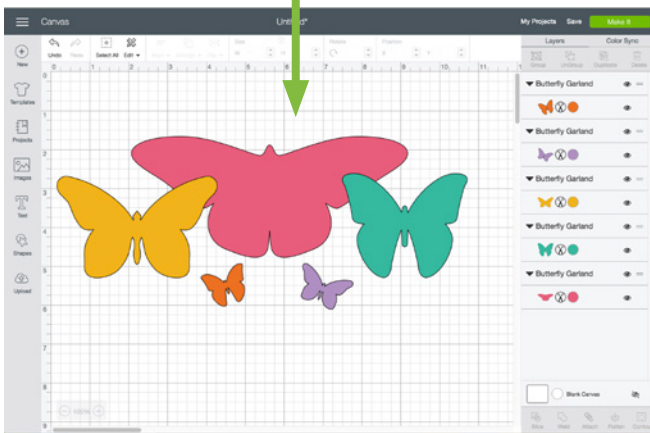


HOW TO WELD

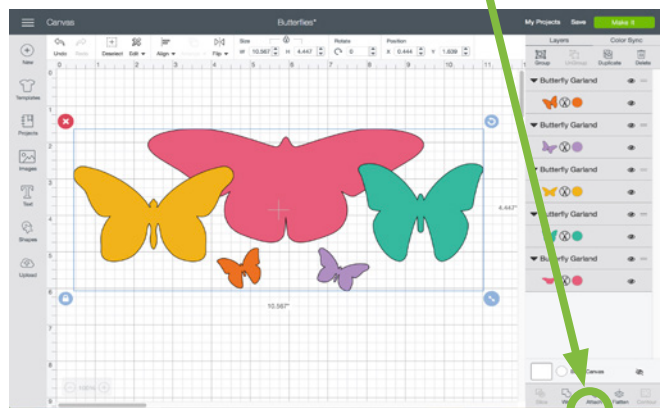
WELD

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.



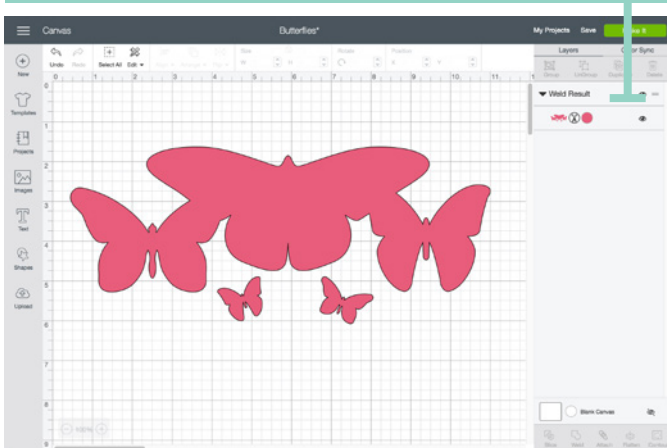
Step 2: Select all images to be welded together. then click the **Weld** button in the lower right corner.



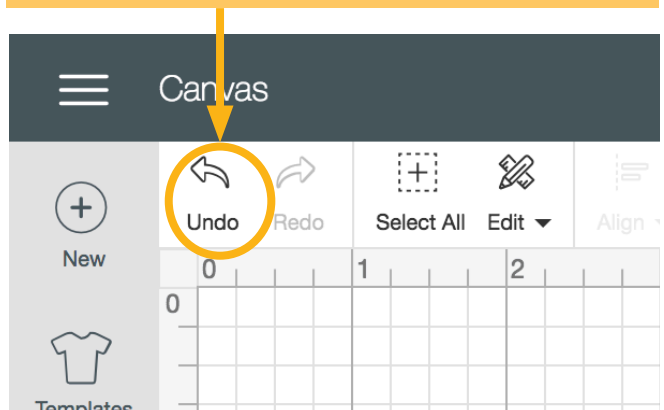
Note: If you are trying to create a single image with Weld, make sure all elements are overlapping.

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 to 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!

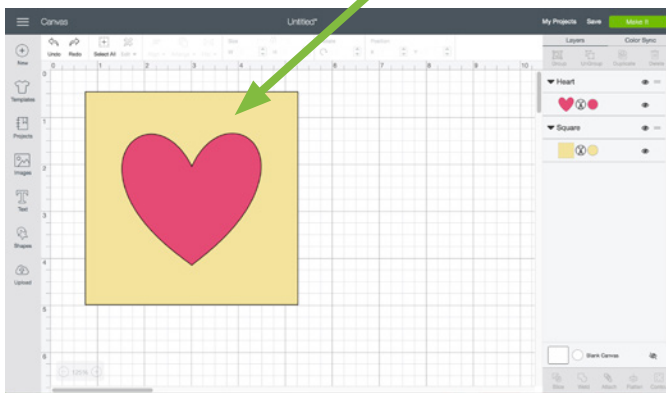
Practice this at jennifermaker.com/butterflies



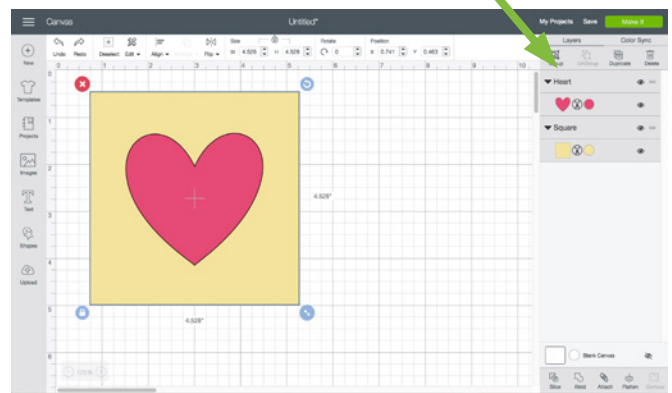
HOW TO SLICE (CUT AN IMAGE OUT OF ANOTHER)

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!

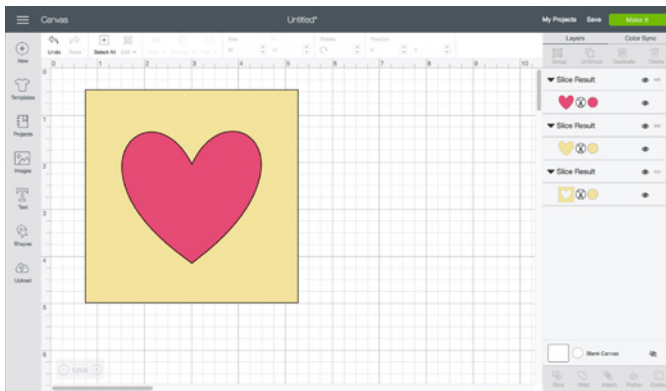
Step 1: Insert your images onto your Canvas so that they are overlapping.



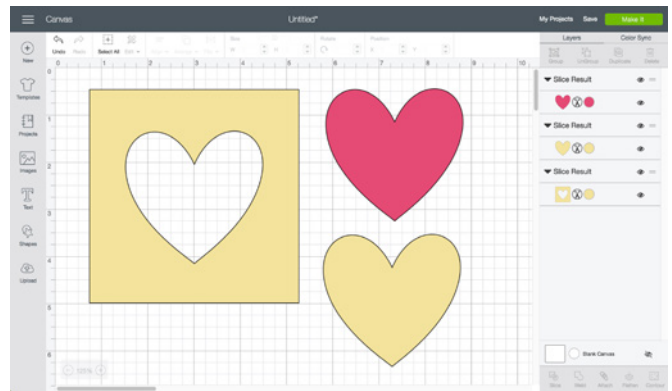
Step 2: Select just two layers (hold the Shift key as you click each layer), then click **Slice**.



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.

SLICE

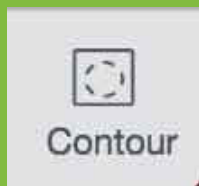
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HOW TO REMOVE PARTS WITH CONTOUR

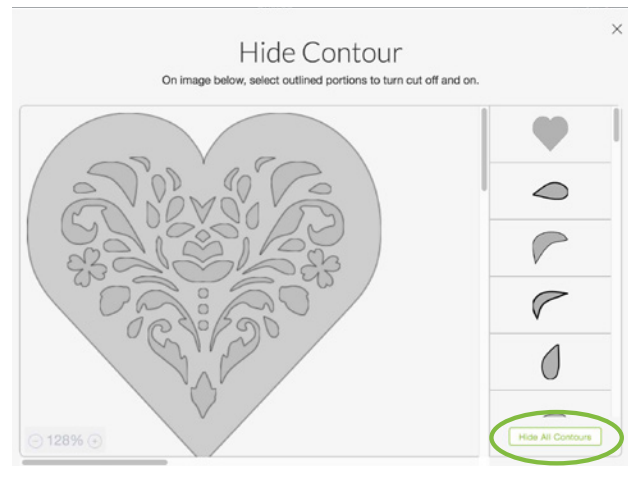
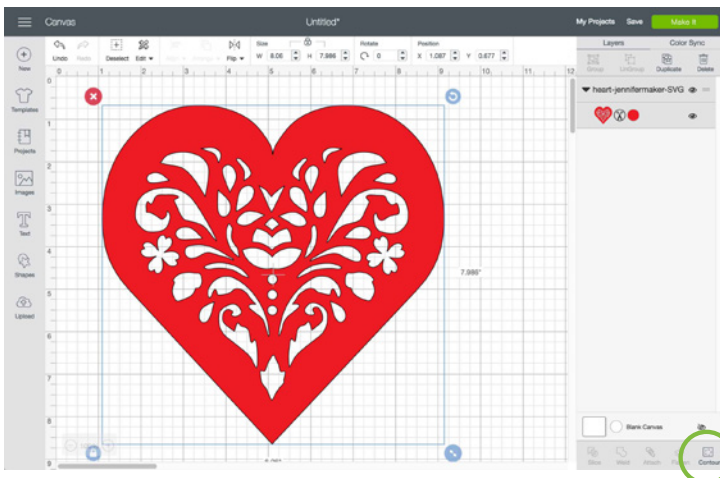
Need to erase parts of an existing design? Don't want that word or that circle, but can't ungroup or hide a layer? Use Contour to remove existing parts from projects.

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.



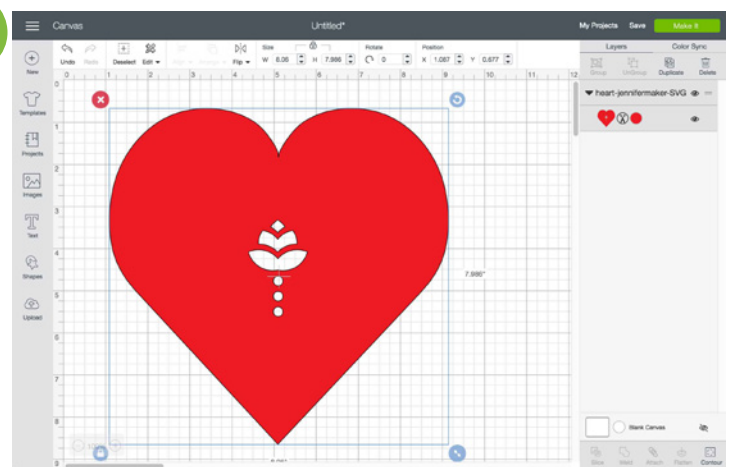
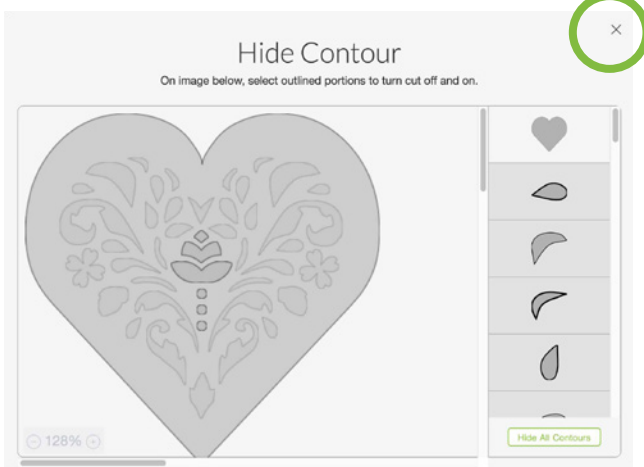
Step 2: Click on the elements you want to remove. If you want to remove all elements (contours), click the Hide Contours button.

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 jennifermaker.com/svg-heart

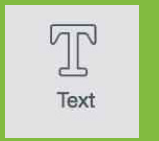
CONTOUR (REMOVE BITS)



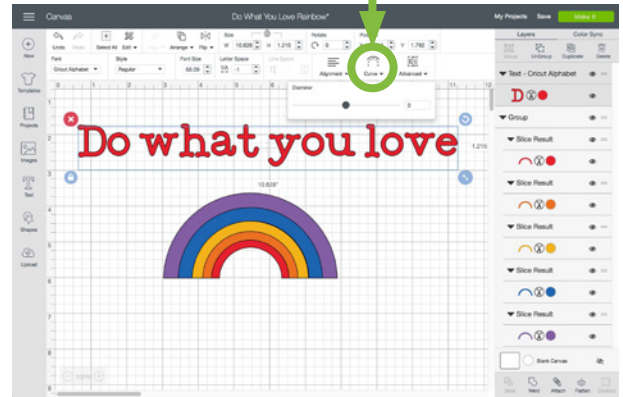
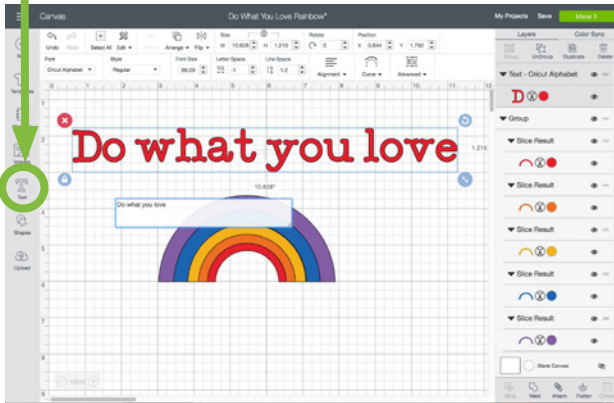
HOW TO CURVE TEXT

CURVE TEXT

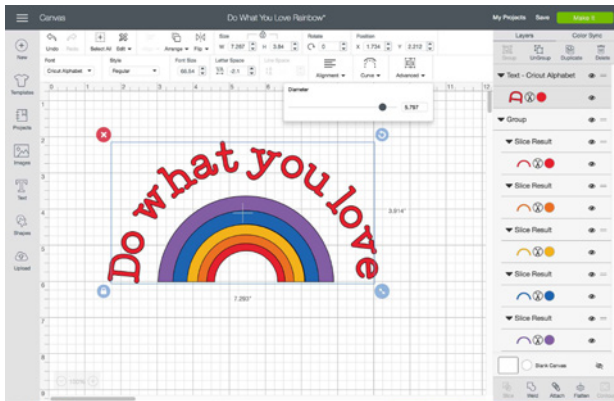
Step 1: Click the Text tool and add some text. (You do not need the rainbow—I added that so we could compare the curve to it.)



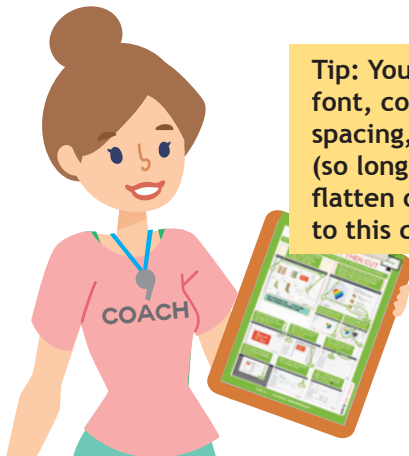
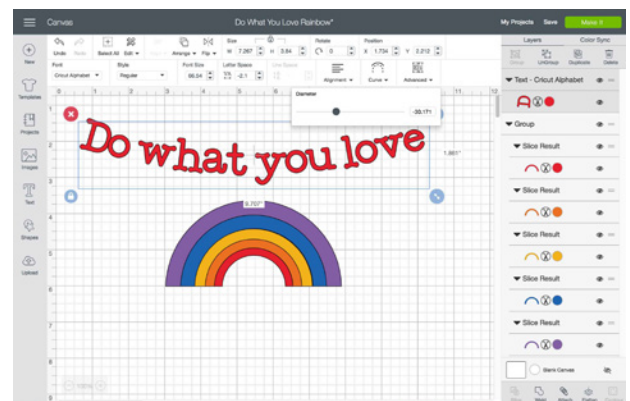
Step 2: Select the text and click the Curve tool at the top. The slider allows you to adjust the curve up or down.



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!



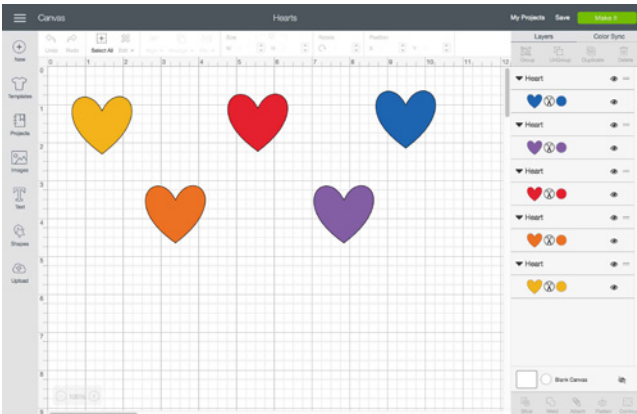
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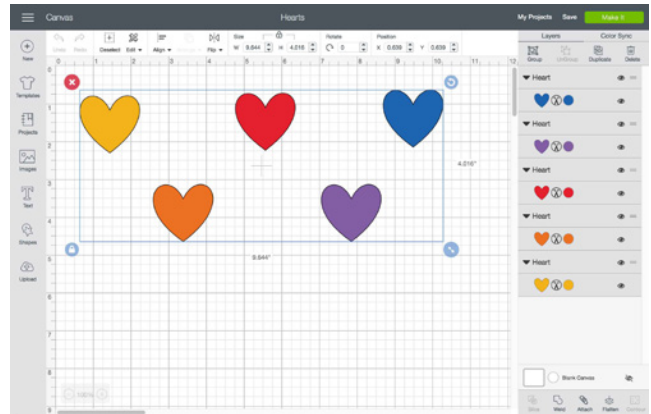
HOW TO ALIGN AND DISTRIBUTE OBJECTS

ALIGN AND DISTRIBUTE

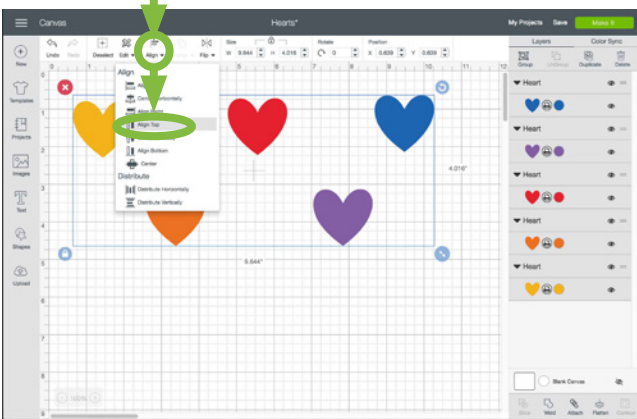
Step 1: Add two or more items to your canvas that you want to align or distribute evenly.



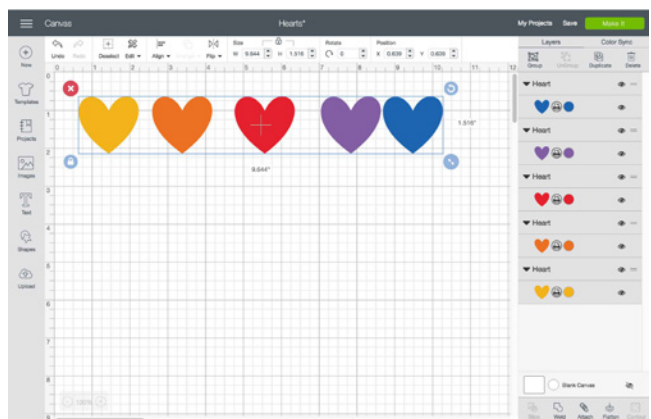
Step 2: Click and drag a selection box around all items you want to align and/or distribute.



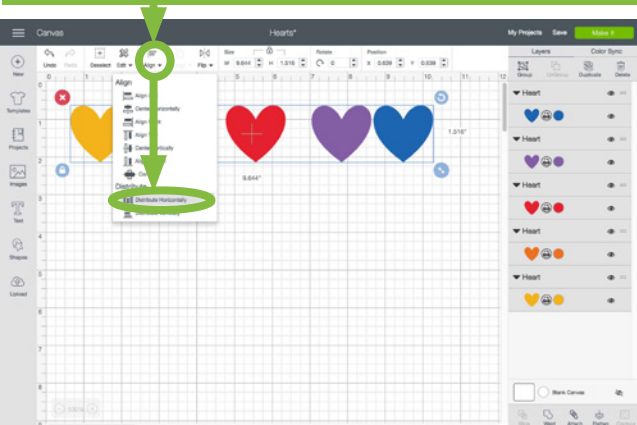
Step 3: Click on the **Align** tool in the toolbar and choose **Align Top**.



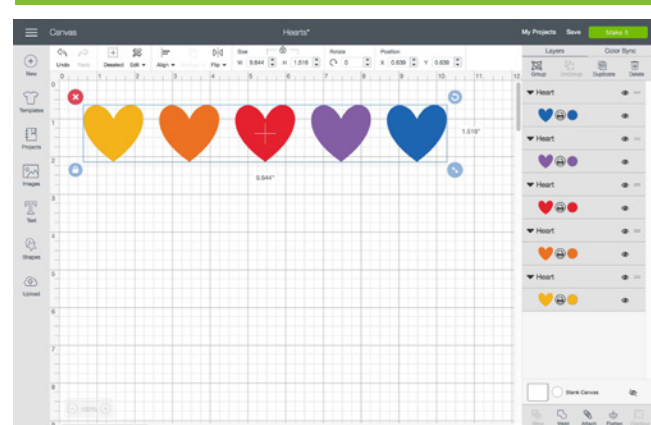
Step 4: All selected items are aligned with the topmost object. Now let's space them evenly.



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 jennifermaker.com/five-hearts

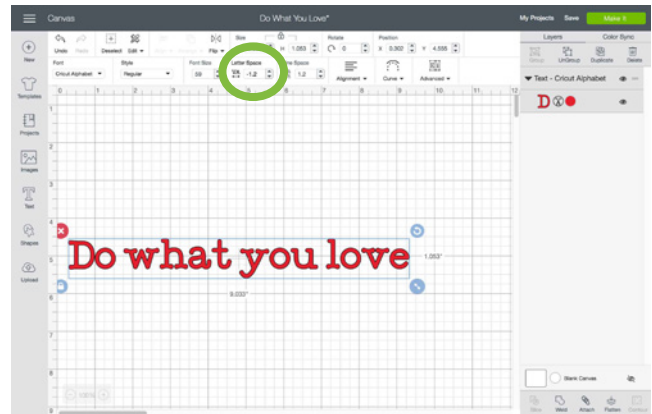
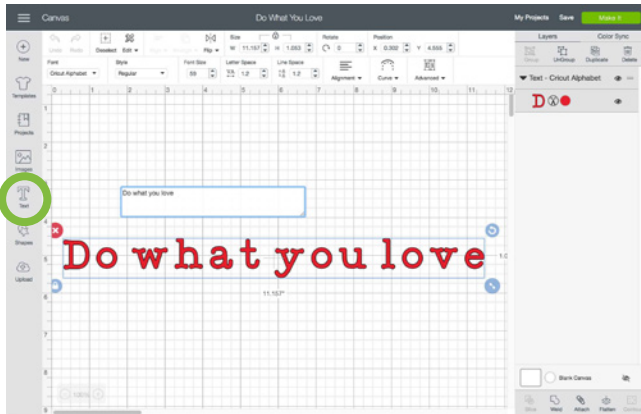


HOW TO CHANGE LETTER SPACE

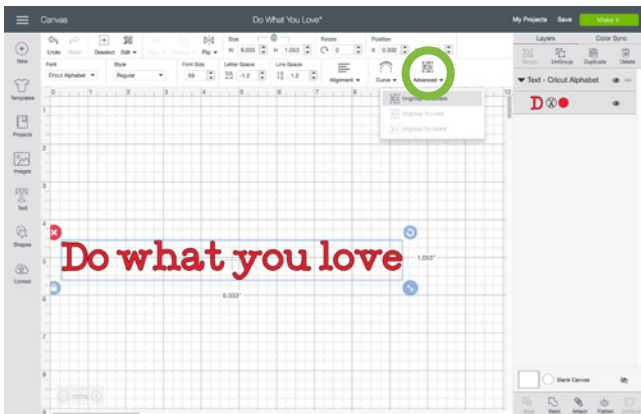
Step 1: Click the **Text** tool, choose something onto the Canvas. Note how widely apart. Let's fix that.



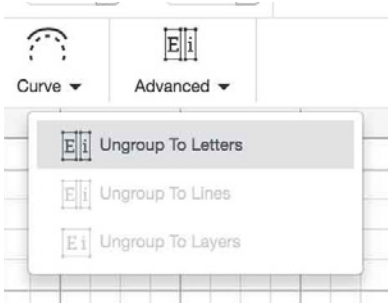
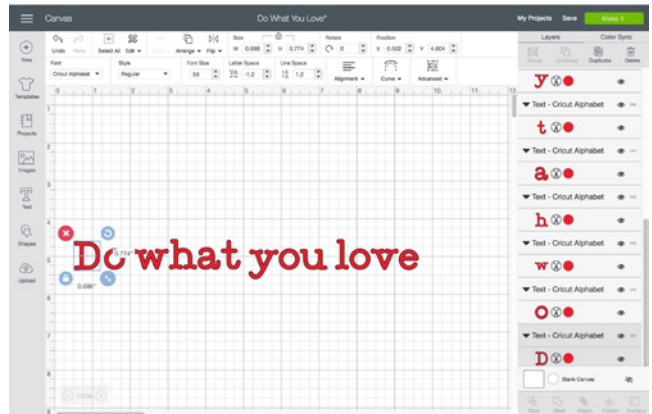
Step 2: Select the text and click the down arrow in the **Letter Space** box until the letters look better.



Step 3: The letter "D" is too close to the "o" in the example here. Select the text and click **Advanced** then select **Ungroup to Letters**.



Step 4: Select just the letter "D" and move it to the left. Now these words are properly spaced.



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

Do what you love

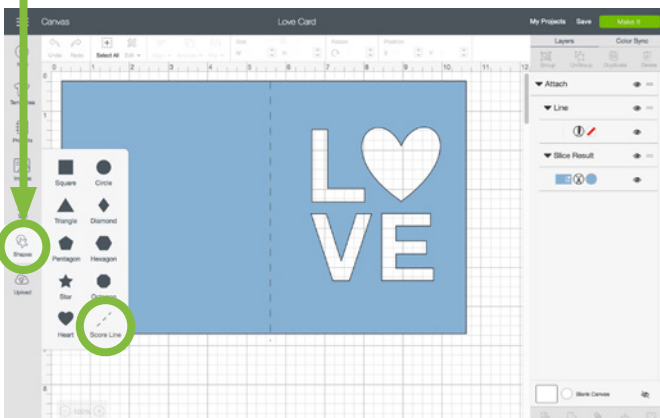
Practice this at jennifermaker.com/rainbow-love

CHANGE LETTER SPACE

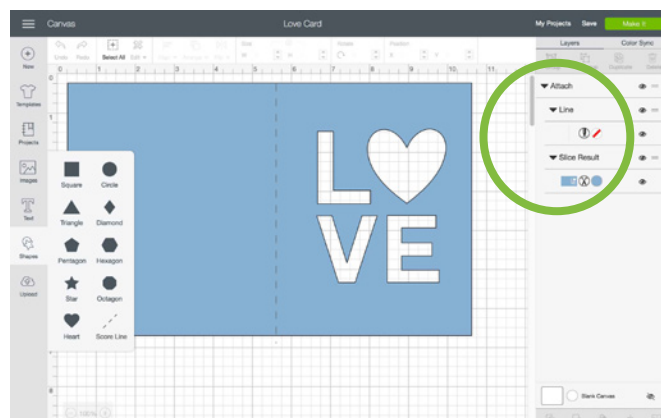


HOW TO SCORE WITH STYLUS OR WHEEL

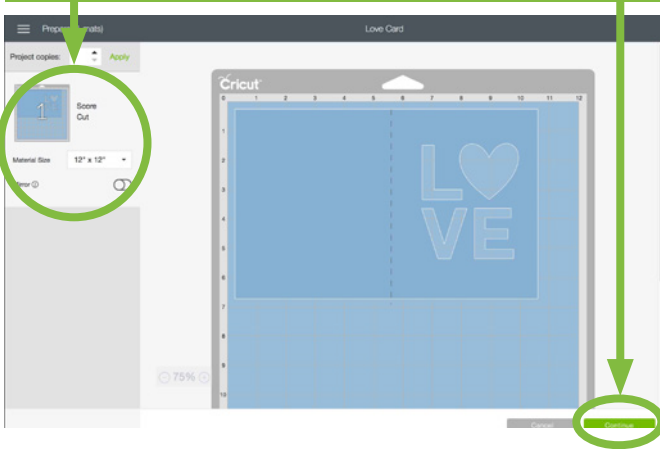
Step 1: Open or create a project with score lines. You can add a score line to any project by clicking **Shapes**, then selecting **Score Line**.



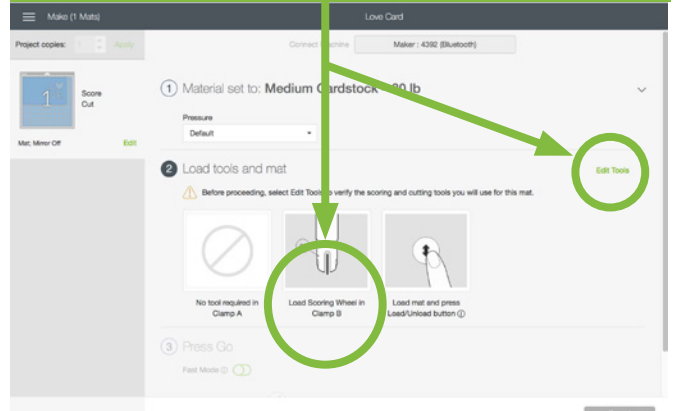
Step 2: Make sure any lines you want to be scored attached to the layer that should have the score line (click to change). Click **Make It**.



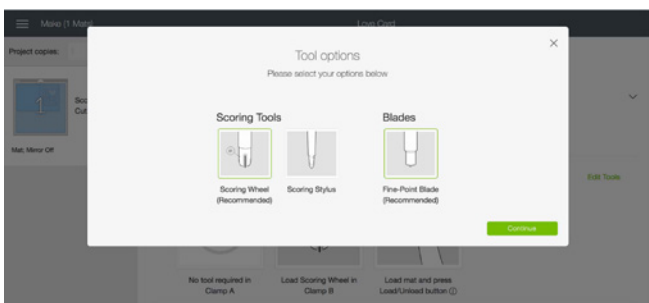
Step 3: Make sure the score line is on the same layer as the cut, then click **Continue**.



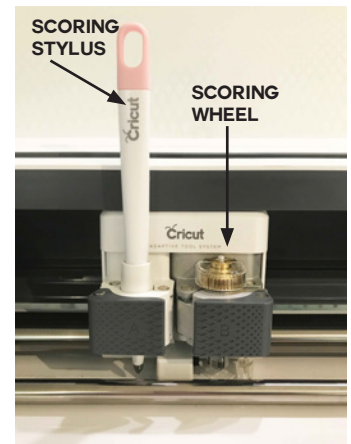
Step 4: Check the necessary tools. If the screen says to use a scoring wheel but you do not have one, click **Edit Tools**.



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.



SCORE (STYLUS / WHEEL)

Practice this at jennifermaker.com/love-card

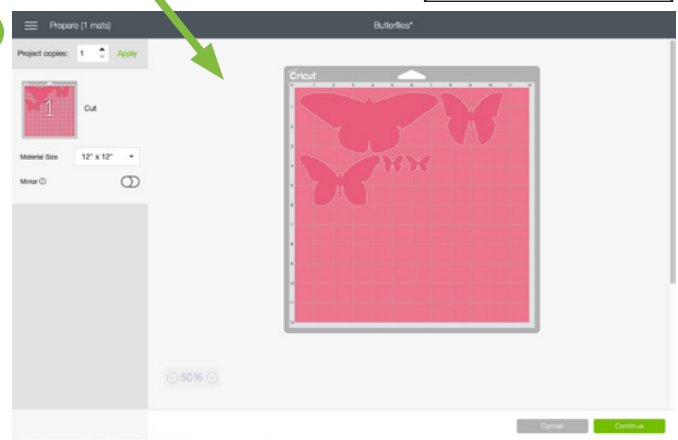
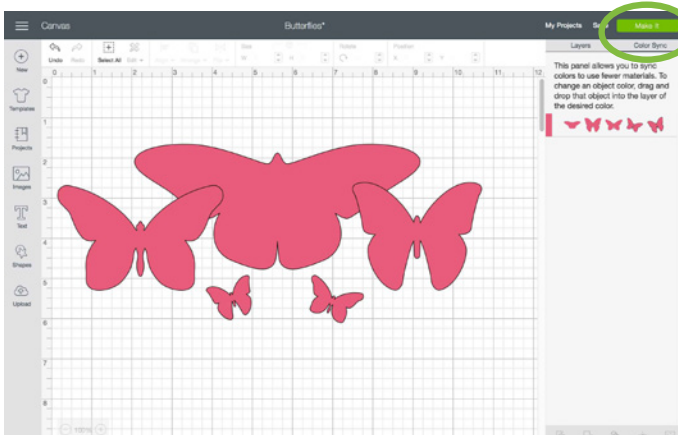
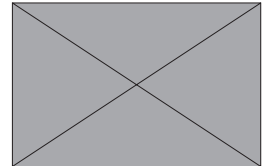


HOW TO REPOSITION ITEMS ON MAT PREVIEW

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):

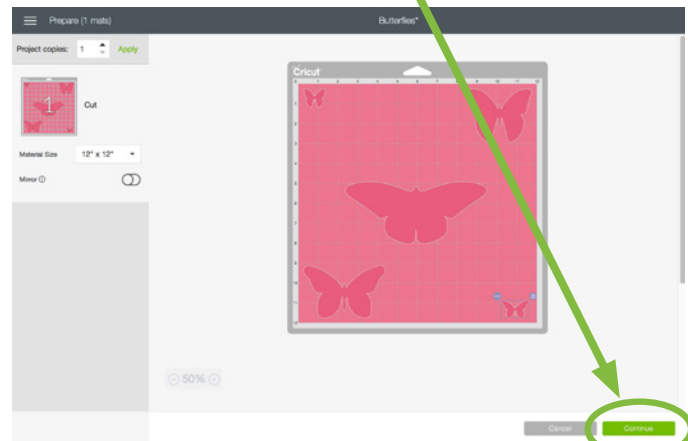
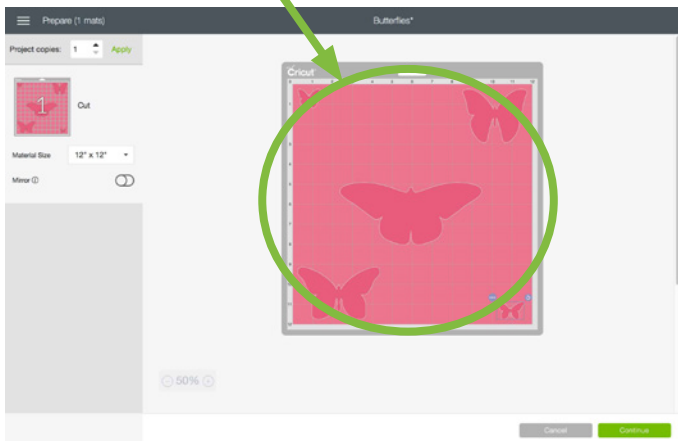
Step 1: Open or create a project. Make anything you want to appear on the same mat the same color. Click **Make It**.

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 and dragging to a new position. You can also rotate and hide.

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



REPOSITION ON MAT

Practice this at jennifermaker.com/butterflies

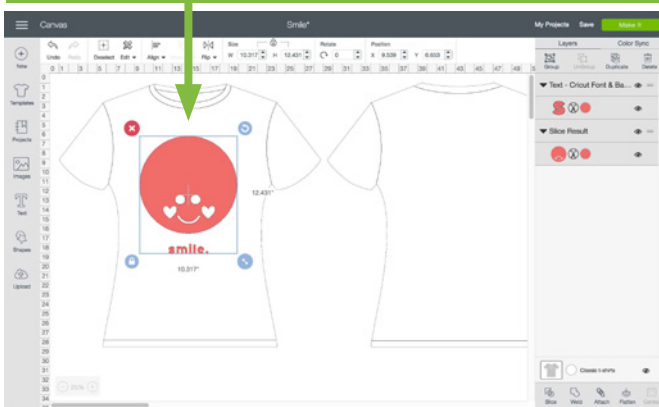


HOW TO MIRROR AND CUT IRON ON VINYL

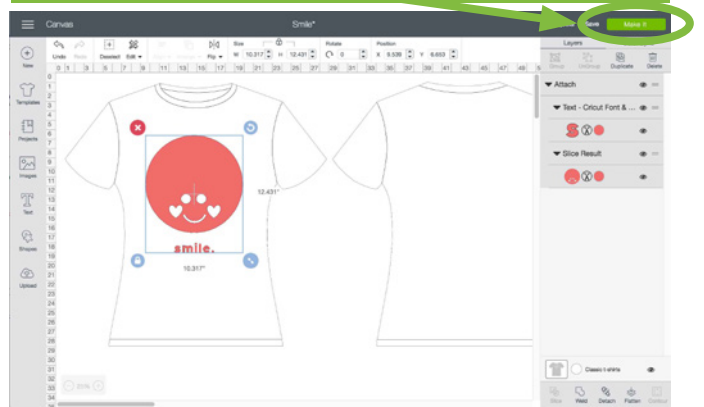
MIRROR IRON-ON VINYL

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**.



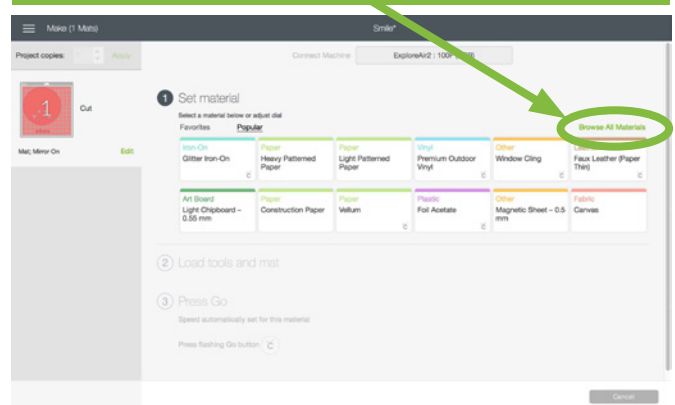
Step 2: Click **Make It**.



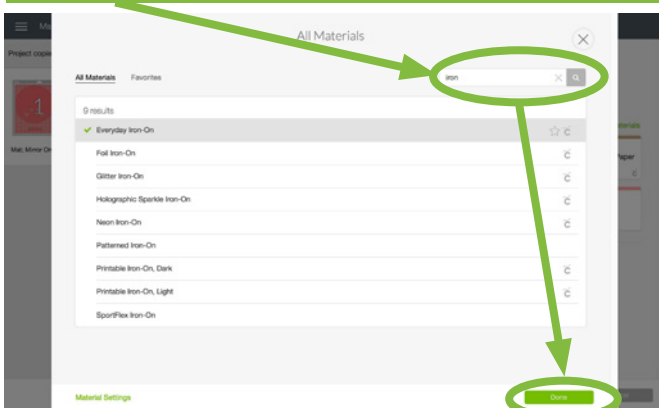
Step 3: Toggle **Mirror** to the on position, verify your image is now mirrored, and click **Continue**.



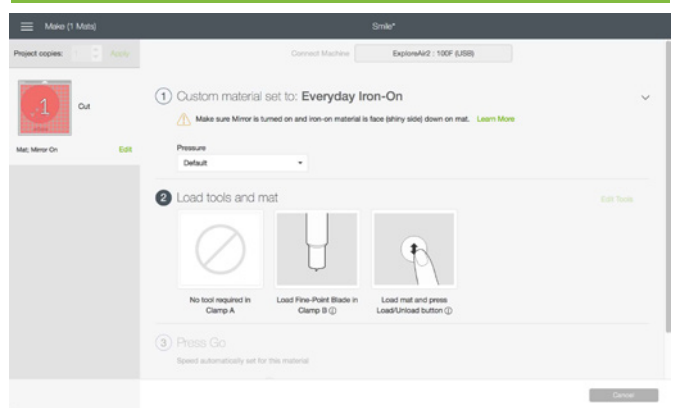
Step 4: Connect to your Cricut and click on **Browse All Materials**.



Step 5: Search on "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**.

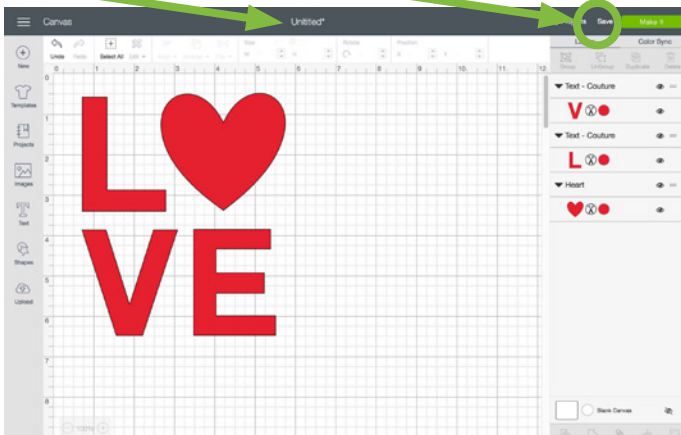


Practice this at jennifermaker.com/simple-smile

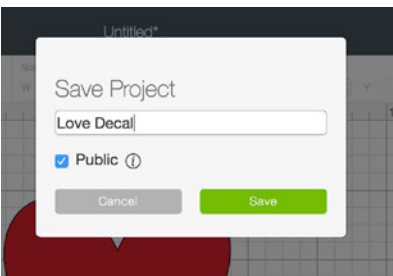


HOW TO SAVE WORK AND VIEW SAVED PROJECTS

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.



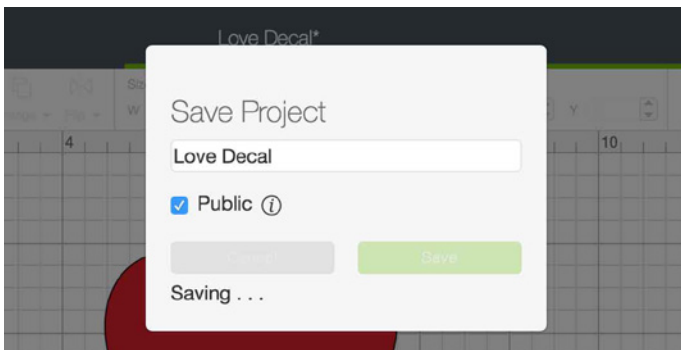
Step 2: Type a name for your project, decide if you want your project to be public (uncheck the box if you do not), and click **Save**.



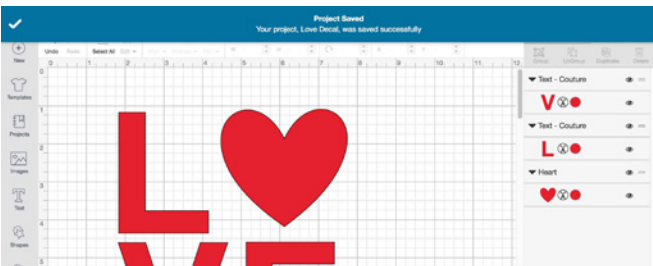
Note: Projects with purchased or uploaded images can not be saved as "Public" files.

A "Public" project is one that you can share with others via a special link. See below to find out how to get that link.

Step 3: Wait while Cricut saves your project. This may take a few minutes if the project is large.



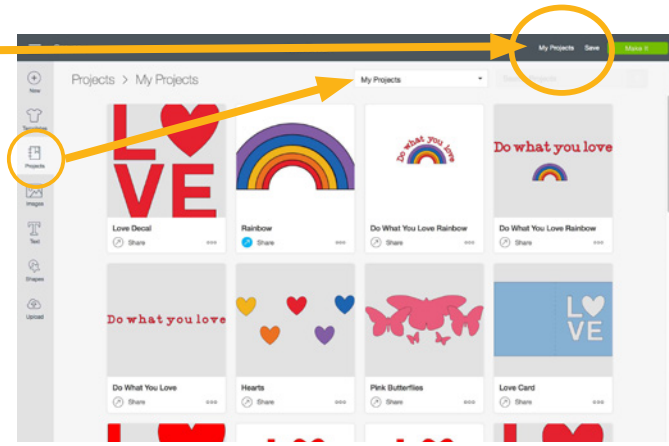
If Cricut is able to save your project, a blue confirmation box will flash near the top of your screen and the new name will appear at the top of the window.



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 Public Project, click on a saved project then click the Share button on the left side of the window.



SAVE WORK/PROJECTS

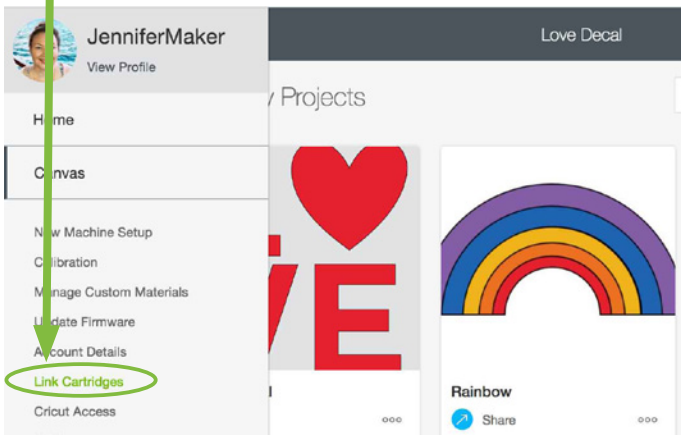
Practice this at jennifermaker.com/love-decal



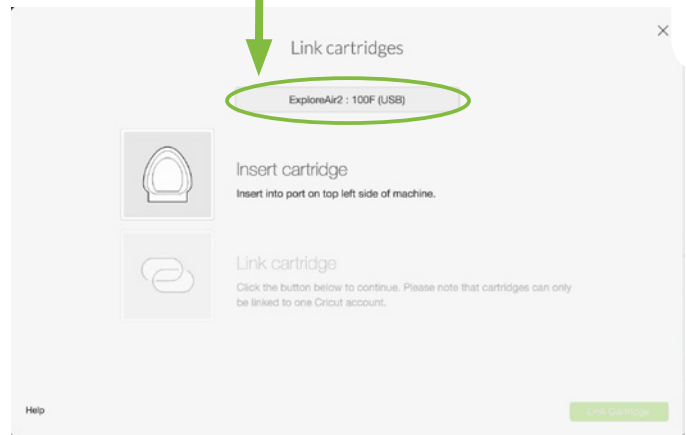
HOW TO LINK CARTRIDGES

LINK CARTRIDGES

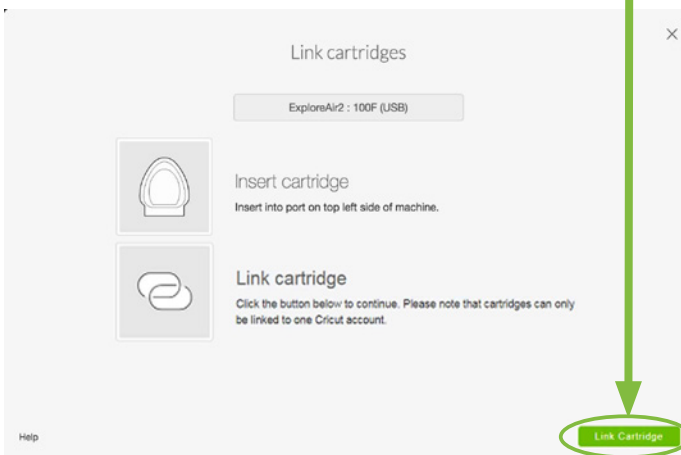
Step 1: Open Cricut Design Space, click the menu in the upper left corner, and choose **Link Cartridges**. If you're using a Cartridge Adapter, it will need to be inserted into a USB port on your computer first.



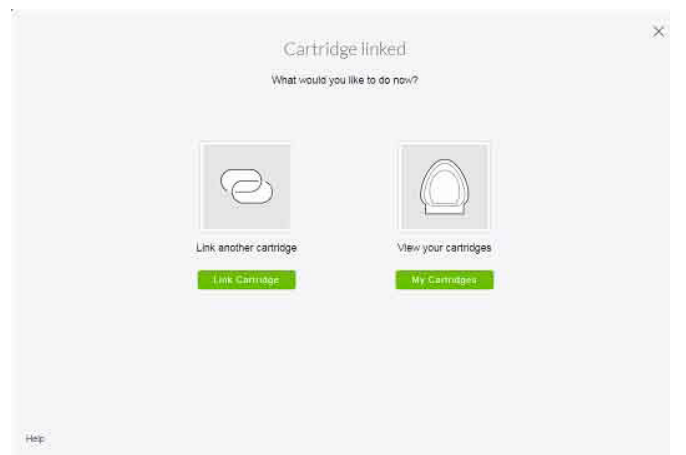
Step 2: Choose your Cricut from the drop-down menu. If you do not see it, make sure it is turned on and connected. For best results, connect your Cricut to your computer via the USB cable.



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 or 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>

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

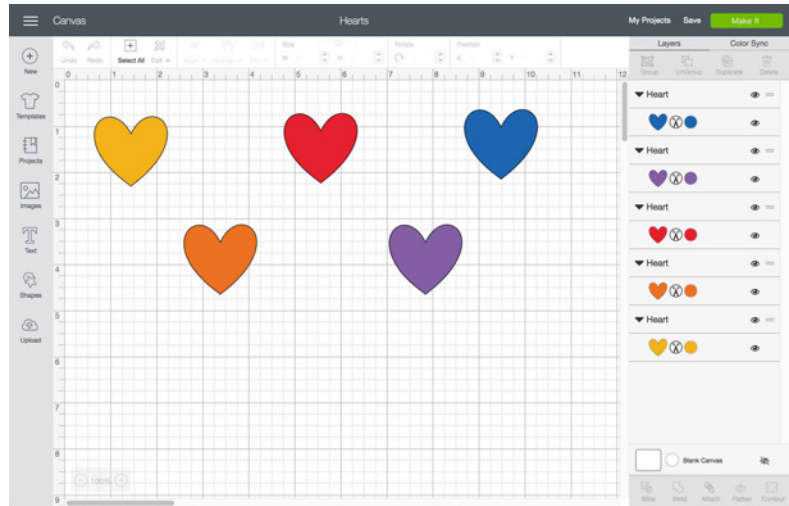


HOW TO FLATTEN AN IMAGE

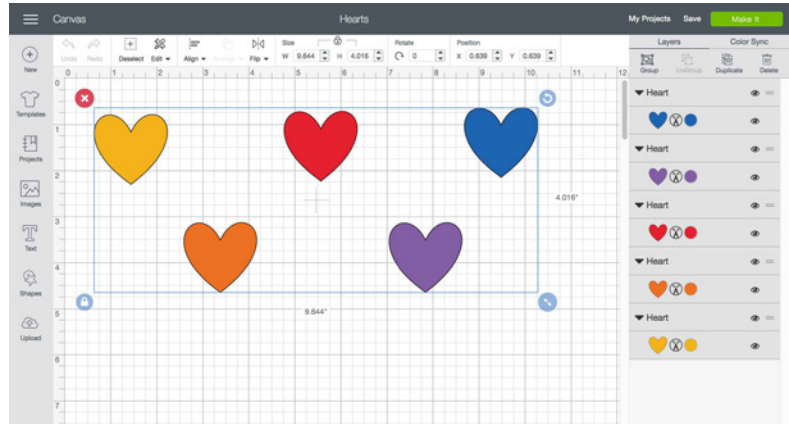
Need to make a Print Then Cut project? Flatten is your friend! The Flatten tool allows you to turn any image into a single, printable layer for the Print then Cut feature.

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.

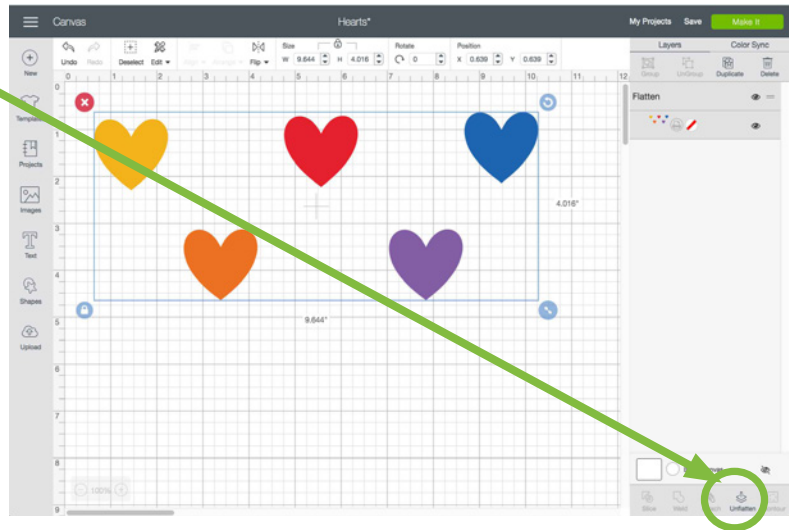


Step 3: Click the **Flatten** icon in the bottom right corner.

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

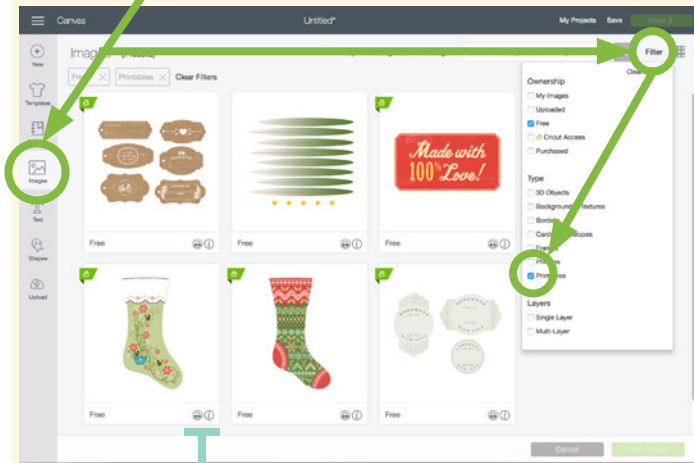
Practice this at jennifermaker.com/five-hearts



HOW TO PRINT THEN CUT

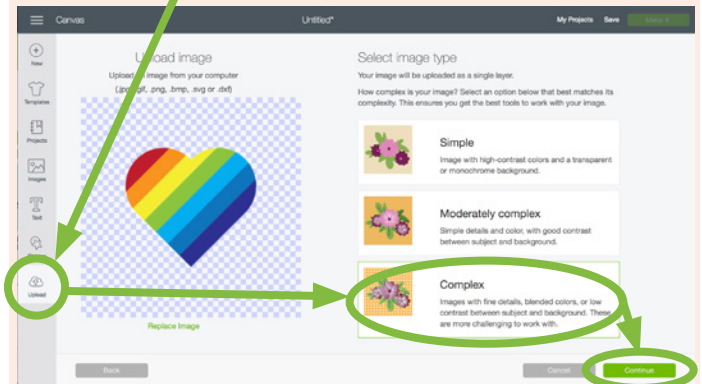
Step 1: Find or upload a printable image less than 9.25" high by 6.75" wide with one of these two methods:

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



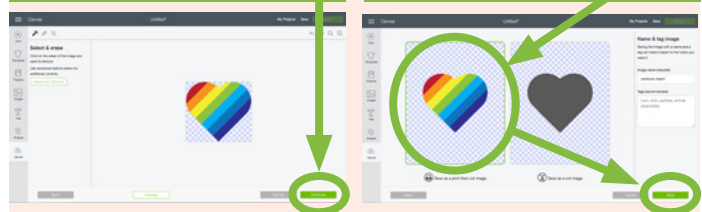
Tip: The printer icon in the Image library indicates a printable image.

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

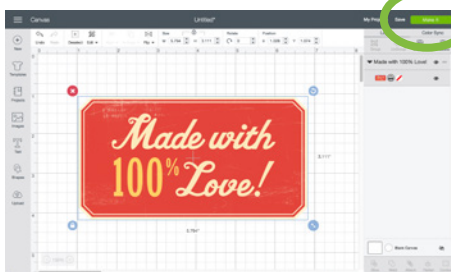


Erase anything you don't want & click **Continue**.

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



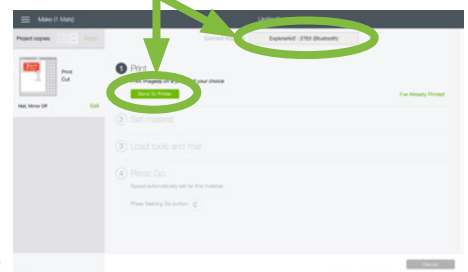
Step 2: Select and insert the image onto your Canvas, then click **Make It**.



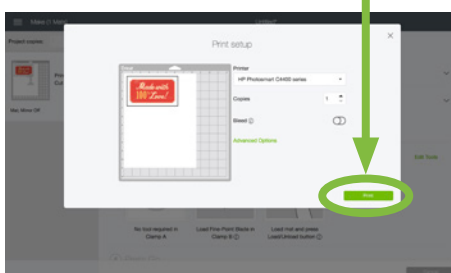
Step 3: Make sure you see "Print Cut" here, then click **Continue**.



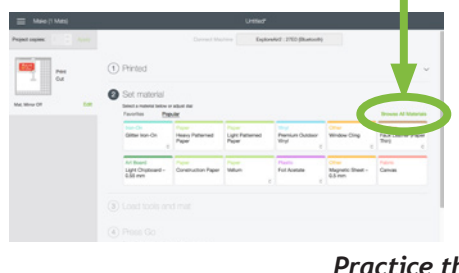
Step 4: Select your Cricut (if necessary) then click **Send to Printer**.



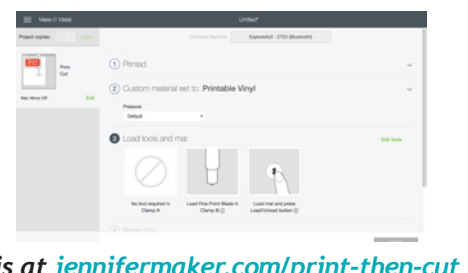
Step 5: Select your printer, turn off Bleed (if available), and click **Print**.



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



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



Practice this at jennifermaker.com/print-then-cut

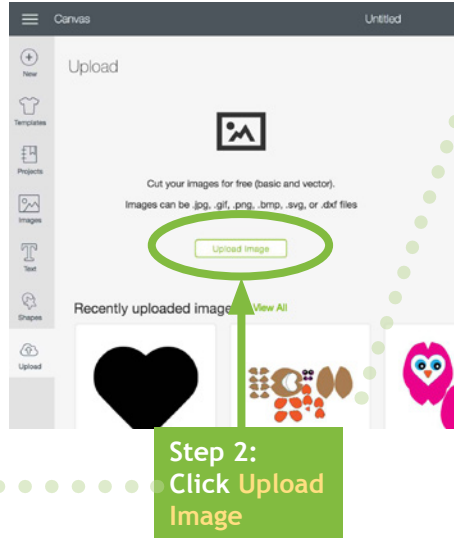
PRINT THEN CUT



HOW TO UPLOAD IMAGES ON A MAC

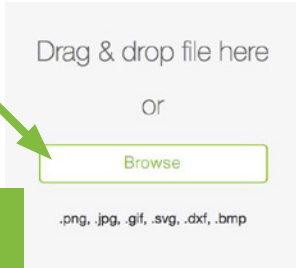


Step 1: Click Upload

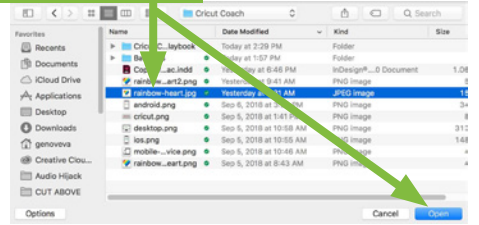


Step 2: Click Upload Image

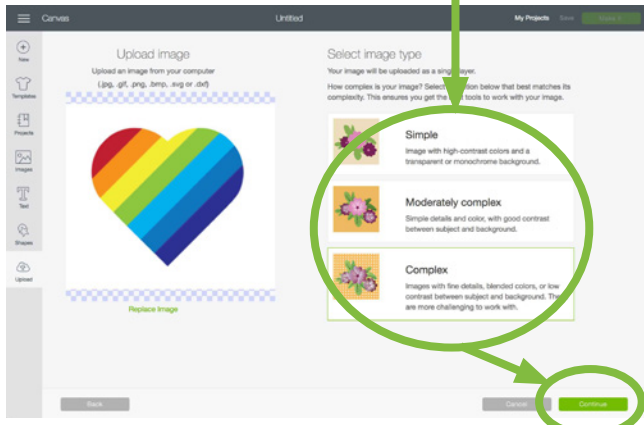
Step 3: Click Browse



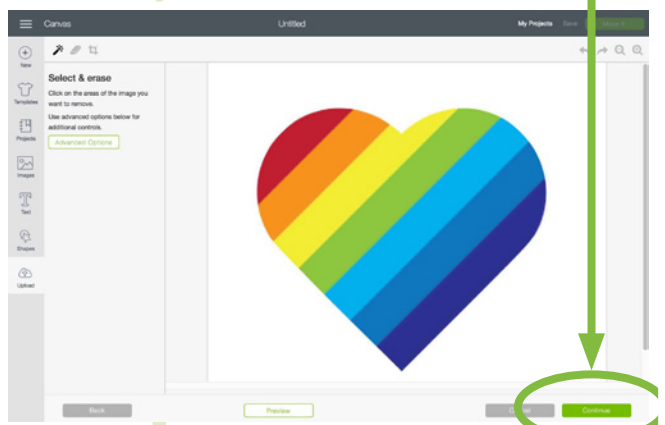
Step 4: Select a PNG, JPG, GIF, or BMP and click Open



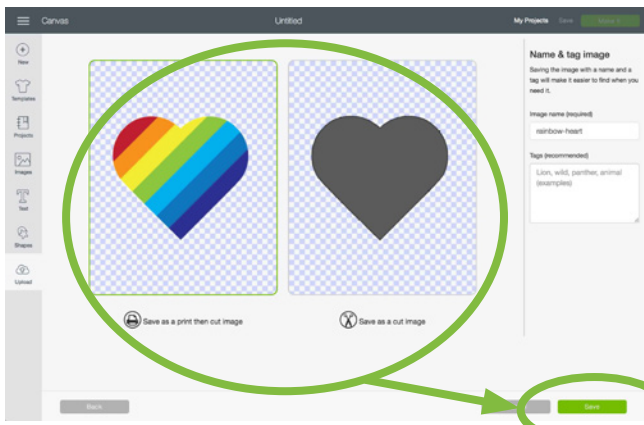
Step 5: Choose an Image Type (I recommend Complex, but you can experiment) and click Continue.



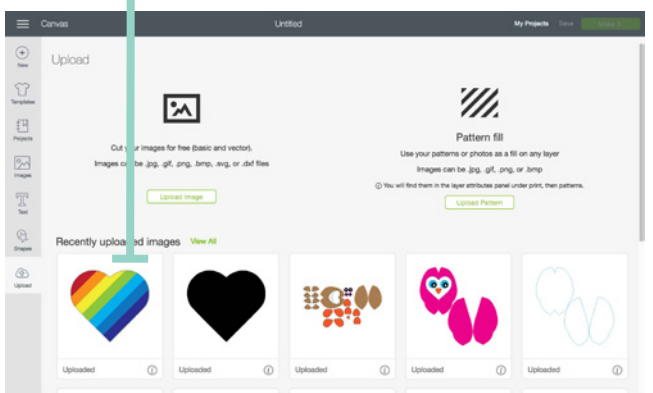
Step 6: Clean up and refine your image using the tools, if you wish, then click Continue.



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 jennifermaker.com/rainbow-heart

UPLOAD IMAGES (MAC)



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.

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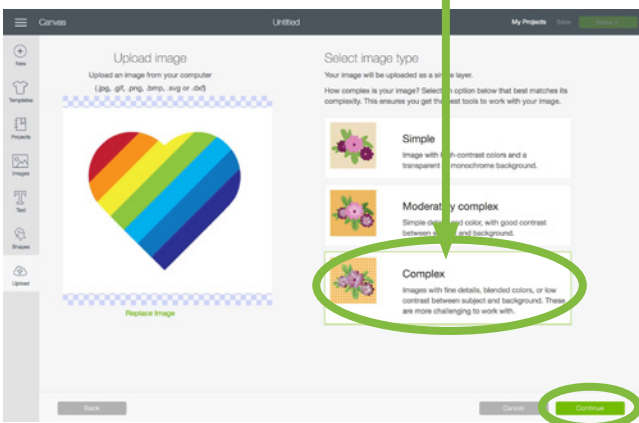
UPLOAD IMAGES (PC)



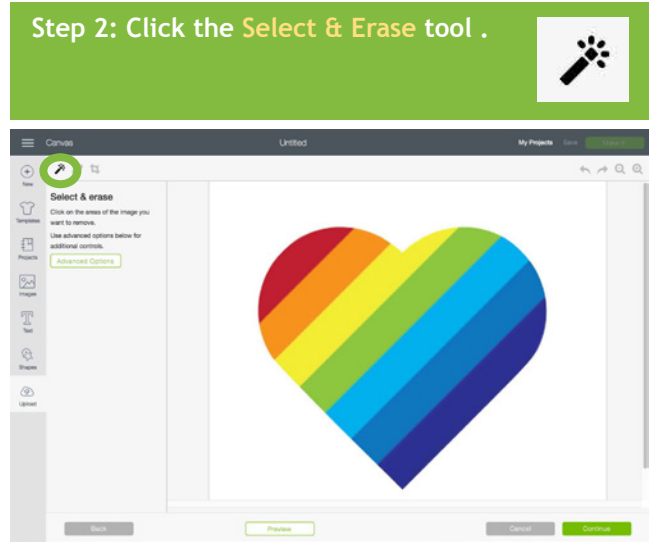
HOW TO ERASE A BACKGROUND FROM AN IMAGE

ERASE BACKGROUND

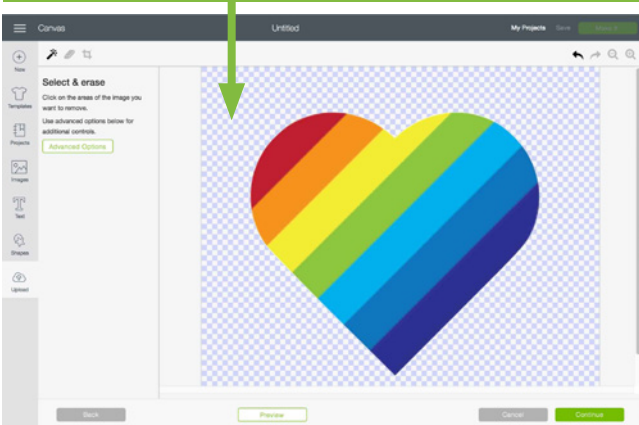
Step 1: Find or upload a JPG, PNG, GIF, or BMP file that you want to use. When asked for Image Type, choose **Complex** and click **Continue**.



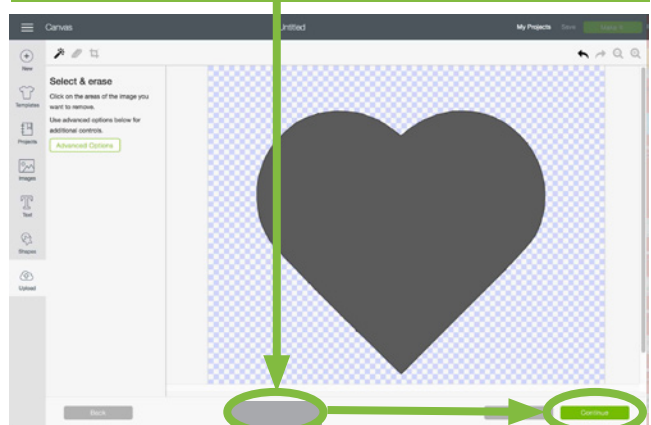
Step 2: Click the **Select & Erase** tool.



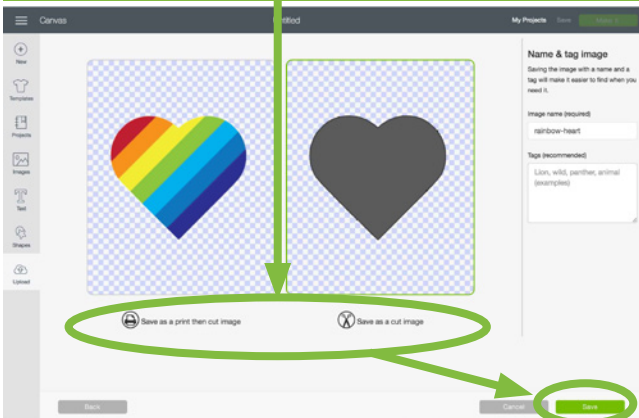
Step 3: Click on the white background around your image to erase it. You may need to click in several areas to get it all.



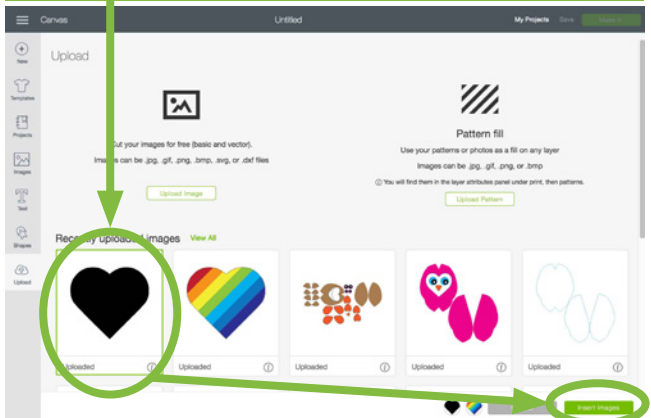
Step 4: Click **Preview** to see the cut lines of the object remaining. If it looks good, click **Continue**.



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**.

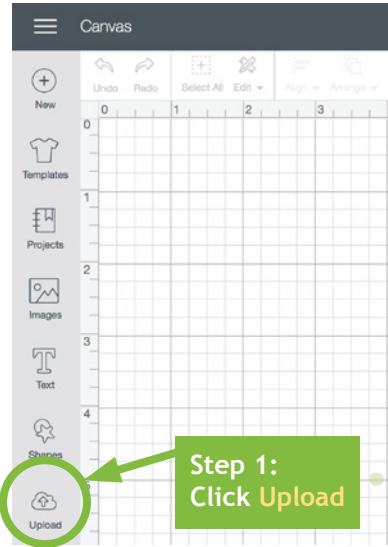


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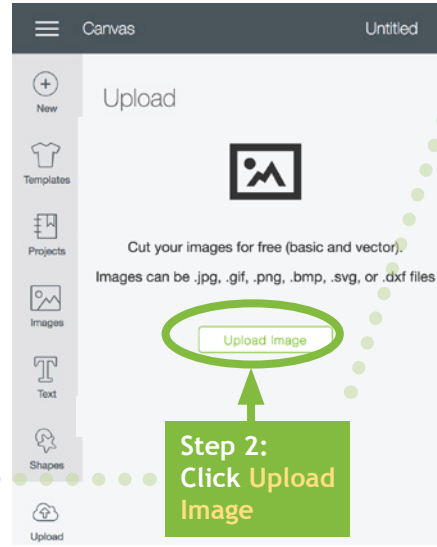


HOW TO UPLOAD SVG FILES ON A MAC

UPLOAD SVG FILES (MAC)



Step 1:
Click **Upload**

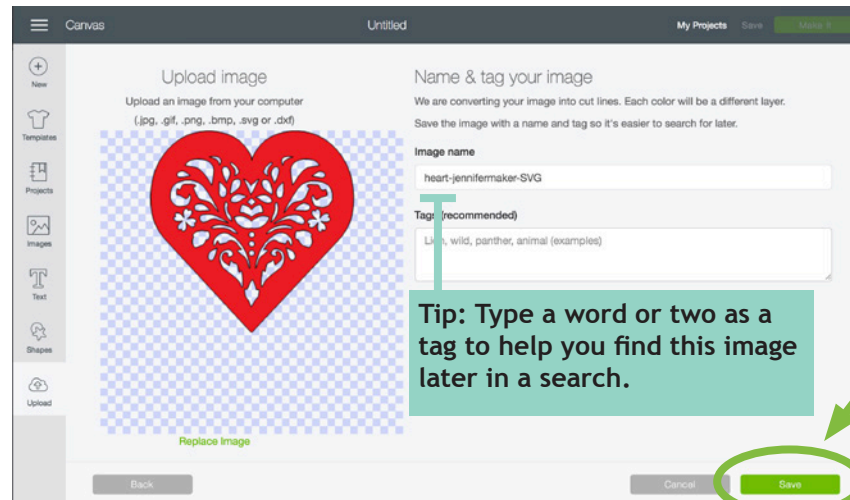
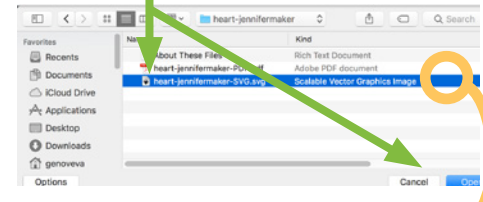


Step 2:
Click **Upload Image**



Step 3:
Click **Browse**

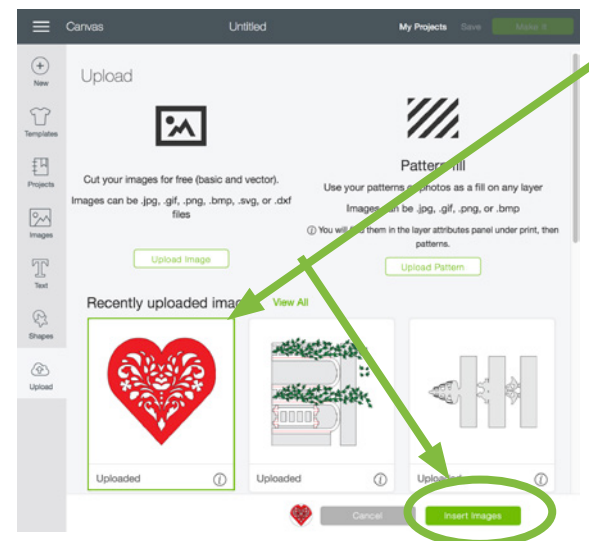
Step 4:
Select the **SVG File** and click **Open**



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

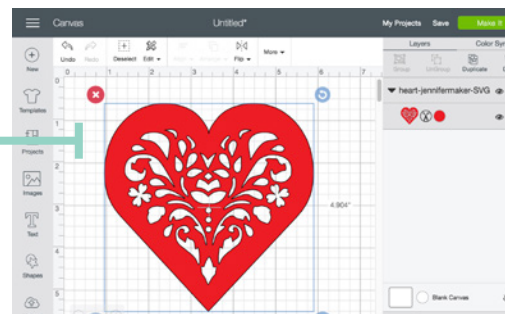
Step 5:
Click **Save**

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 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 jennifermaker.com/svg-heart



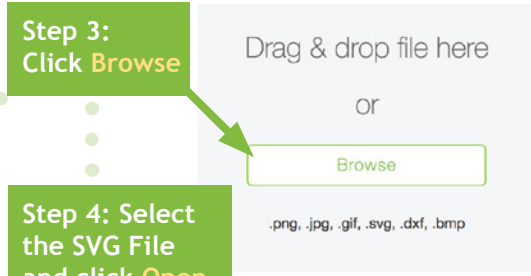
HOW TO UPLOAD SVG FILES ON A PC



Step 1: Click **Up-**

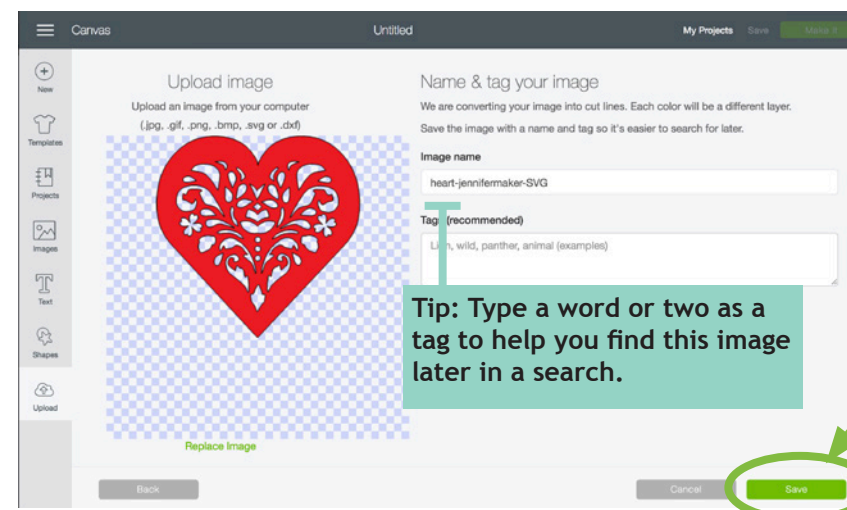
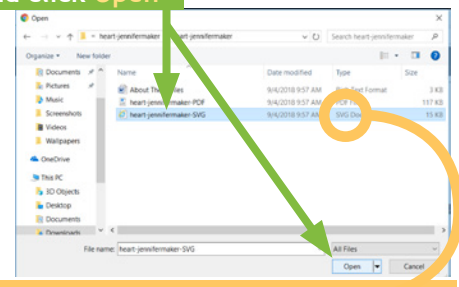


Step 2: Click **Up-load Image**



Step 3: Click **Browse**

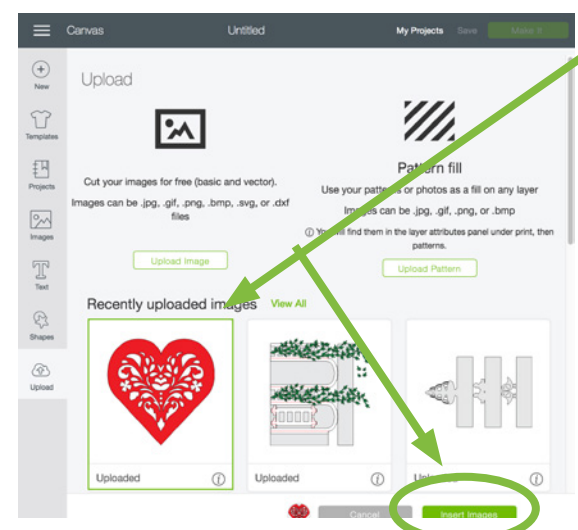
Step 4: Select the SVG File and click **Open**



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

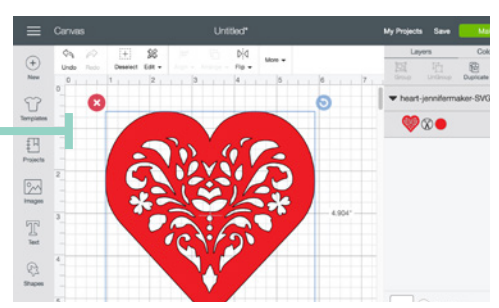
Notes:
Be sure you select the SVG file, not the ZIP file. You can tell it is the SVG file because its "Type" is listed as "SVG Document" in your file browser (it may say "Chrome HTML" instead). If you only see the ZIP file, you'll need to first decompress the ZIP file (open it) by double-clicking it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

Step 5: Click **Save**



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!



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UPLOAD SVG FILES (PC)



HOW TO UPDATE YOUR PLUGIN ON A MAC

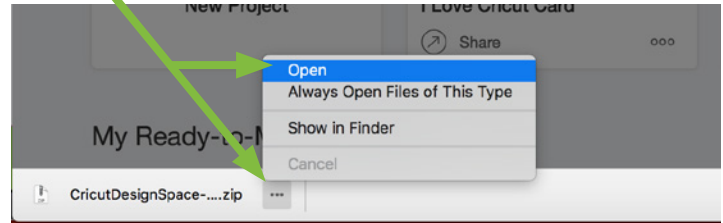
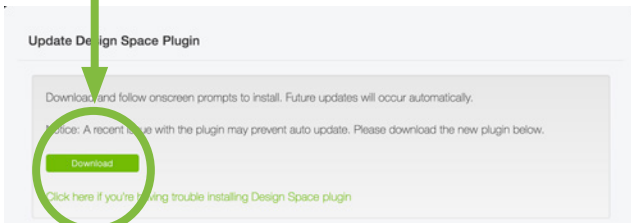
You will occasionally be prompted to update your Cricut Design Space plugin as new features and performance improvements are added. This is what you see and do when it's time to update.

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

Step 1: Click **Download**

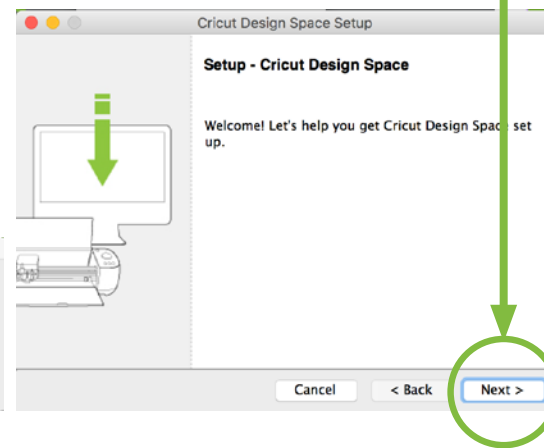
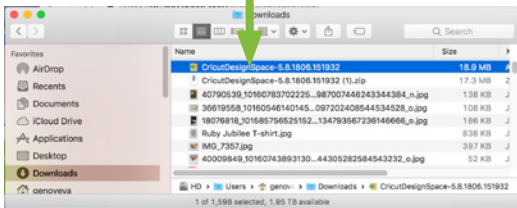
Give the file time to download.

Step 2: Click the drop-down beside the download at the bottom of your browser and select **Open**.

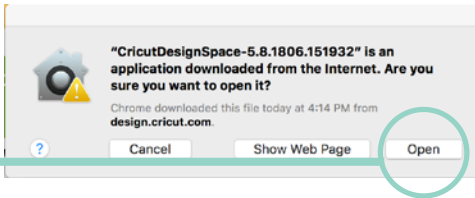


Step 3: Open (double-click) the file, **CricutDesignSpace**, to begin.

Step 4: Wait while your computer opens the Setup app, then click **Next**.



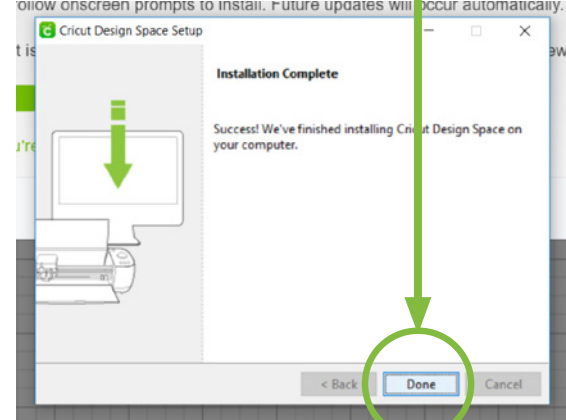
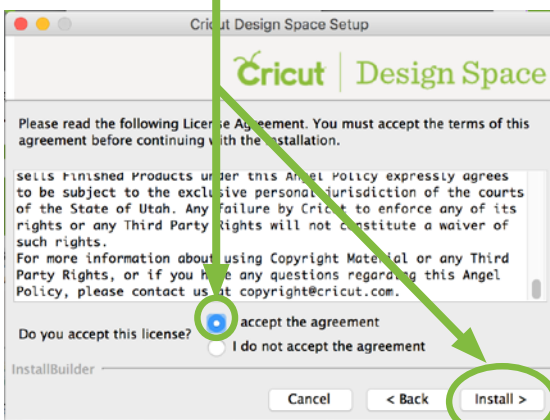
If you see this message, click **Open**.



Step 5: Scroll down, click "I accept...", then click **Install**.

Wait while your computer installs the plugin.

Step 6: Click **Done** and you're good to go!





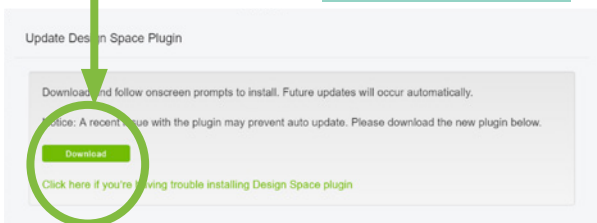
HOW TO UPDATE YOUR PLUGIN ON WINDOWS

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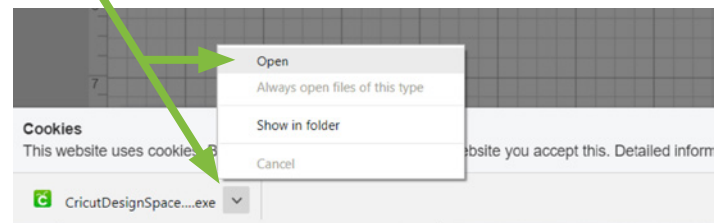
Tip: To check the version, click the Design Space icon in the System Tray, then click About.

Step 1: Click **Download**

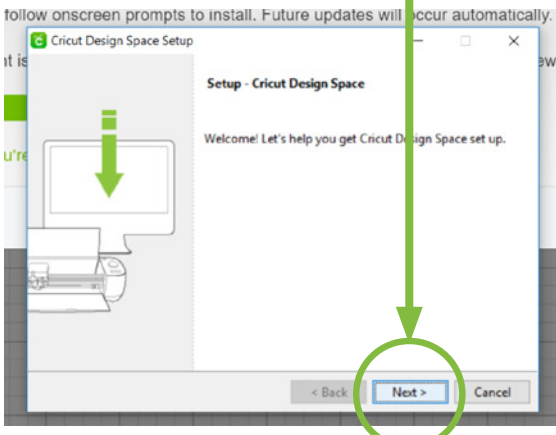
Give the file time to download.



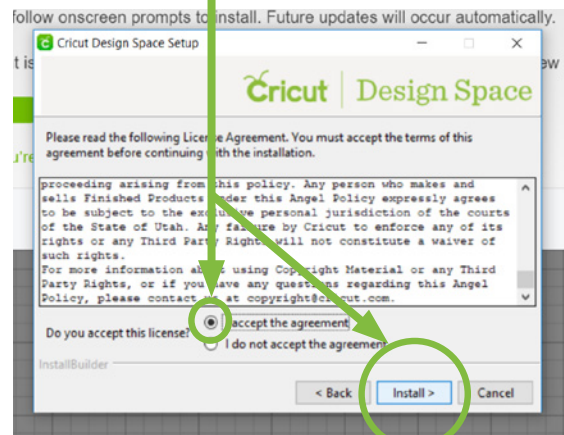
Step 2: Click the drop-down beside the download at the bottom of your browser and select **Open**.



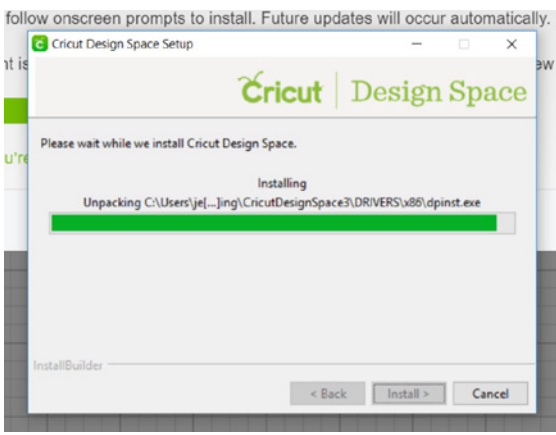
Step 3: Wait while your computer opens the Setup app, then click **Next**.



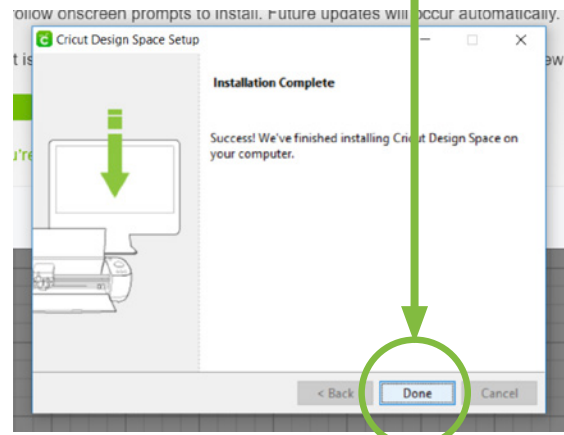
Step 4: Scroll down, click "I accept...", then click **Install**.



Wait while your computer installs the plugin.



Step 5: Click **Done** and you're good to go!

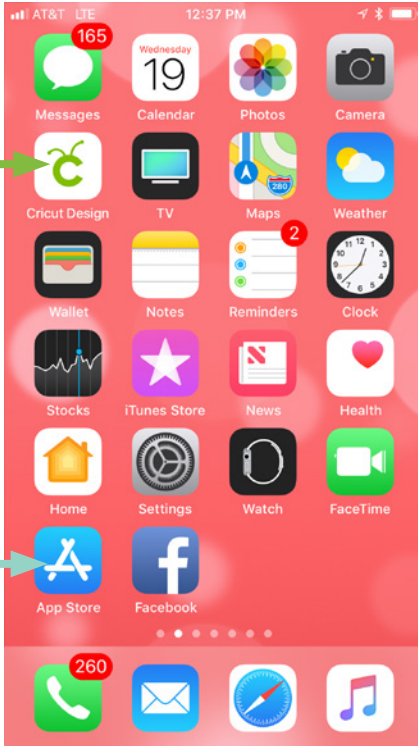


UPDATE PLUGIN (PC)



HOW TO OPEN AND START A NEW PROJECT

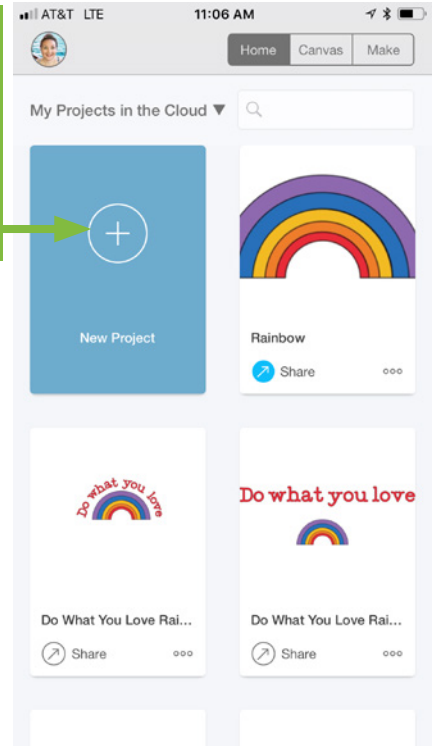
Step 1: Tap the Cricut Design icon on your device.



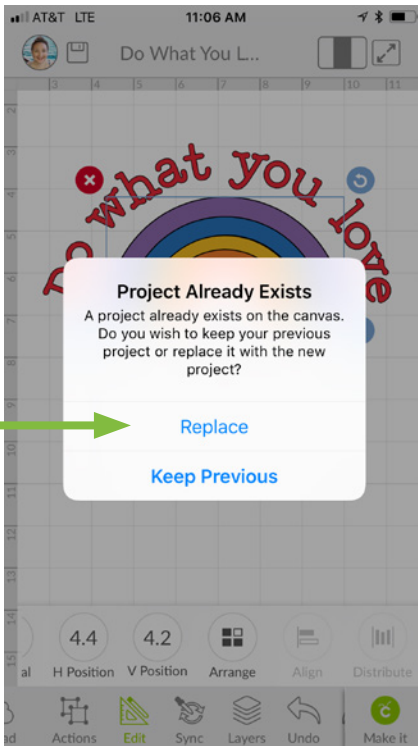
Tip: If this is your first time using Cricut on your device, you'll need to install it first. Tap on the App Store icon, search for Cricut Design Space, and install the app.



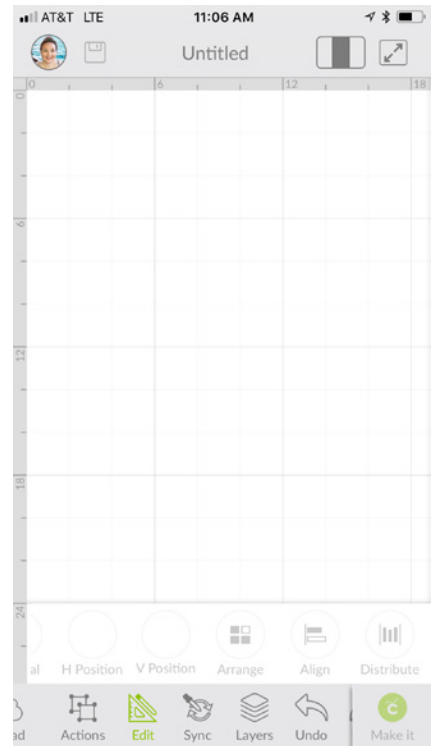
Step 2: Tap the New Project button



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!

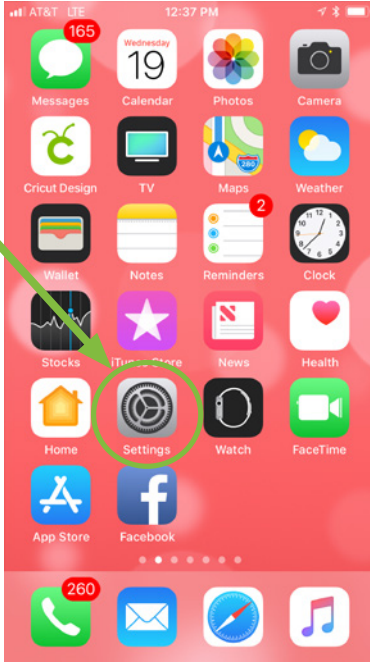


OPEN & START PROJECT

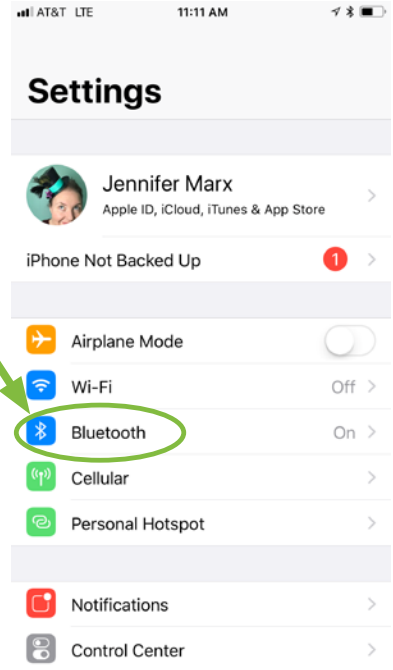


HOW TO CONNECT IOS TO CRICUT VIA BLUETOOTH

Step 1: Tap the Settings app.

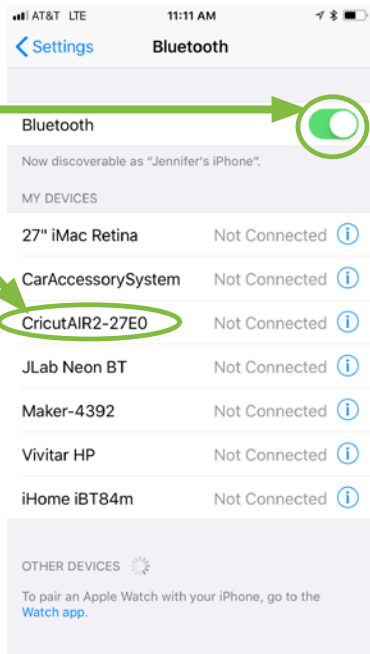


Step 2: Tap Bluetooth.

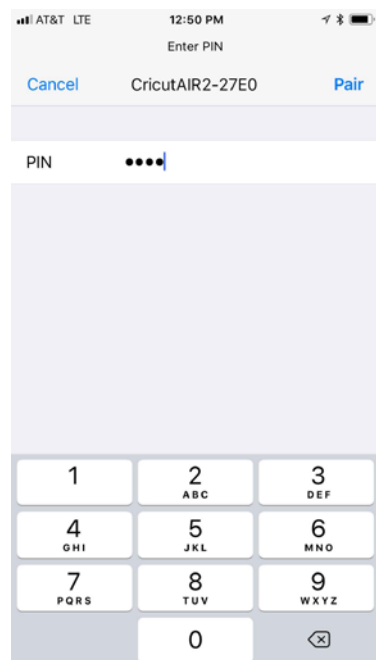


Note: Your Cricut must be within 10-15 feet of your device. If you need to use a Wireless Bluetooth Adapter, make sure it is inserted.

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.

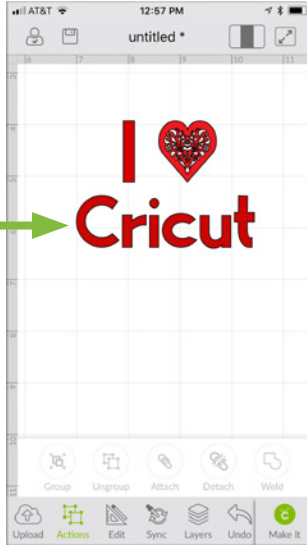
CONNECT VIA BLUETOOTH



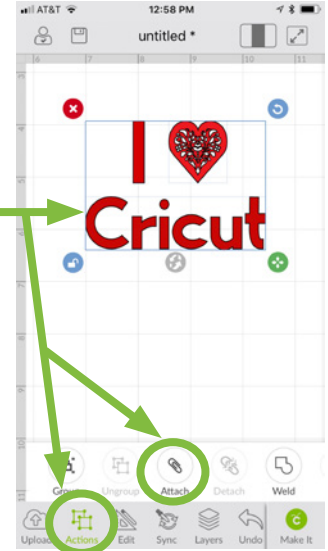
HOW TO ATTACH TO KEEP THINGS TOGETHER

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.



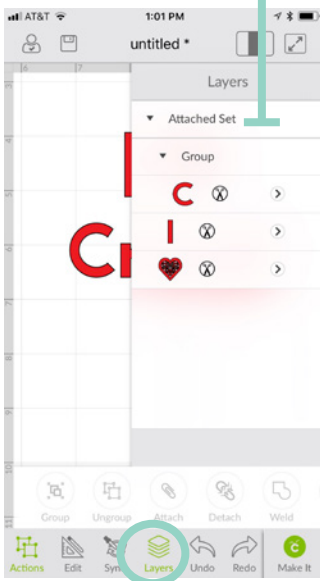
Step 2: Tap and drag a selection box around all of the images you want to attach together, tap on **Actions** at the bottom of the screen, then tap **Attach**.



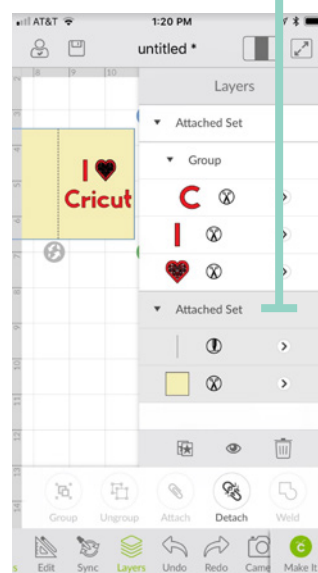
Note that attached layers will take on the same color. So only attach layers that you really want to be the same color!

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

You can verify that your images 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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ATTACH THINGS TOGETHER



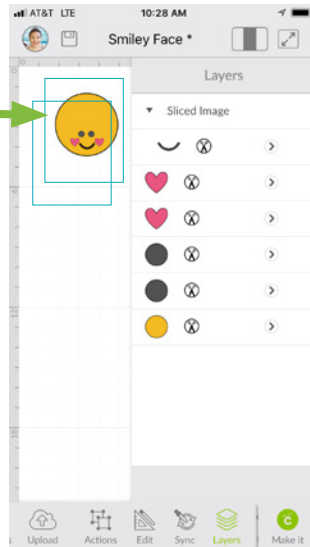
HOW TO GROUP AND UNGROUP

GROUP / UNGROUP

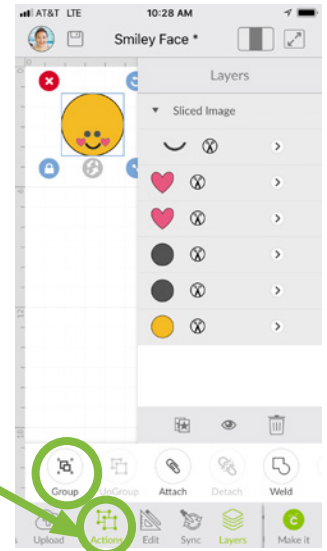
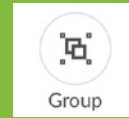
Grouping lets you keep objects together in your design but not necessarily on your mat (you still need to use the Attach function to keep things together on the mat). Sometimes projects and uploaded images will be grouped when you open/insert them, and you'll need to ungroup them so you can make changes.

HOW TO GROUP:

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



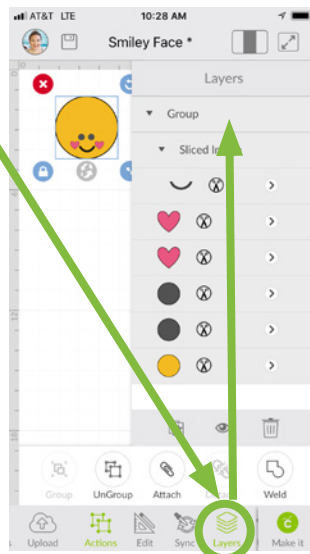
Step 2: With all objects you want to be grouped selected (layers turn gray when they are selected), tap **Actions** in the bottom toolbar then tap the **Group** button.



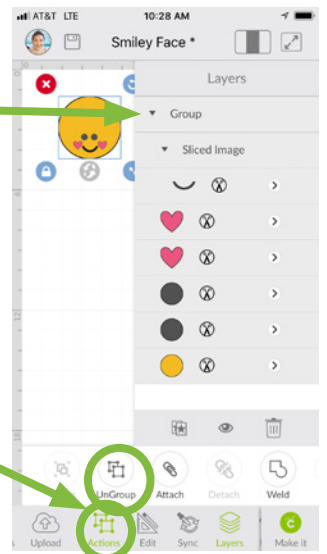
Tip: Once your objects group, they will be nested under a new line item in your Layers panel called "Group."

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 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.

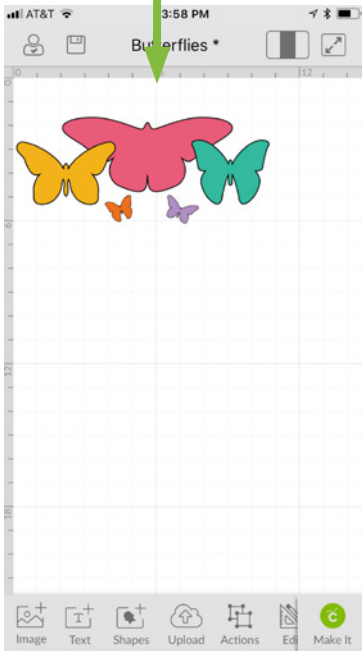
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HOW TO WELD

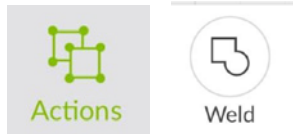
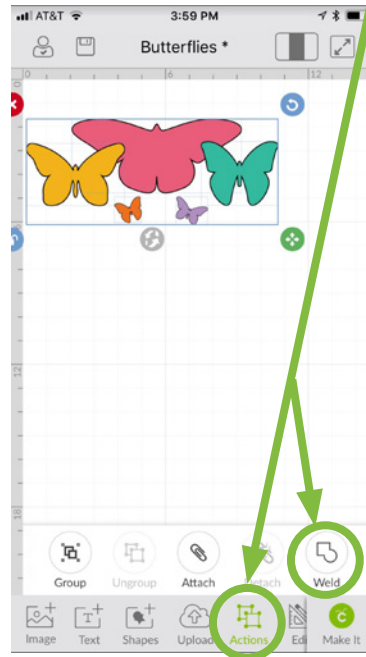
Need to join elements to create a new image? Do it with the Weld tool! The Weld tool can simplify a design, keep the letters of a word connected, and combine shapes to create new designs.

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



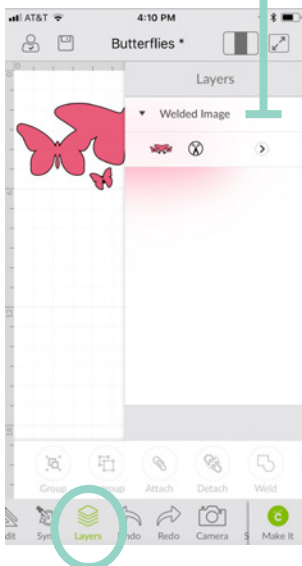
Note: If you are trying to create a single image with Weld, make sure all elements are overlapping.

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**.

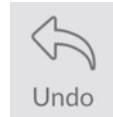
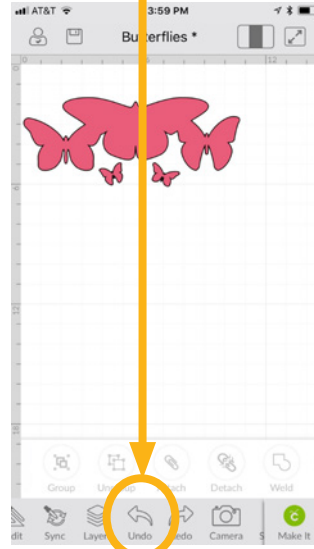


Tip: You can select items within groups to weld by tapping on their names in the Layers panel.

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).



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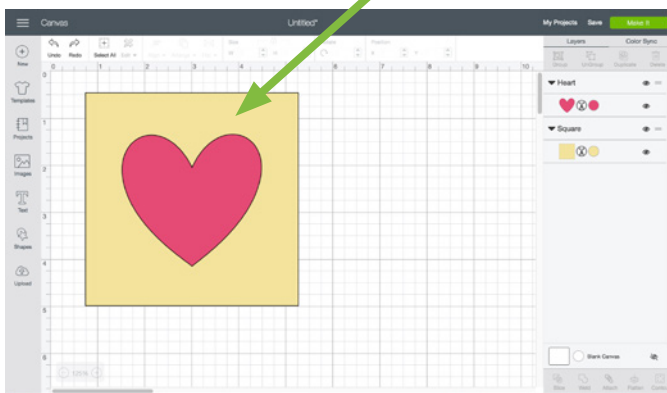
WELD



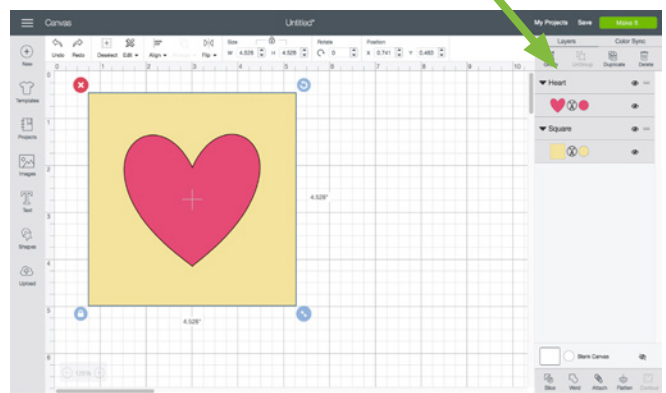
HOW TO SLICE (CUT AN IMAGE OUT OF ANOTHER)

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!

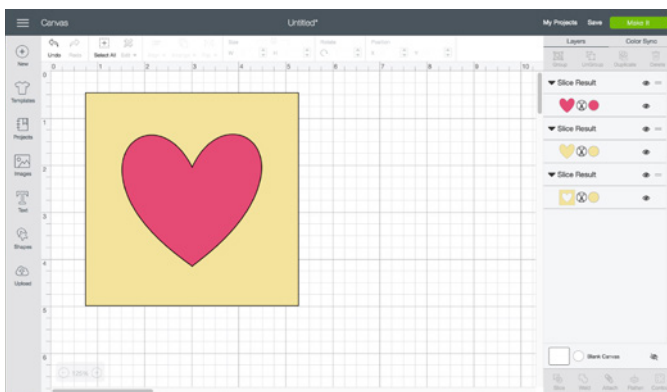
Step 1: Insert your images onto your Canvas so that they are overlapping.



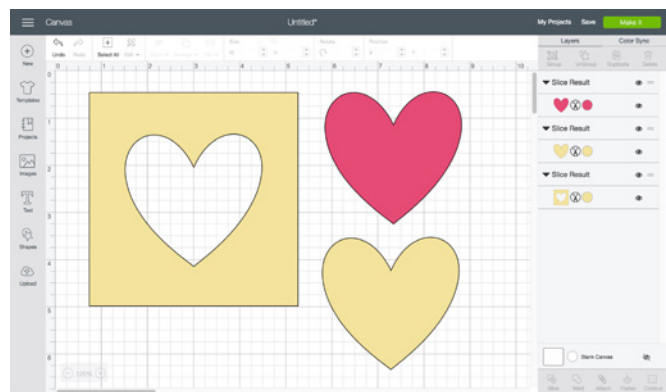
Step 2: Select two layers (hold the Shift key as you click each layer), then click Slice.



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.

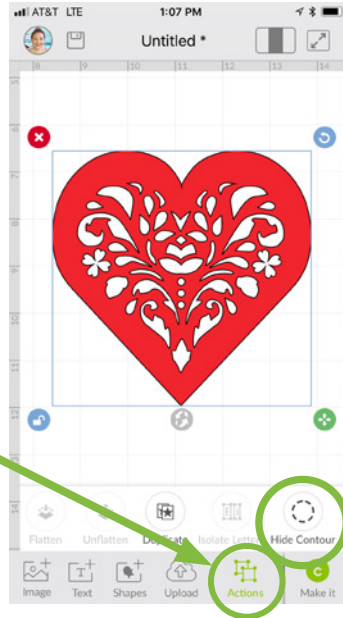
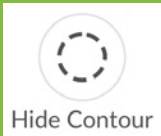
Practice this at jennifermaker.com/heart-slice



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.

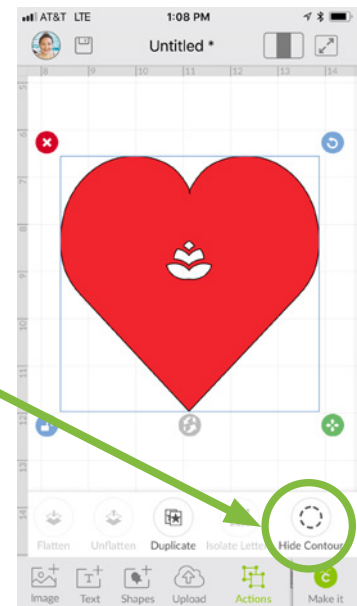


The Contour tool is a great way to modify pre-existing designs to meet your personal needs!

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!

CONTOUR (REMOVE BITS)

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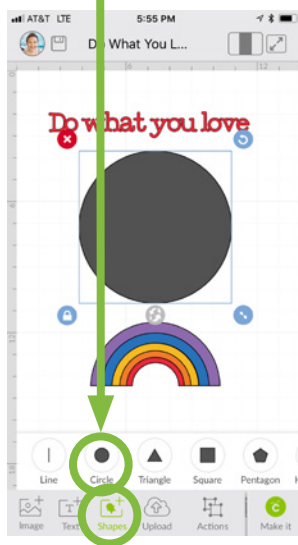


HOW TO CURVE TEXT

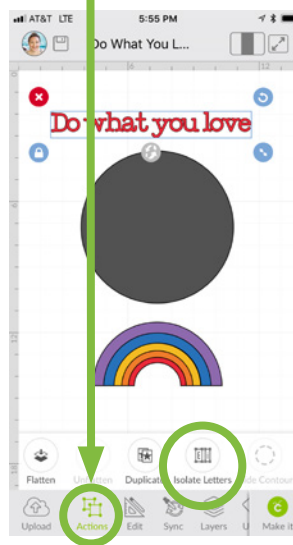
Step 1: Tap the Text tool and add some text.



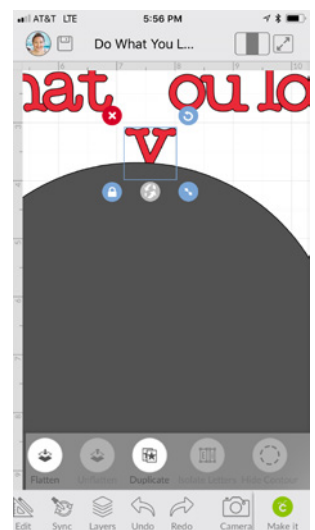
Step 2: Tap Shapes then tap Circle. Resize the circle to match the curve you want.



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



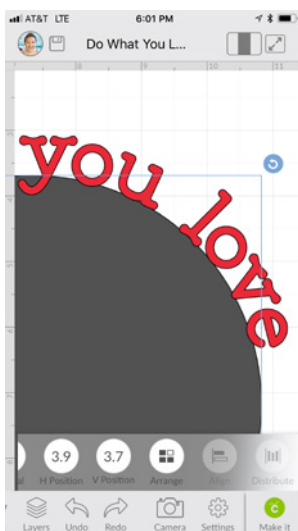
Step 4: Move each letter so its base lines up with the curve below.



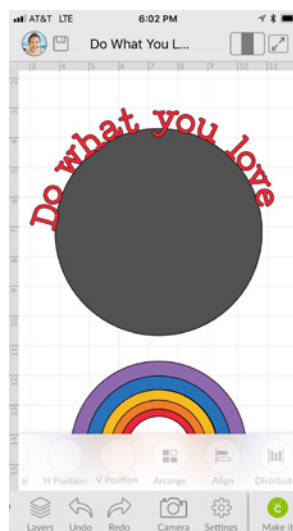
Step 5: As you work, rotate the letters to match the curve of the circle.



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.

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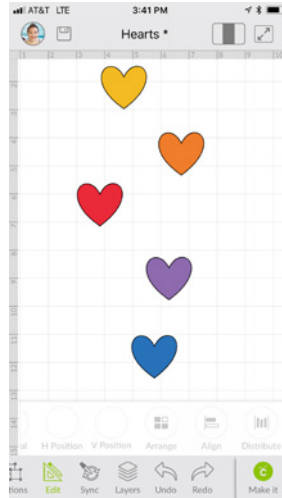
CURVE TEXT



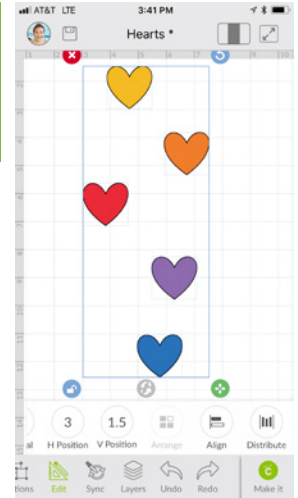
HOW TO ALIGN AND DISTRIBUTE OBJECTS

ALIGN AND DISTRIBUTE

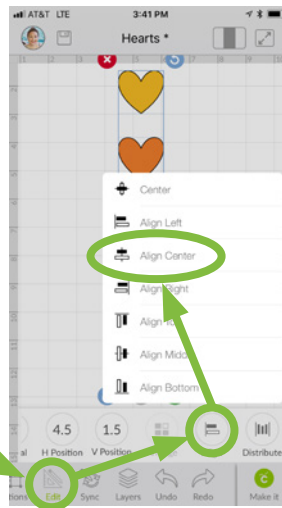
Step 1: Add two or more items to your canvas that you want to align or distribute evenly.



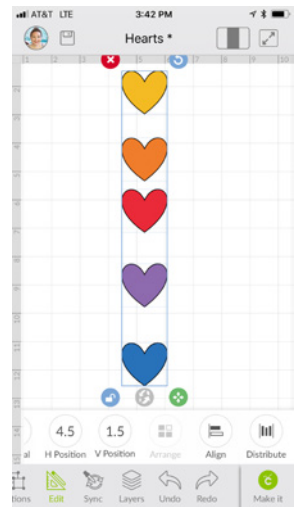
Step 2: Tap and drag a selection box around all items you want to align and/or distribute.



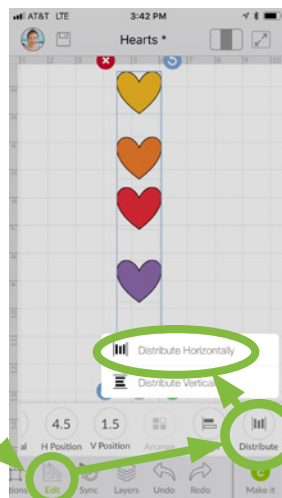
Step 3: Tap on the **Edit** tool in the bottom toolbar, tap **Align**, and tap **Align Center**.



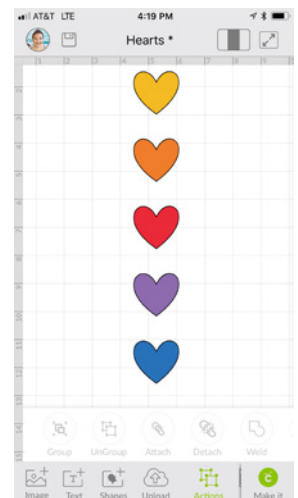
Step 4: All selected items are centered. Now let's space them out evenly.



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



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

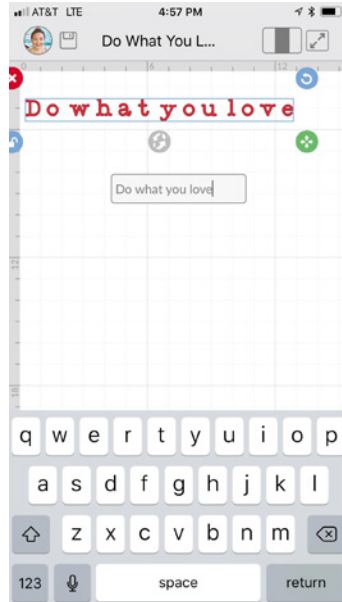


Practice this at jennifermaker.com/five-hearts

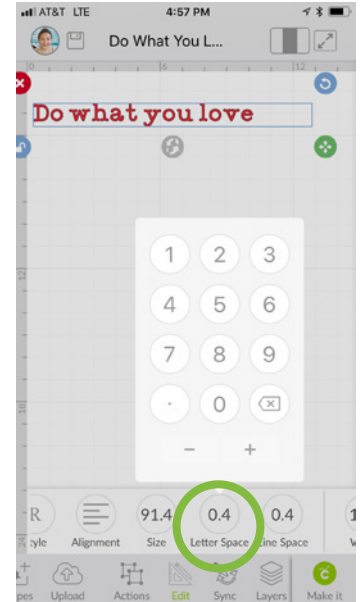


HOW TO CHANGE LETTER SPACE

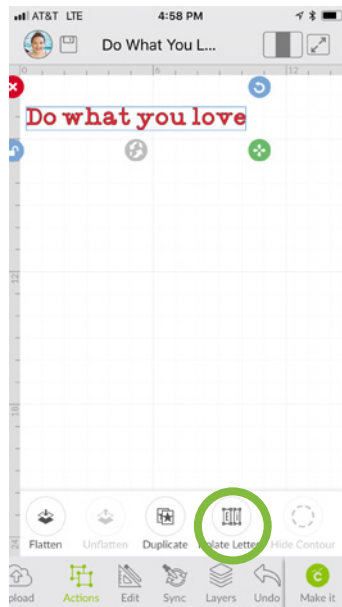
Step 1: Tap the **Text** tool, choose a font, and type something onto the Canvas. Note how the letters are spaced widely apart. Let's fix that.



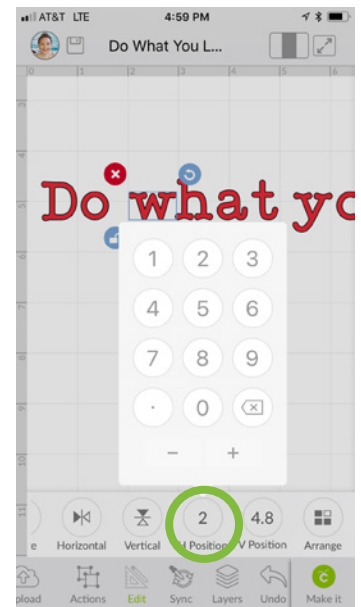
Step 2: Select the text, tap **Edit**, tap **Letter Space**, and tap the minus sign until the letters look better.



Step 3: The letter "w" isn't close enough to the "h" in the example here. Select the text and tap **Action** then tap **Isolate 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.

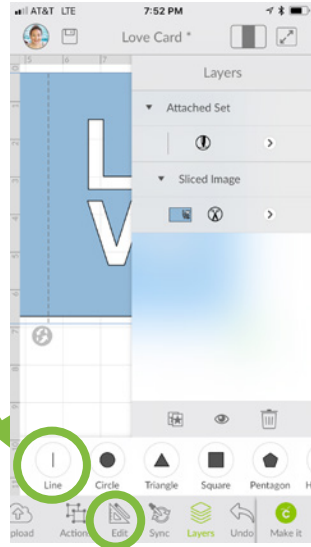
Do what you love

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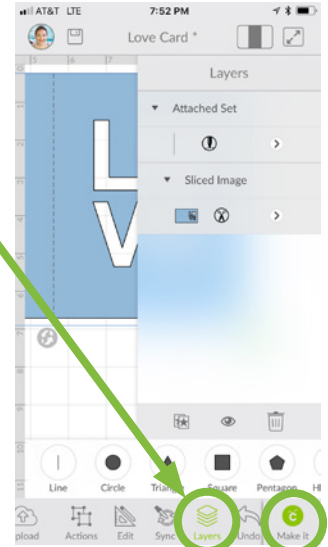


HOW TO SCORE WITH A STYLUS OR WHEEL

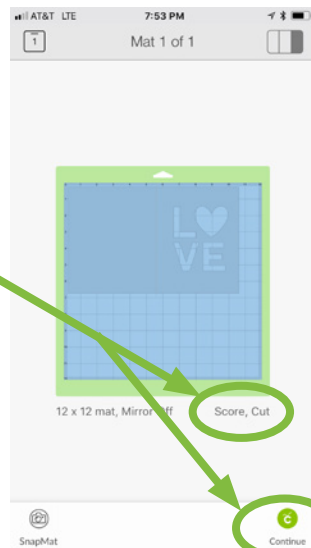
Step 1: Open or create a project with score lines. You can add a score line to any project by tapping **Shapes**, then tapping **Line**.



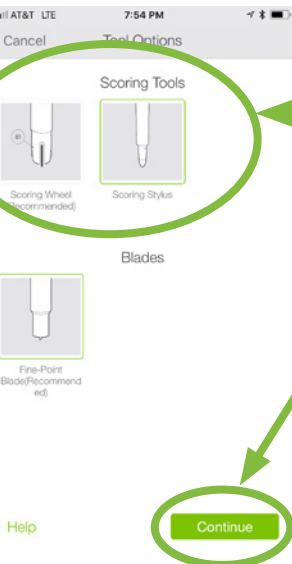
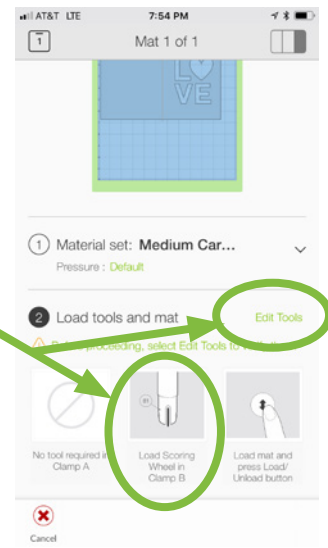
Step 2: Make sure any lines you want to be scored attached to the layer that should have the score line (tap the arrow on the layer to change). Tap **Make It**.



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

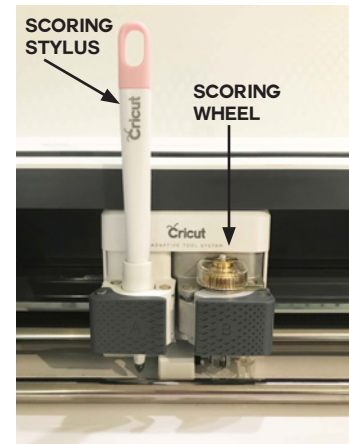


Step 4: Check the necessary tools. If the screen says to use a scoring wheel but you do not have one, tap **Edit Tools**.



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.



SCORE (STYLUS/WHEEL)

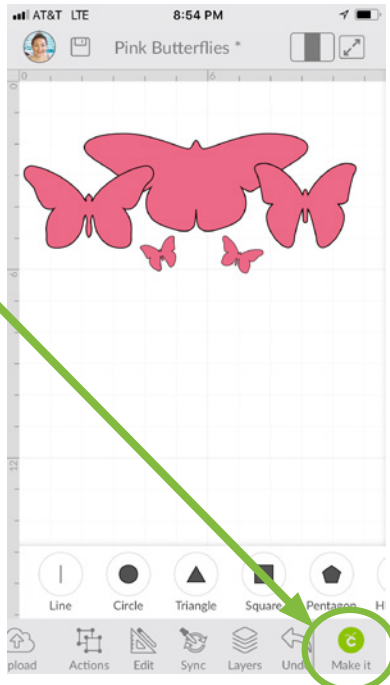
Practice this at jennifermaker.com/love-card



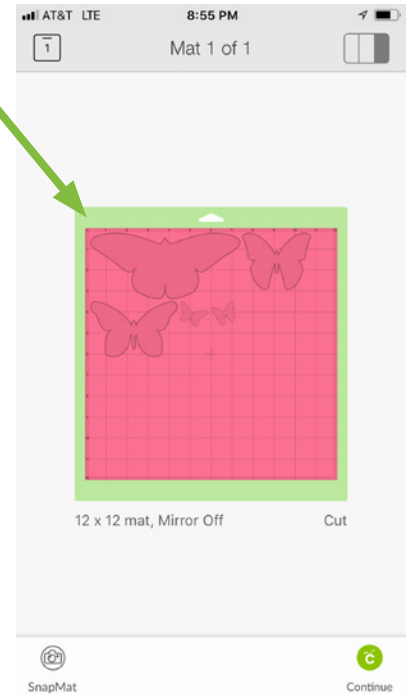
HOW TO REPOSITION ITEMS ON MAT PREVIEW

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 an iOS device (iPhone or iPad):

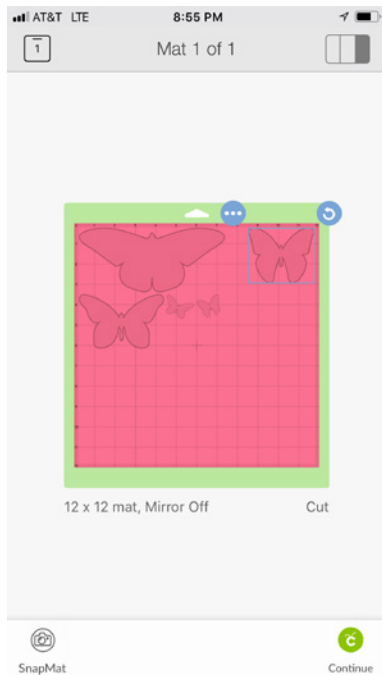
Step 1: Open or create a project. Make anything you want to appear on the same mat the same color. Tap **Make It**.



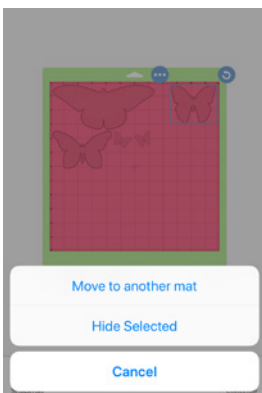
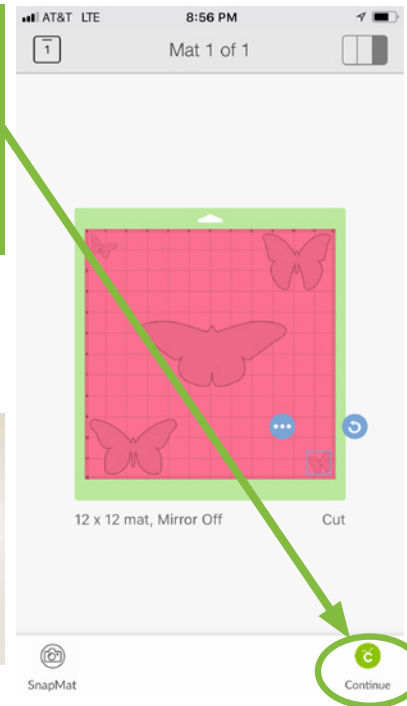
Step 2: Make sure the items you want to reposition are all on the same mat.



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



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



REPOSITION MAT

Practice this at 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 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, insert the mat, and press **Go**.

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

MIRROR IRON-ON VINYL

Practice this at 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.



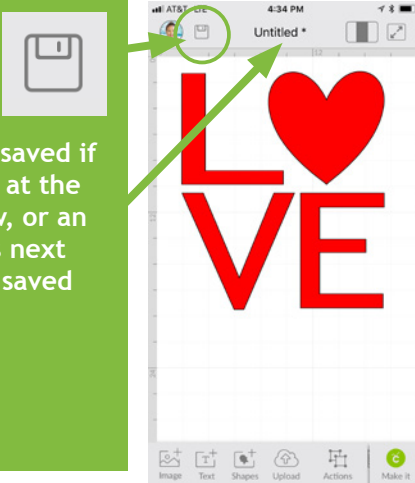
SNAPMAT

Practice this at jennifermaker.com/lbutterflies

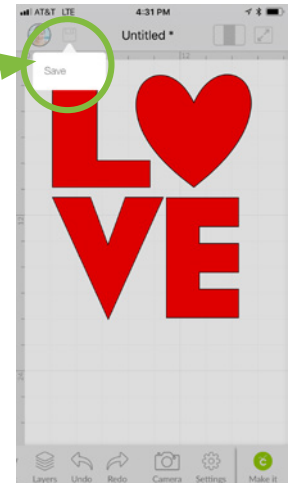


HOW TO SAVE WORK AND VIEW SAVED PROJECTS

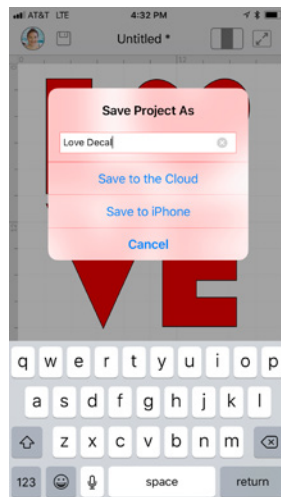
Step 1: Create something and tap the **Save** icon. You can tell if something is unsaved if it says “Untitled” at the top of the window, or an asterisk * appears next to the title if you saved previously.



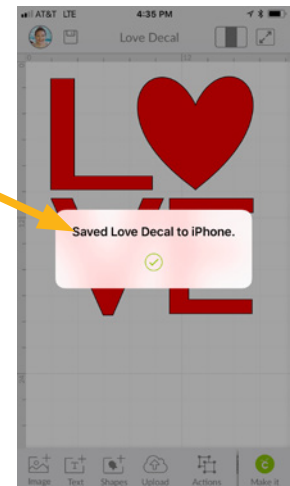
Step 2: Tap **Save** from the drop-down menu that appears. If you **Save As** appears, that means you saved it before and you have the option to save it with a different name to preserve the original save.



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.



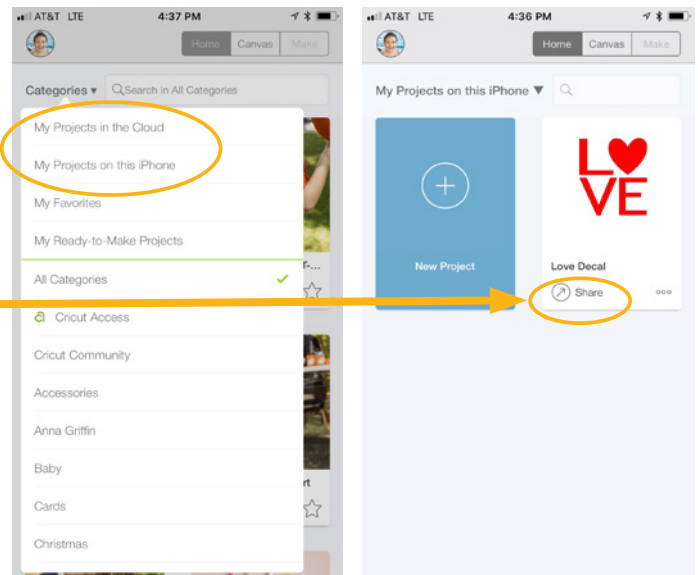
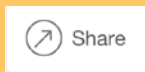
If Cricut is able to save your project, a confirmation window will appear.



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

Practice this at jennifermaker.com/love-decal

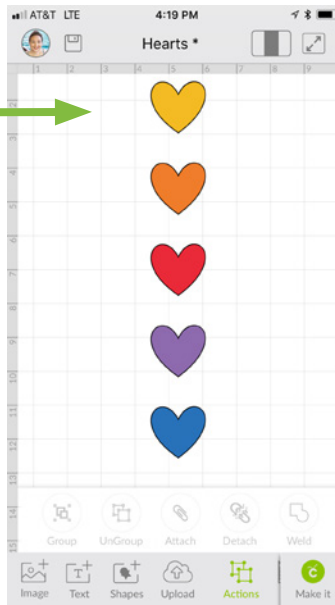
SAVE WORK/PROJECTS



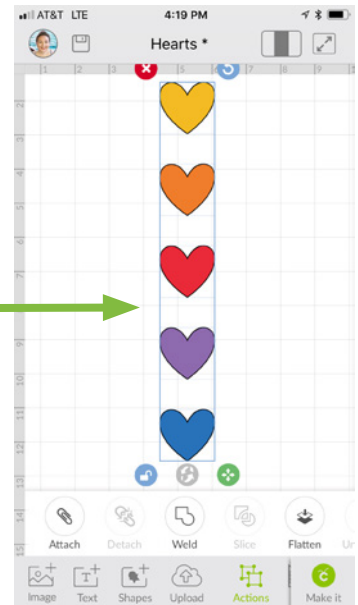
HOW TO FLATTEN

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.

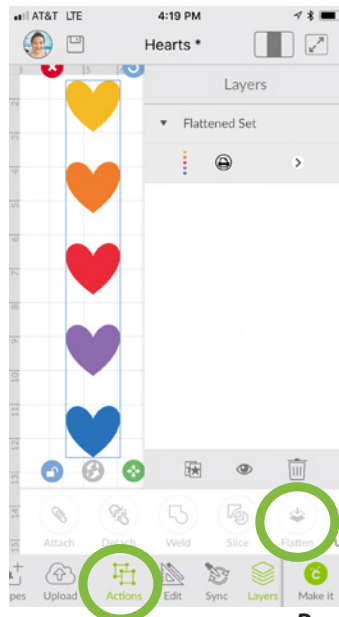


Step 3: Tap **Actions**, then tap **Flatten**.



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.



Practice this at jennifermaker.com/five-hearts

FLATTEN

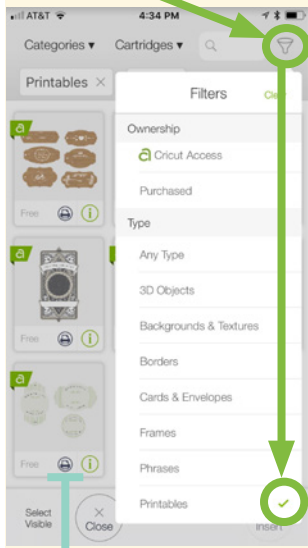


HOW TO PRINT THEN CUT

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.

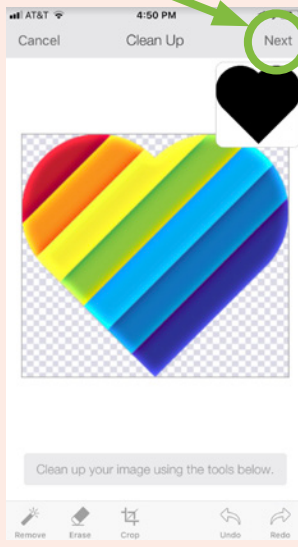


Tip: The printer icon in the Image library indicates a printable image.

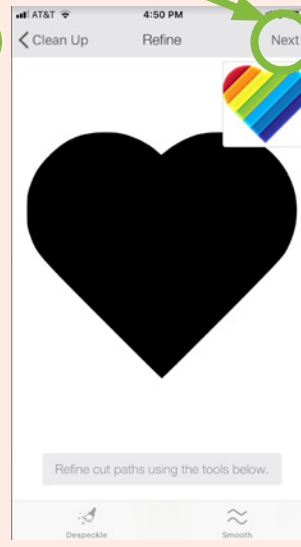
Method B: Upload a PNG with a transparent background.



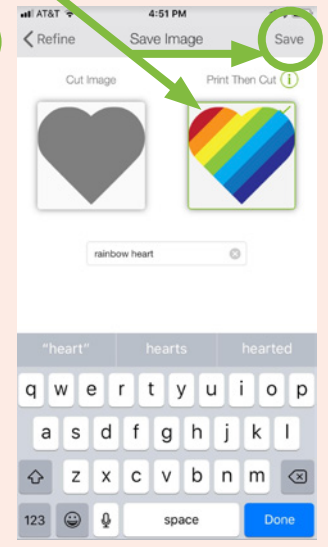
Clean up anything you don't want & tap **Next**.



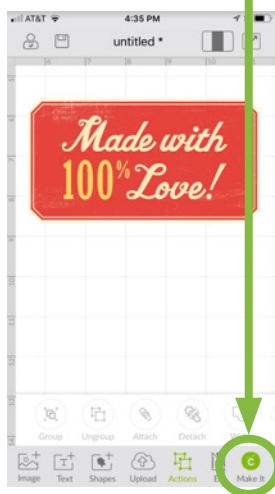
Refine any cut paths you wish then tap **Next**.



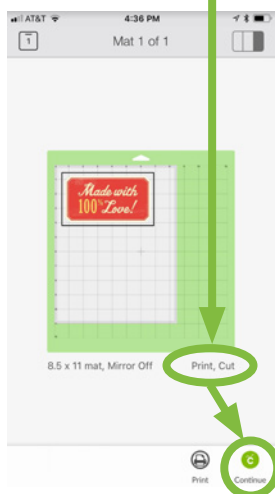
Tap the image on the right, give it a name, then tap **Save**.



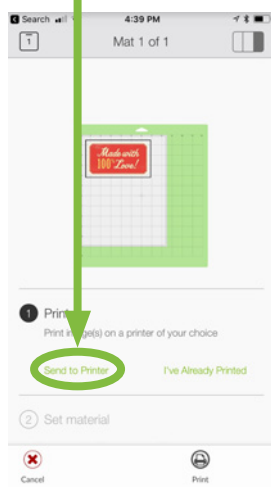
Step 2: Select and insert the image onto your Canvas, then tap **Make It**.



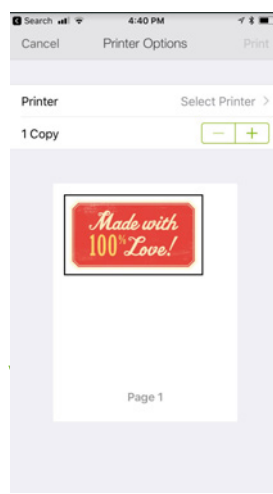
Step 3: Make sure you see "Print Cut" here, then tap **Continue**.



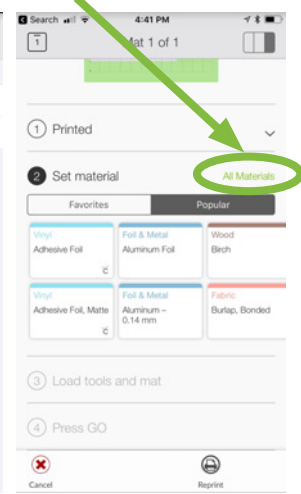
Step 4: Connect your Cricut (if necessary) then tap **Send to Printer**.



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



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



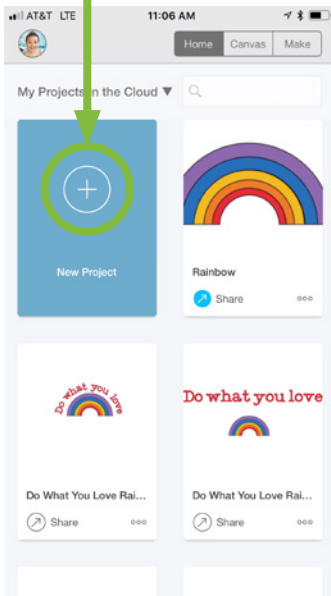
Step 7: Place your printed page on your cutting mat, load it, and tap **Go**.

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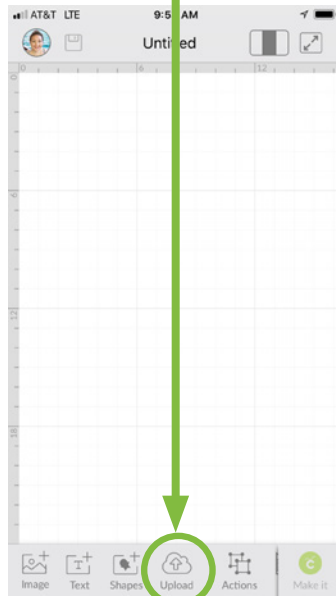


HOW TO UPLOAD IMAGES IN IOS

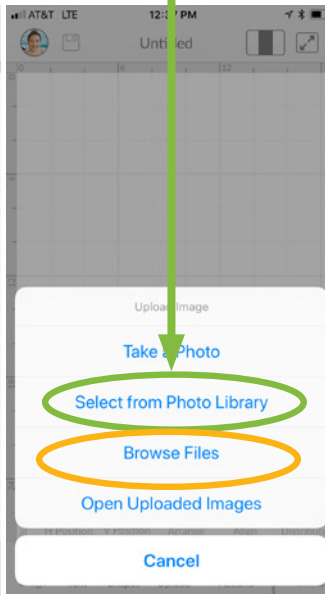
Step 1:
Tap **New Project**



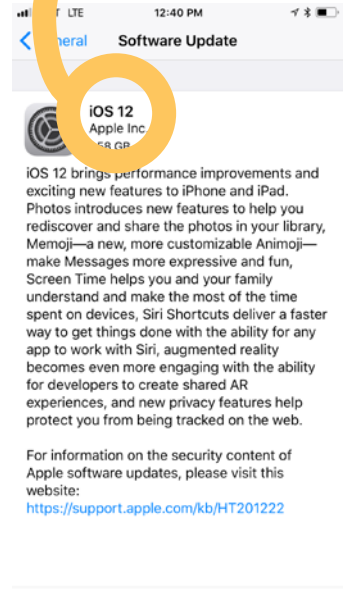
Step 2:
Tap **Upload**



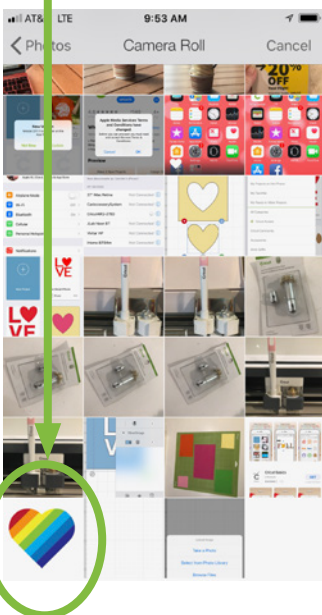
Step 3:
Tap **Browse Files** or **Select from Photo Library**, depending on where you saved your file.



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



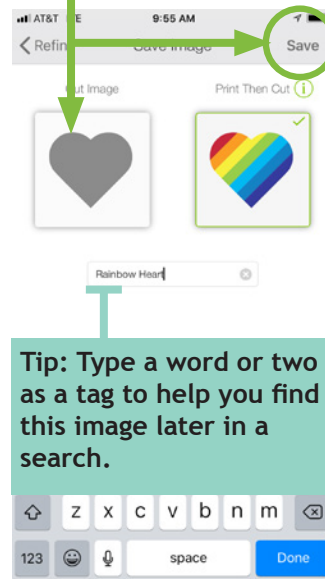
Step 4:
Tap the image file, such as PNG, JPG, GIF, or JPG.



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

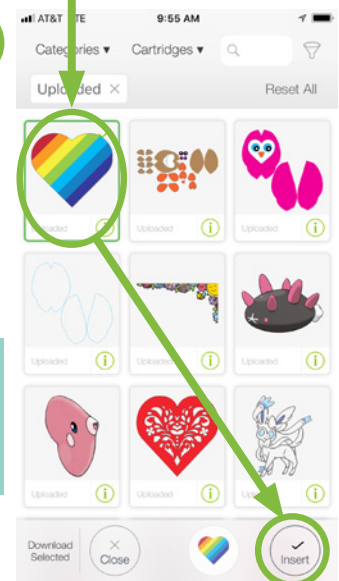


Step 6:
Choose an image type, name it, and tap **Save**.



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

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



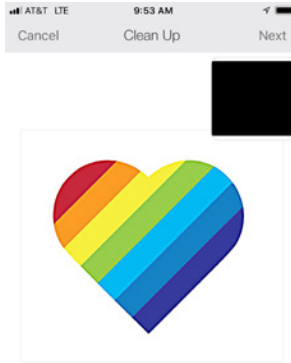
Practice this at jennifermaker.com/rainbow-heart

UPLOAD IMAGES (IOS)

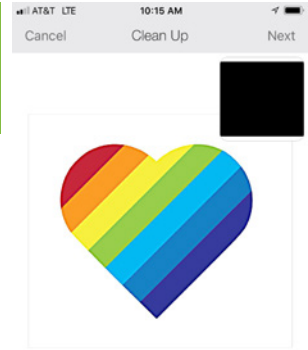


HOW TO ERASE A BACKGROUND FROM AN IMAGE

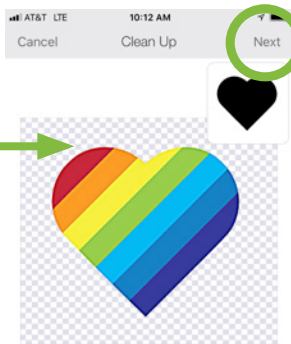
Step 1: Find or upload a JPG, PNG, GIF, or BMP file that you want to use.



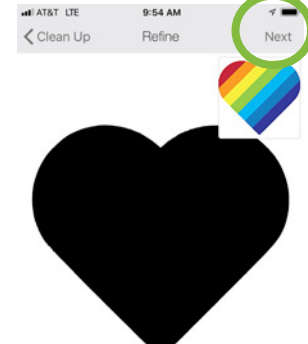
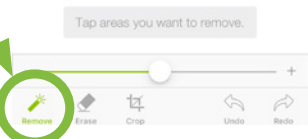
Step 2: Tap the **Remove** tool.



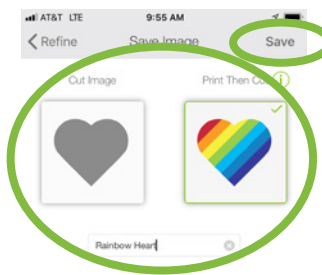
Step 3: Tap on the white background around your image to erase it. You may need to click in several areas to get it all. The slider at the bottom controls how much of a given color you remove. When it looks good, tap **Next**.



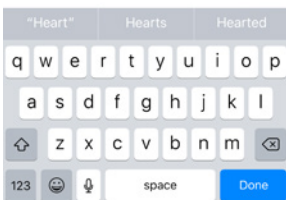
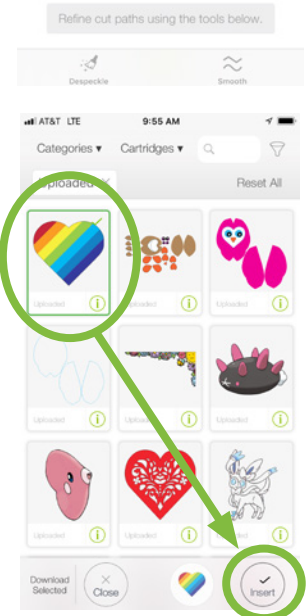
Step 4: Check the cut lines of the object. If you need to fix it, tap **Clean Up**. If it looks good, tap **Next**.



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**.



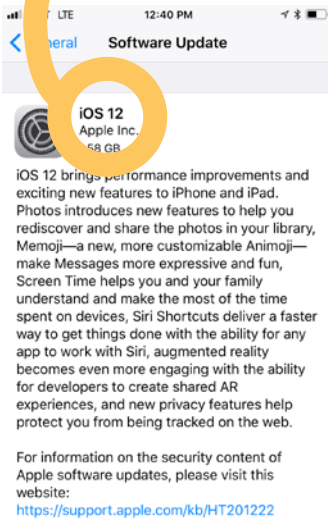
ERASE BACKGROUND

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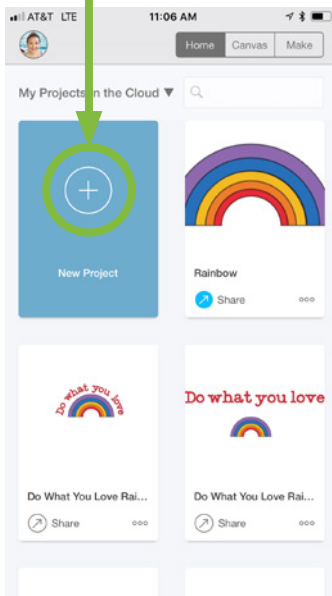


HOW TO UPLOAD SVG FILES ON AN IPHONE OR IPAD

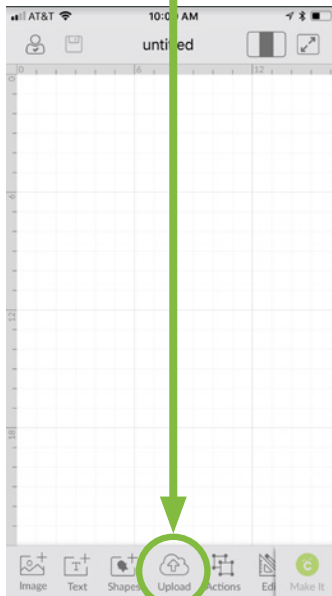
Be sure you are running iOS 11 on your device (check in Settings > General > Software Updates). If not, upgrade first.



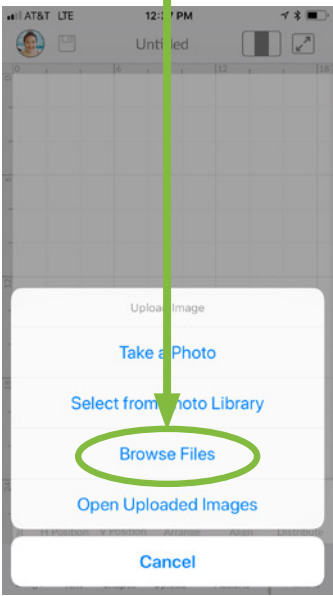
Step 1:
Tap New Project



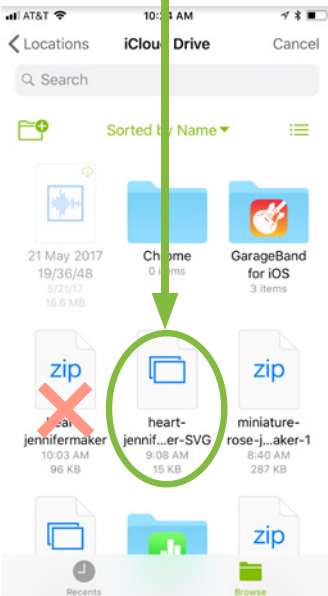
Step 2:
Tap Upload



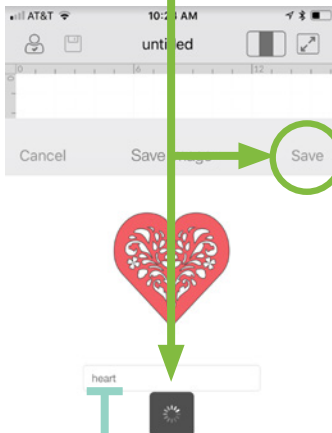
Step 3:
Tap Browse Files



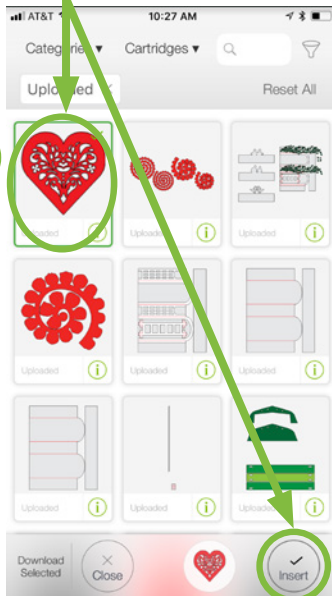
Step 4:
Tap the SVG file (do NOT tap the ZIP file—it will give you an error).



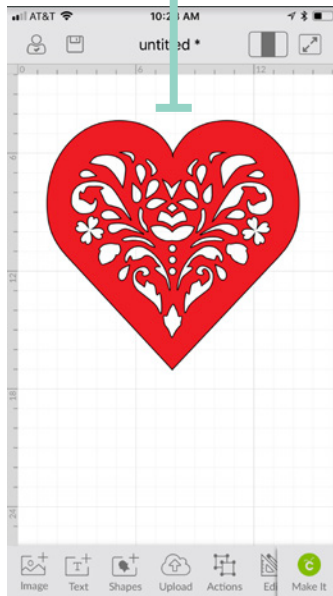
Step 5:
Tap Save.



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!



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

Practice this at jennifermaker.com/svg-heart

UPLOAD SVG FILES (IOS)

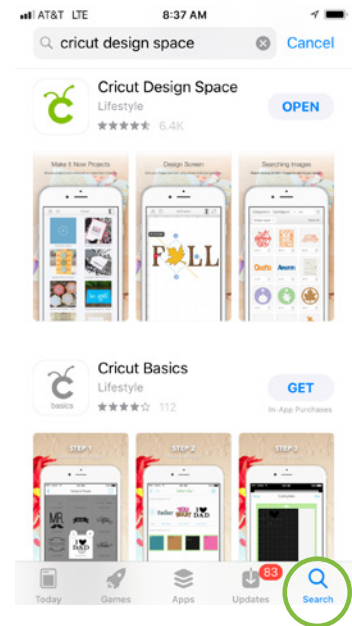
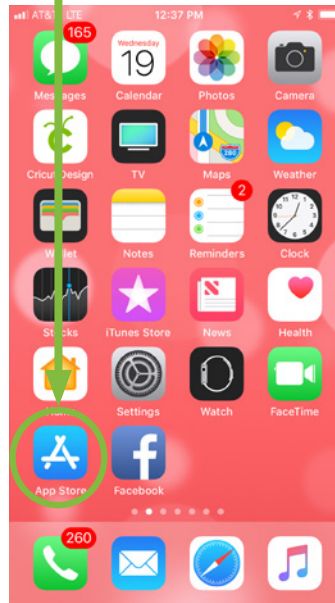
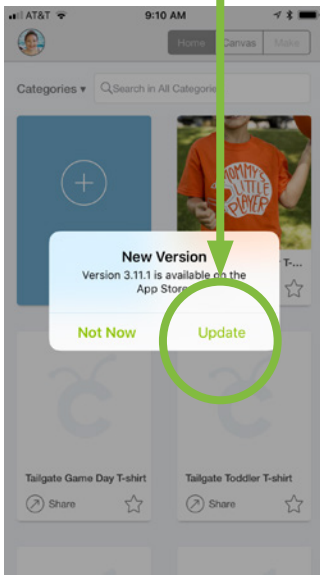


HOW TO UPDATE THE CRICUT APP IN IOS

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**.

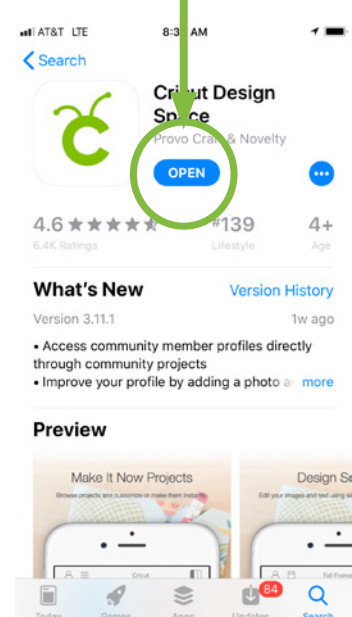
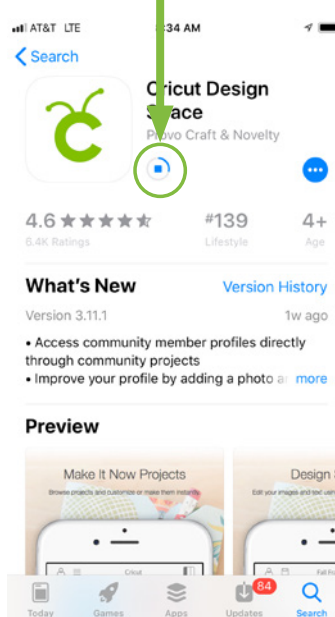
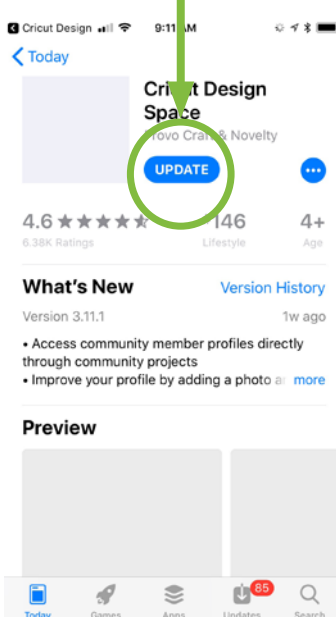


UPDATE APP (IOS)

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.





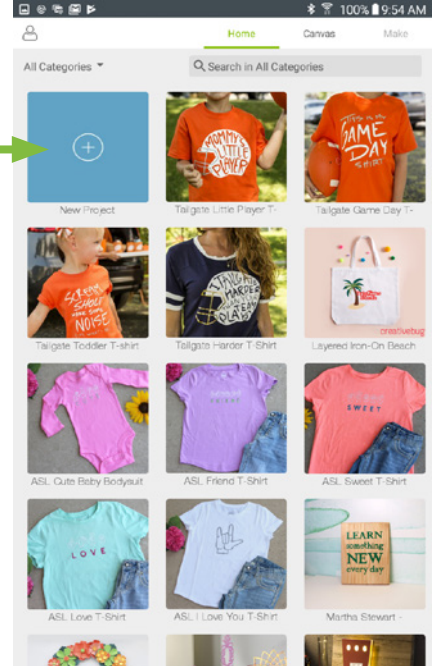
HOW TO OPEN AND START A NEW PROJECT

Step 1: Tap the **Cricut Design** icon on your device (it will appear in this area if you used it recently). If you don't see the icon, tap Apps, then locate and tap the icon.

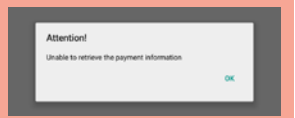


Tip: If this is your first time using Cricut on your device, tap on the Play Store icon, search for Cricut Design Space, and install the app.

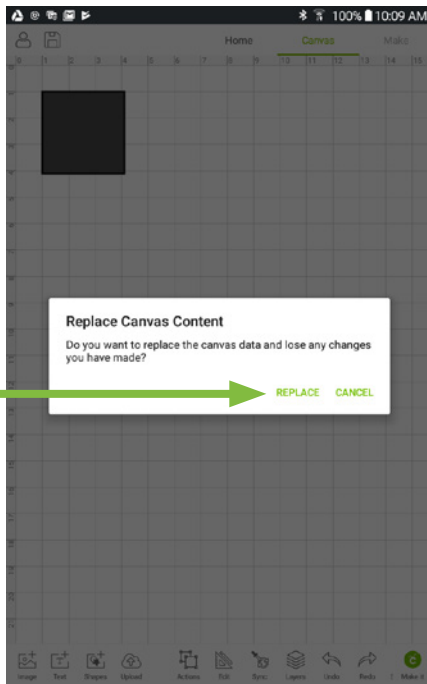
Step 2: Tap the **New Project** button



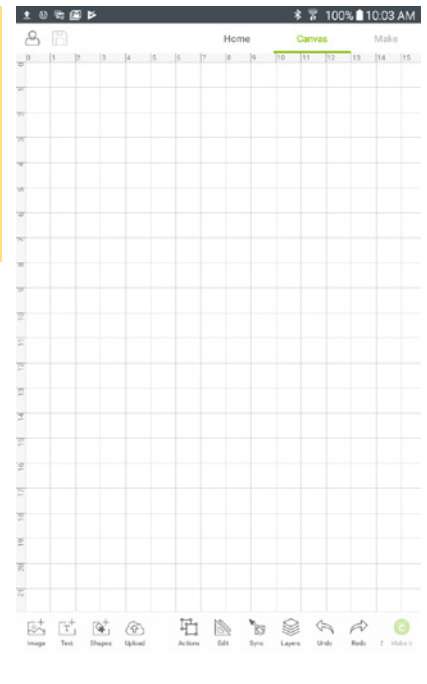
Warning: If you get an error message upon opening the Cricut app, it probably means your WiFi connection is missing or not strong enough for Cricut to retrieve your account information. Move within range and try again.



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.



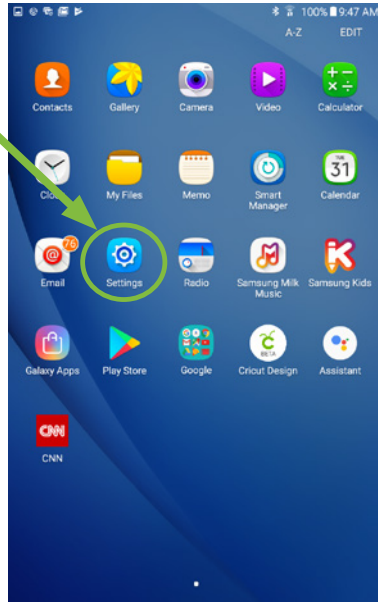
You will get a new canvas, ready for you to add images, shapes, text, and projects!





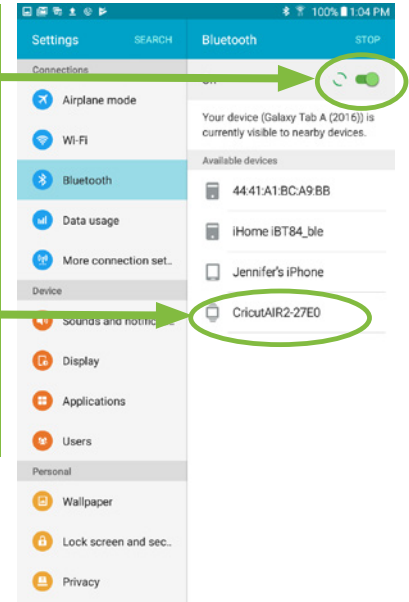
HOW TO CONNECT VIA BLUETOOTH

Step 1: Tap the Settings app.

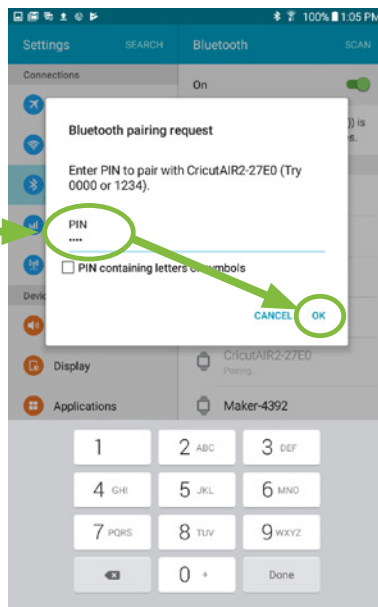


Note: Your Cricut must be within 10-15 feet of your device. If you need to use a Wireless Bluetooth Adapter, make sure it is inserted.

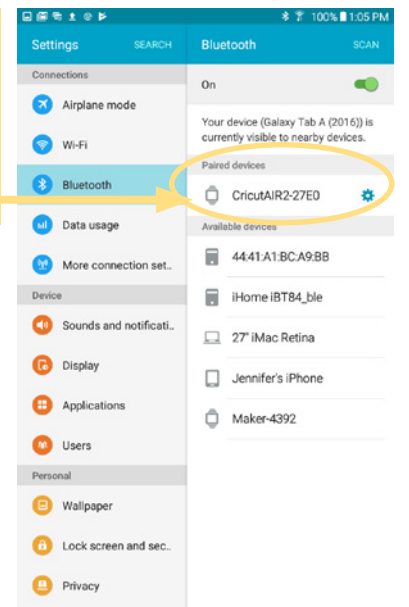
Step 2: Turn on Bluetooth if it is off, then look for Cricut in this list and tap it. If you do not see it listed, make sure your Cricut is turned on and no other Bluetooth device is connecting to it.



Step 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.



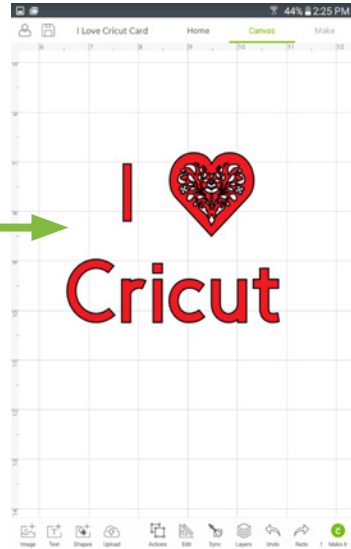
CONNECT VIA BLUETOOTH



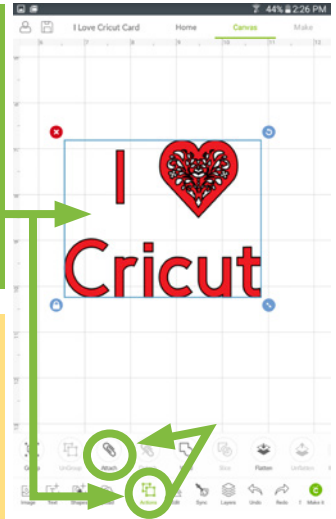
HOW TO ATTACH TO KEEP THINGS TOGETHER

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**.



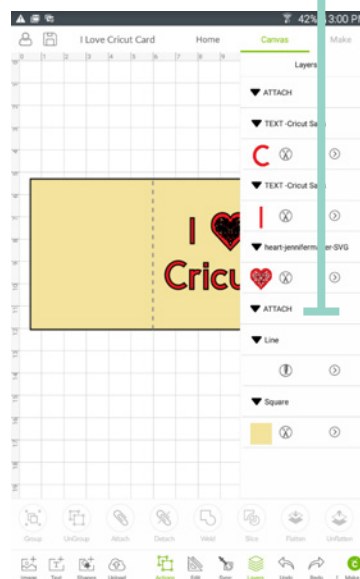
Note that attached layers will take on the same color. So only attach layers that you really want to be the same color!

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

You can verify that your images 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.



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ATTACH THINGS TOGETHER



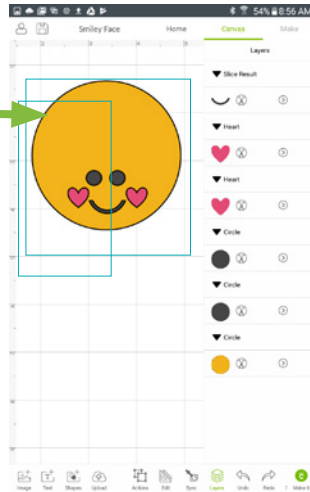
HOW TO GROUP AND UNGROUP

GROUP / UNGROUP

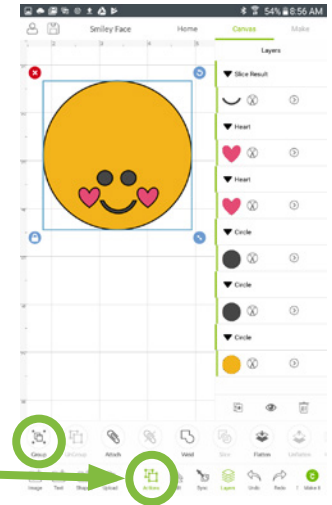
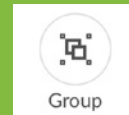
Grouping lets you keep objects together in your design but not necessarily on your mat (you still need to use the Attach function to keep things together on the mat). Sometimes projects and uploaded images will be grouped when you open/insert them, and you'll need to ungroup them so you can make changes.

HOW TO GROUP:

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



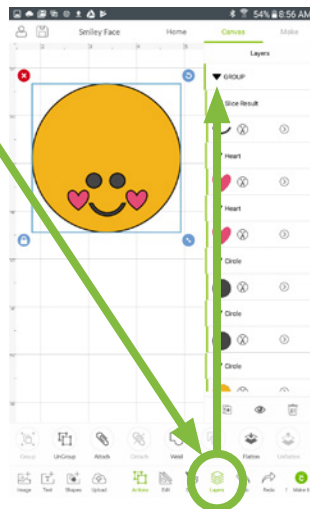
Step 2: With all objects you want to be grouped selected (the left side of the layers turn green when they are selected), tap **Actions** in the bottom toolbar then tap the **Group** button.



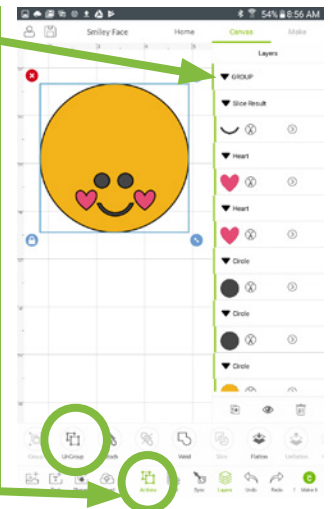
Tip: Once your objects group, they will be nested under a new line item in your Layers panel called "Group."

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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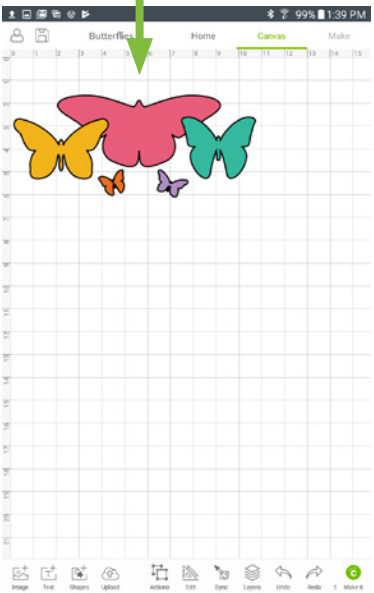


HOW TO WELD

WELD

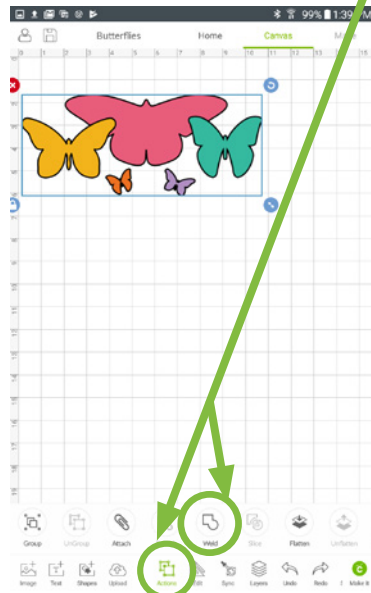
Need to join elements to create a new image? Do it with the Weld tool! The Weld tool can simplify a design, keep the letters of a word connected, and combine shapes to create new designs.

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



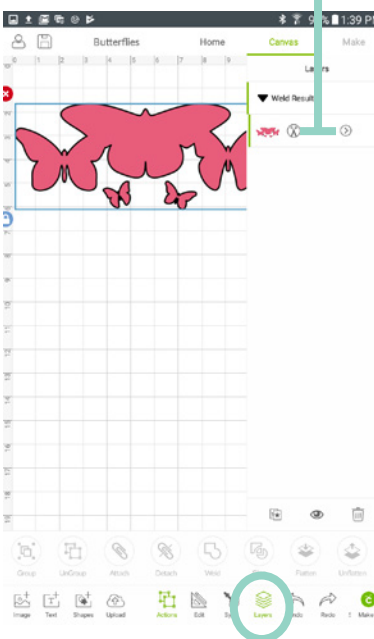
Note: If you are trying to create a single image with Weld, make sure all elements are overlapping.

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**.

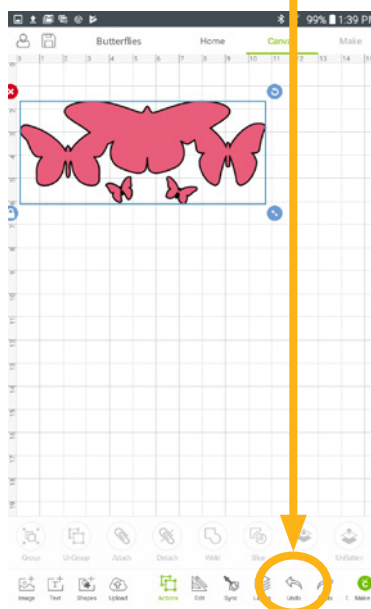


Tip: You can select items within groups to weld by tapping on their names in the Layers panel.

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 jennifermaker.com/butterflies

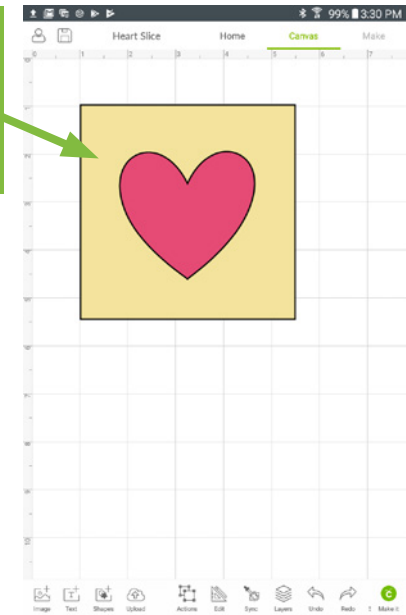


HOW TO SLICE (CUT AN IMAGE OUT OF ANOTHER)

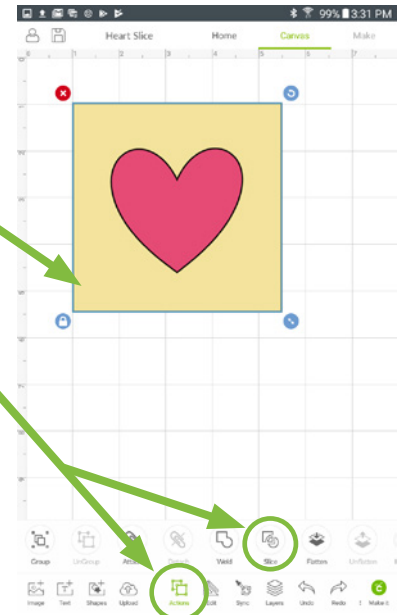
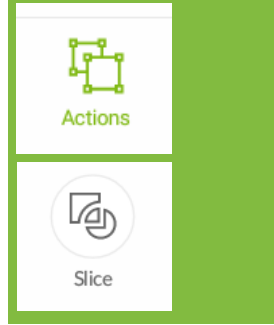
SLICE

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!

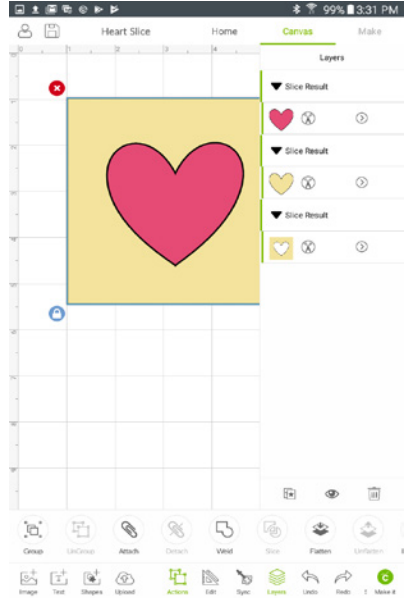
Step 1: Insert your images onto your Canvas so that they are overlapping.



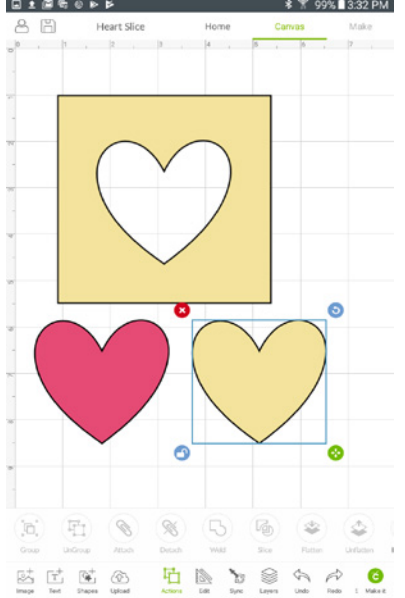
Step 2: Tap and drag a selection box around all of the images you want to slice, tap on **Actions** at the bottom of the screen, then tap **Slice**.



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.

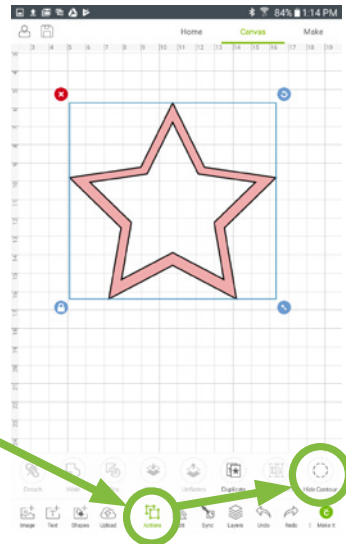
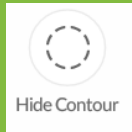
Practice this at jennifermaker.com/heart-slice



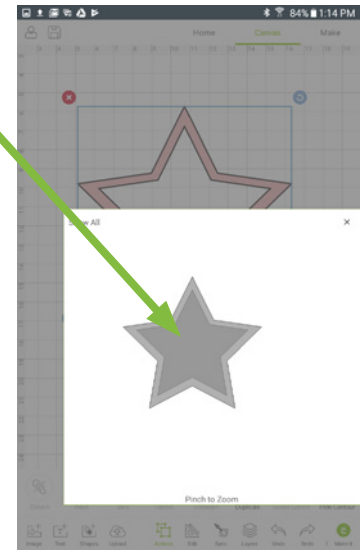
HOW TO REMOVE PARTS WITH CONTOUR

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.

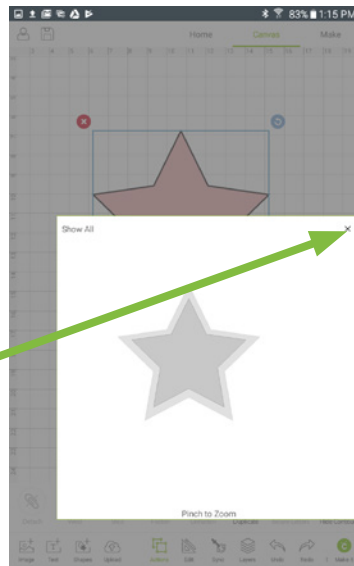
Step 1: Choose an image with elements you'd like to remove then tap **Actions**, then tap the **Hide Contour** tool in the lower right corner of the app window.



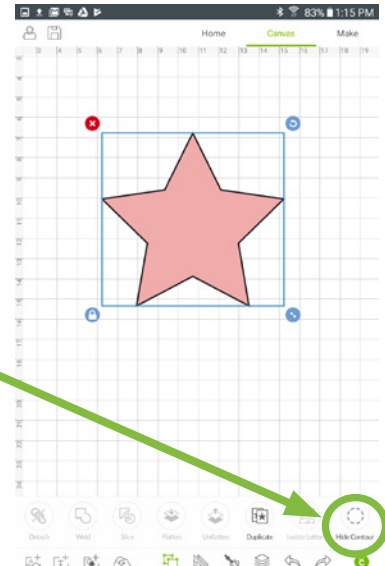
Step 2: Tap on the elements you want to remove. You can make the image larger (to see detail) by pinching to zoom.



Step 3: Elements that appear darker are those that you'll remove. When your image looks the way you want it to, 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!

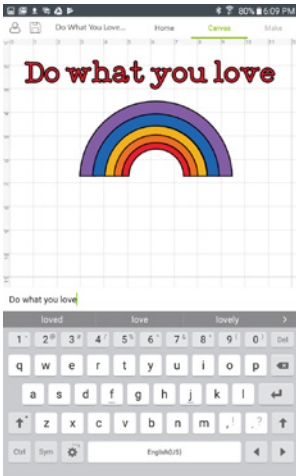
CONTOUR (REMOVE BITS)

Practice this at jennifermaker.com/pink-star

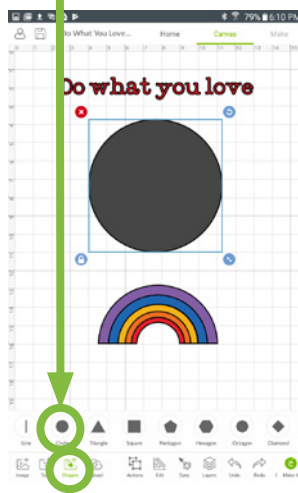


HOW TO CURVE TEXT

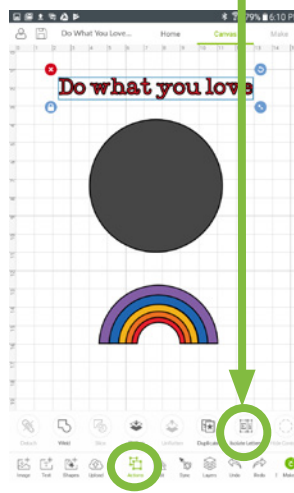
Step 1: Tap the **Text** tool and add some text.



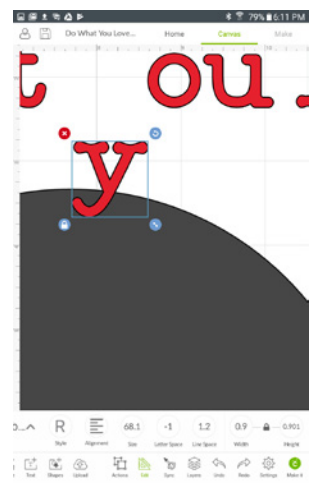
Step 2: Tap **Shapes** then tap **Circle**. Resize the circle to match the curve you want.



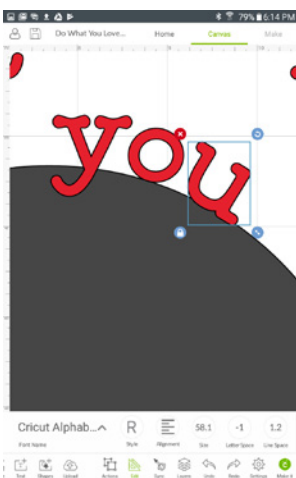
Step 3: Tap the text, tap **Actions**, and tap **Isolate Letters**.



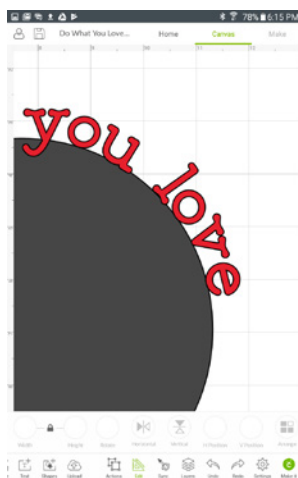
Step 4: Move each letter so it's base lines up with the circle below.



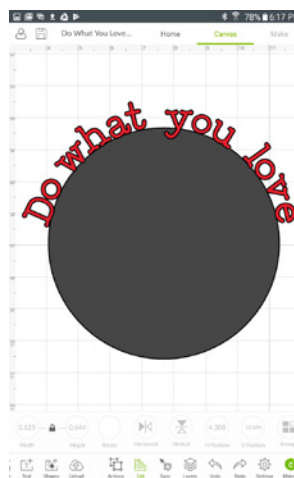
Step 5: As you work, rotate the letters to match the curve of the circle.



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.



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.

CURVE TEXT

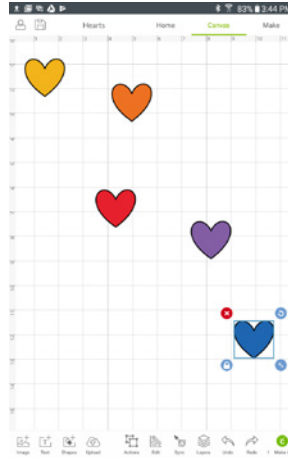
Practice this at jennifermaker.com/rainbow-love



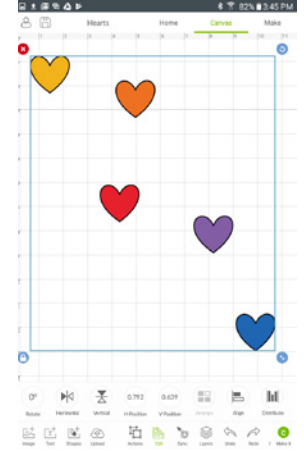
HOW TO ALIGN AND DISTRIBUTE OBJECTS

ALIGN AND DISTRIBUTE

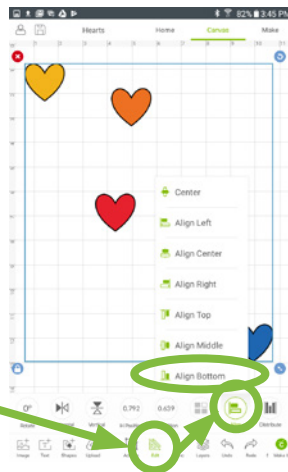
Step 1: Add two or more items to your canvas that you want to align or distribute evenly.



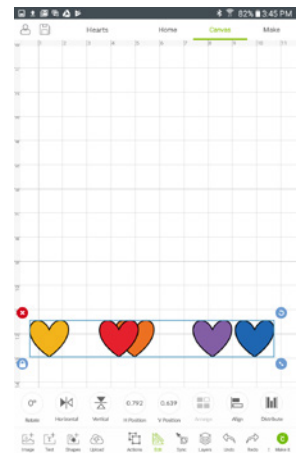
Step 2: Tap and drag a selection box around all items you want to align and/or distribute.



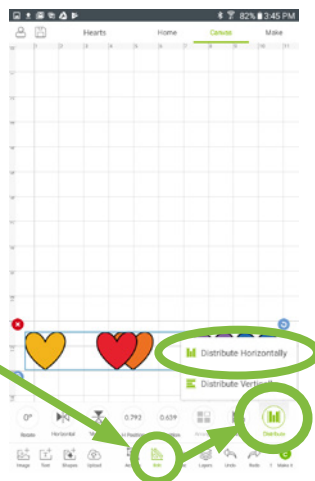
Step 3: Tap on the **Edit** tool in the bottom toolbar, tap **Align**, and tap **Align Bottom**.



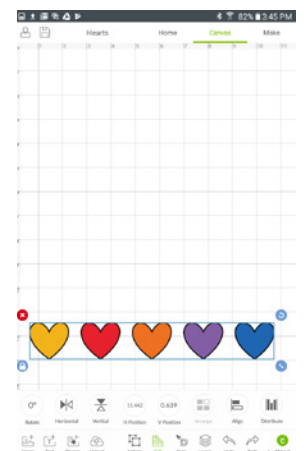
Step 4: All selected items are aligned with the bottommost object. Now let's space them out evenly.



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.



Practice this at jennifermaker.com/five-hearts



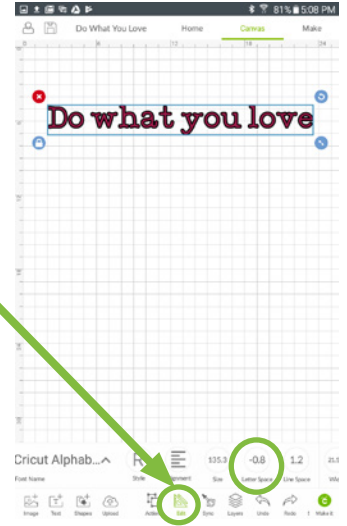
HOW TO CHANGE LETTER SPACE

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.



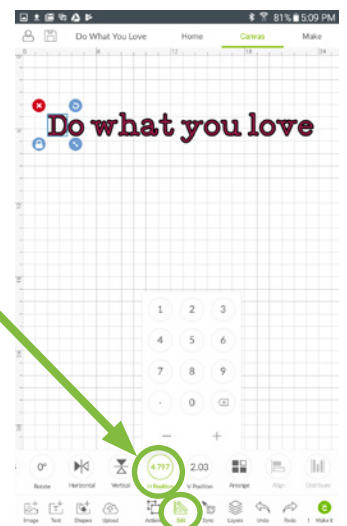
Step 2: Select the text, tap **Edit**, tap **Letter Space**, and tap the minus sign until the letters look better.



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



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.



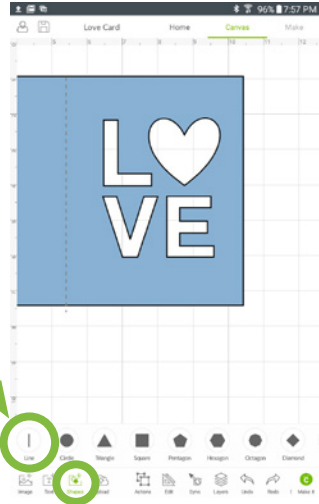
Tip: If you have difficulties moving the letters into position, it may be because SmartGuides are turned on. To turn them off, tap Settings in the bottom toolbar and toggle off SmartGuides.

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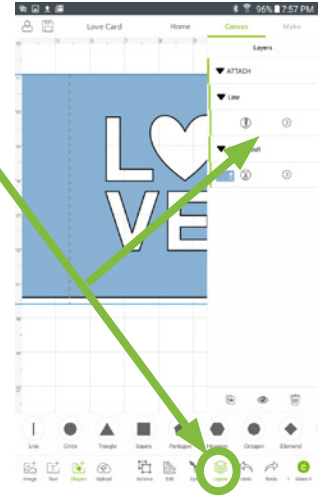


HOW TO SCORE WITH STYLUS OR WHEEL

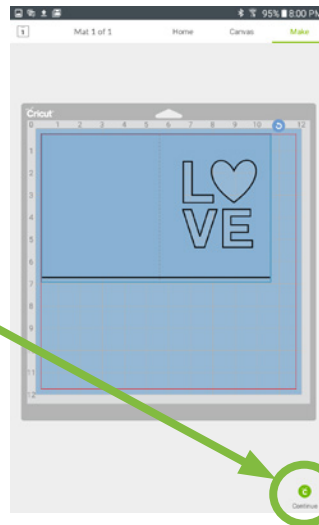
Step 1: Open or create a project with score lines. You can add a score line to any project by tapping **Shapes**, then tapping **Line**.



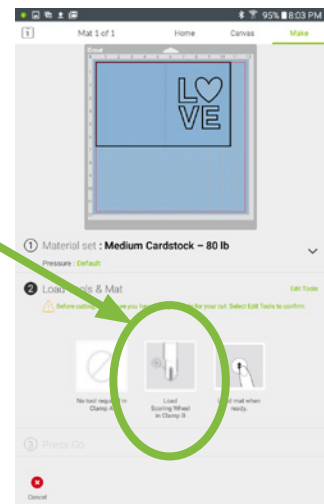
Step 2: Make sure any lines you want to be scored attached to the layer that should have the score line (tap the arrow on the layer to change). Tap **Make It**.



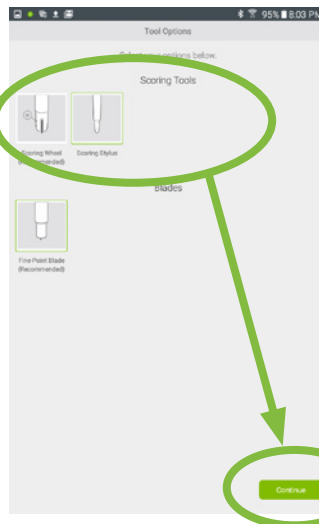
Step 3: Make sure the score line is on the same layer as the cut, then tap **Continue**.



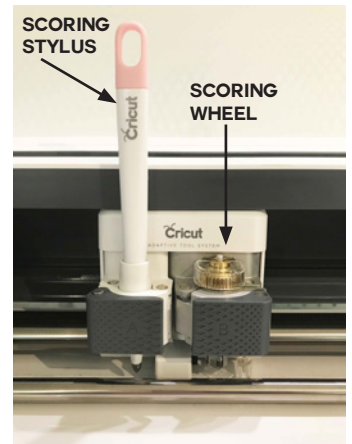
Step 4: Check the necessary tools. If the screen says to use a scoring wheel but you do not have one, tap **Edit Tools**.



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.



SCORE (STYLUS/WHEEL)

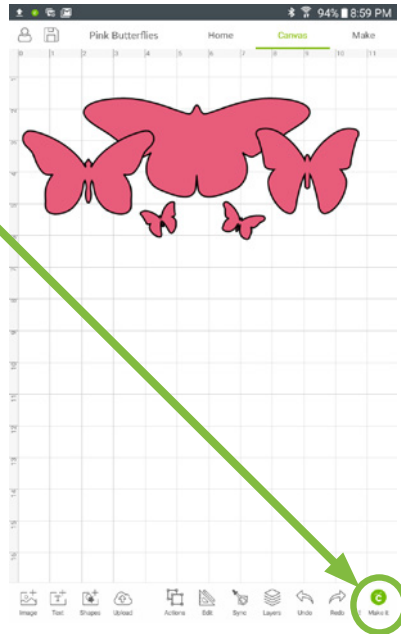
Practice this at jennifermaker.com/love-card



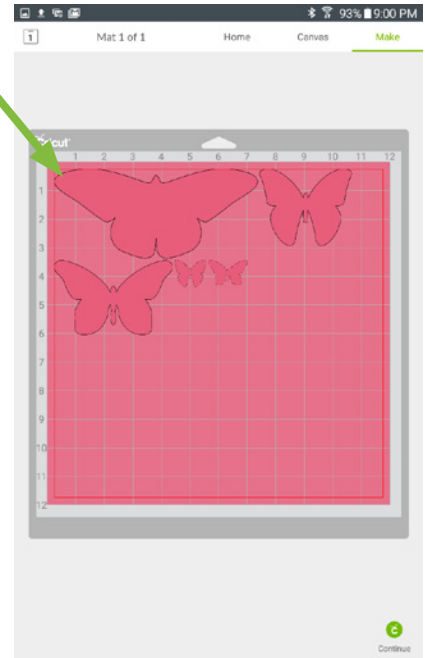
HOW TO REPOSITION ITEMS ON MAT PREVIEW

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 an Android device:

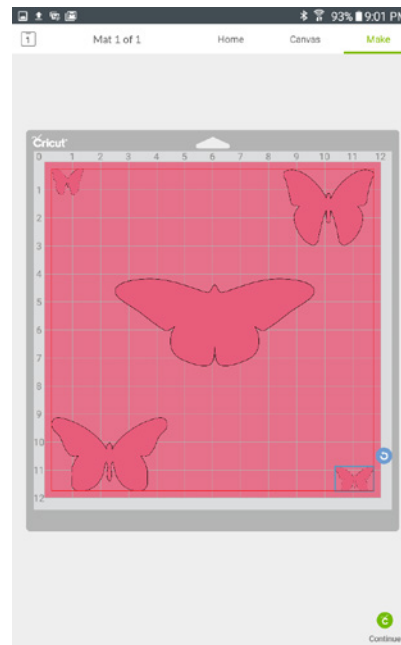
Step 1: Open or create a project. Make anything you want to appear on the same mat the same color. Tap **Make It**.



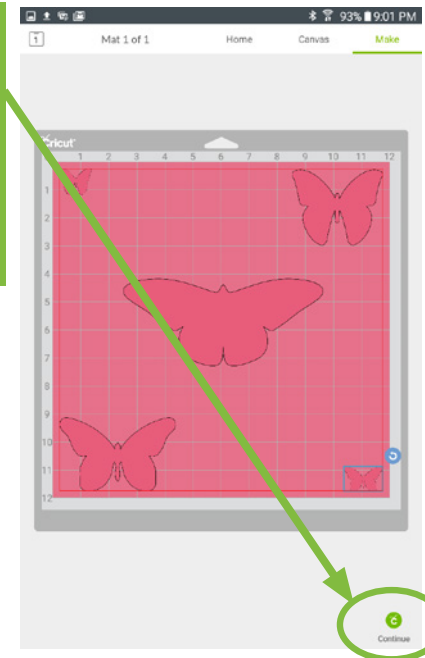
Step 2: Make sure the items you want to reposition are all on the same mat.



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 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!

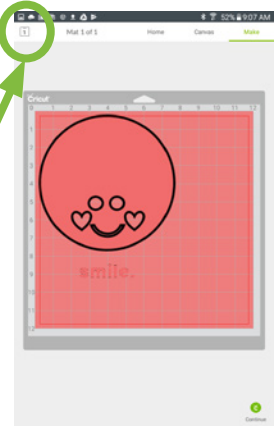
Step 1: Select all the objects you want to iron-on, tap **Actions**, then tap **Attach**.



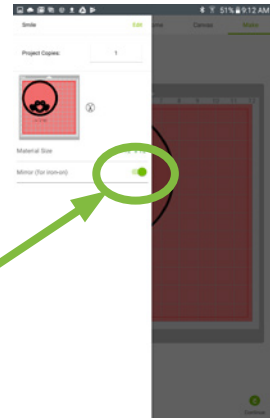
Step 2: Tap **Make It**.



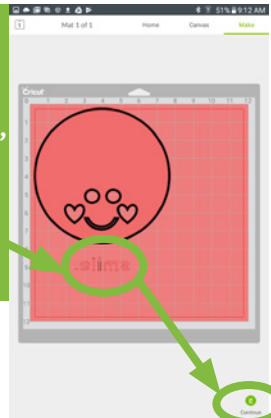
Step 3: Tap the **mat icon** in the upper left corner of the screen.



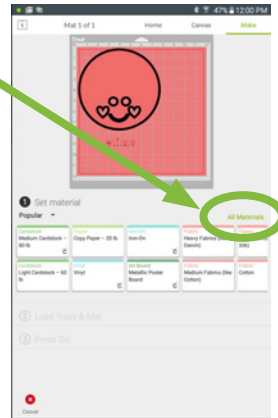
Step 4: Toggle **Mirror** to the on position and tap on the gray area to close this panel.



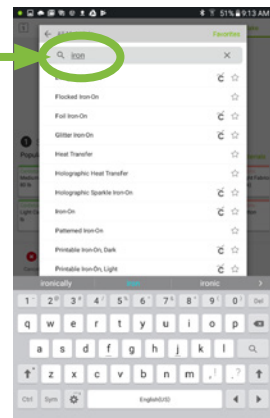
Step 5: Verify that your image is mirrored, then tap **Continue**.



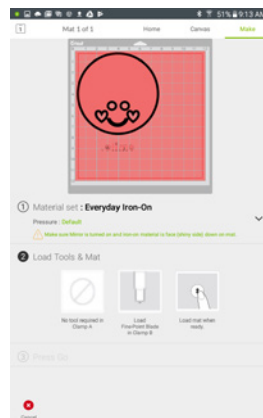
Step 6: Tap on **All Materials**.



Step 7: Search 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, insert the mat, and press **Go**.



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



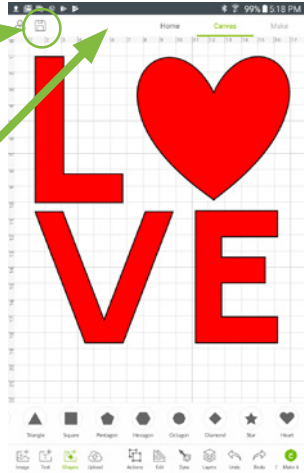
Practice this at jennifermaker.com/simple-smile

MIRROR / IRON-ON VINYL

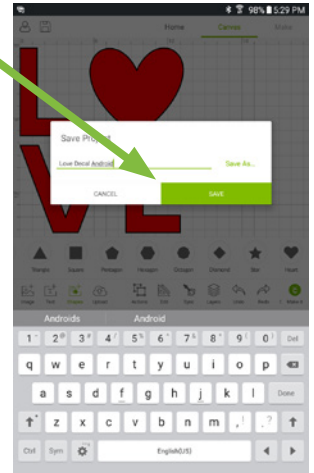


HOW TO SAVE WORK AND VIEW SAVED PROJECTS

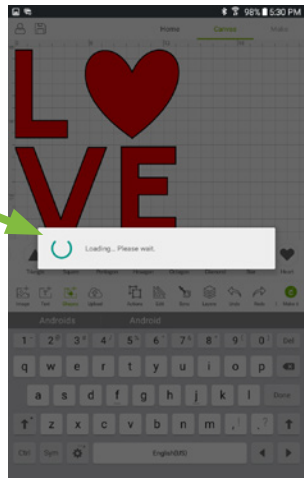
Step 1: Create something and tap the **Save** icon. You can tell when a project is unsaved when the title area is blank.



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.

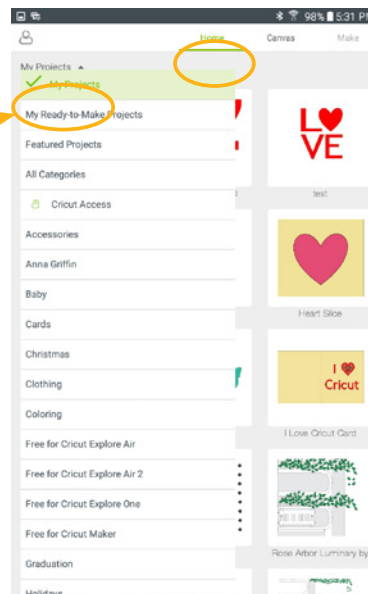


If Cricut is able to save your project, a confirmation notice will appear at the bottom.



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.



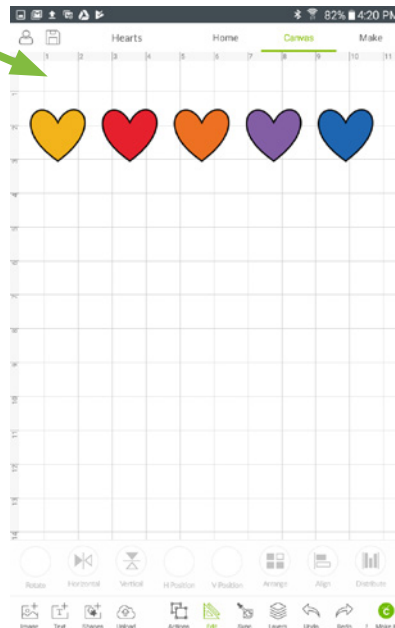
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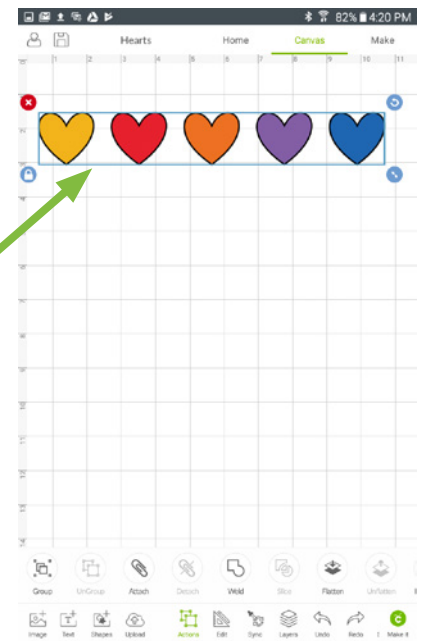
HOW TO FLATTEN

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.



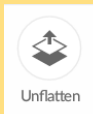
Step 3: Tap Actions, then tap Flatten.



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

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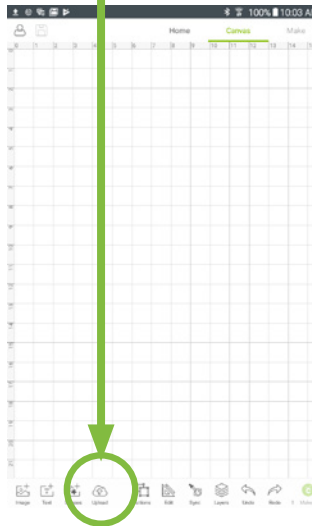


HOW TO UPLOAD IMAGES

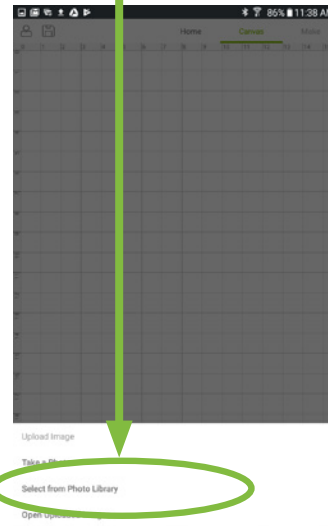
Step 1:
Tap **New Project**



Step 2:
Tap **Upload**



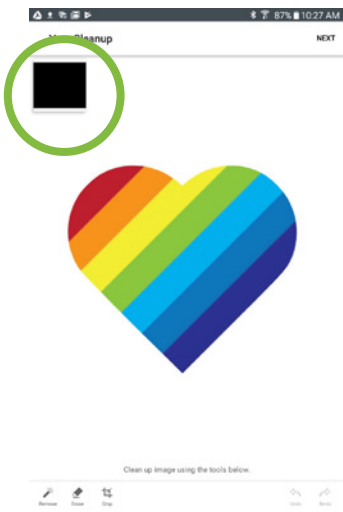
Step 3:
Tap **Select from Photo Library** to locate an image you already saved there.



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



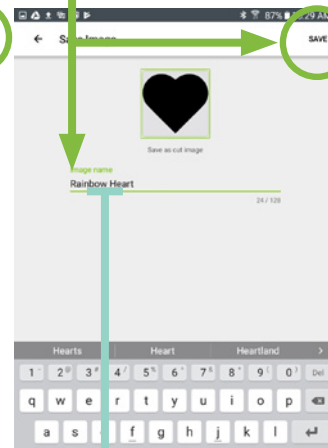
Step 4:
Look at the box in the upper left corner – that is the cut file.



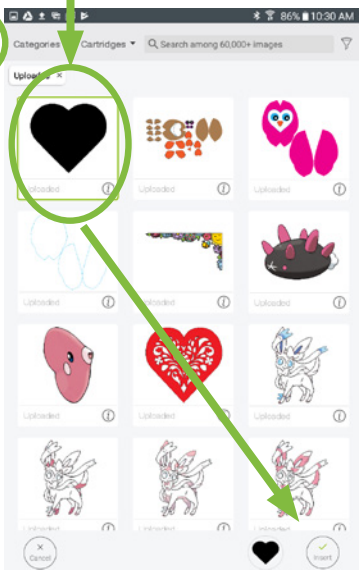
Step 5:
Clean it up (if you want) and tap **Next**.



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)

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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.



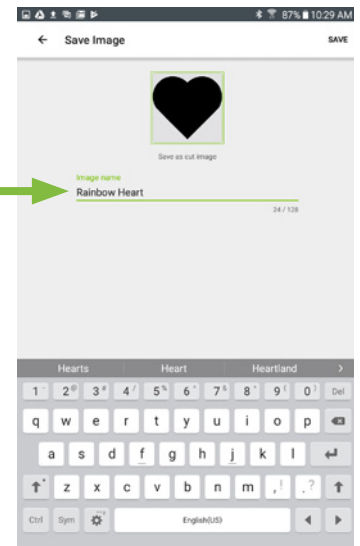
Step 2: Tap the Remove tool .



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.

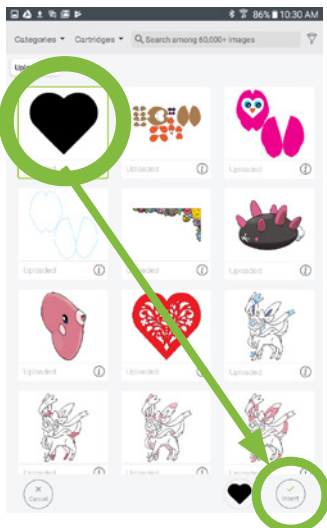


Step 4: Check the cut lines of the object. If you need to fix it, tap the back arrow. If it looks good, give it a name and tap Save.



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

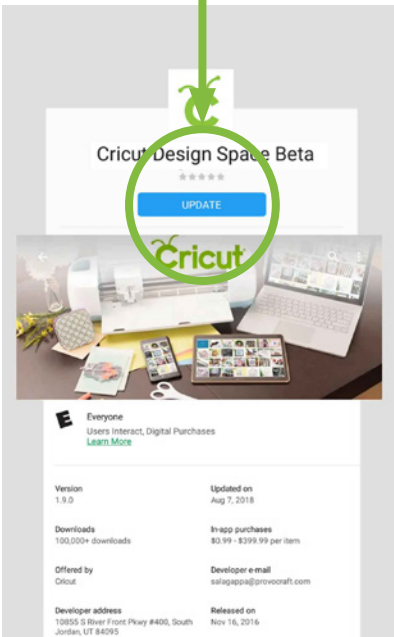


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HOW TO UPDATE CRICUT APP ON ANDROID

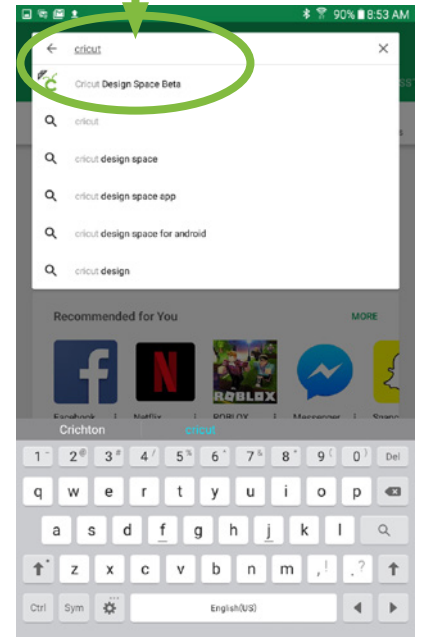
Step 1: Open your Cricut Design Space app. If a new version is available, it will tell you. Tap **Update**.



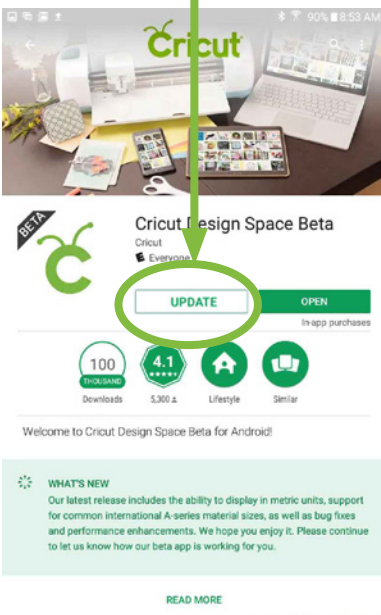
Alternatively, you can go to the **Home** screen and tap the **Play Store** to check for updates.



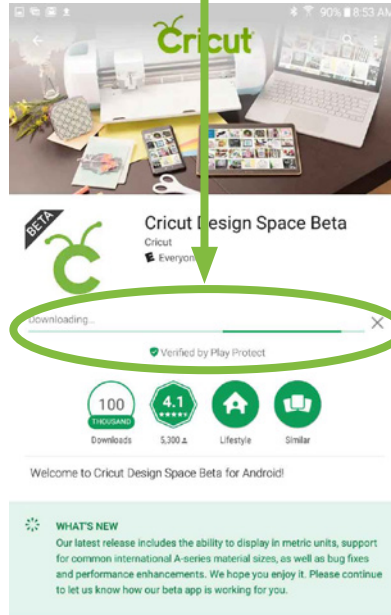
Once in the Play Store, tap the **Search** bar and search on **Cricut Design Space**.



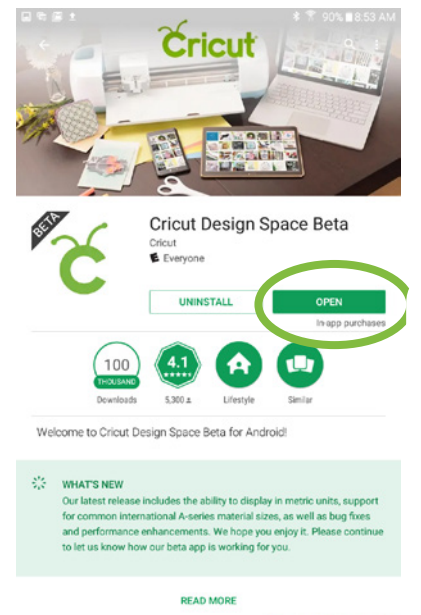
Step 2: Tap **Update**. Make sure you have a good Internet signal for the best results.



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.



UPDATE CRICUT APP

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. 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?

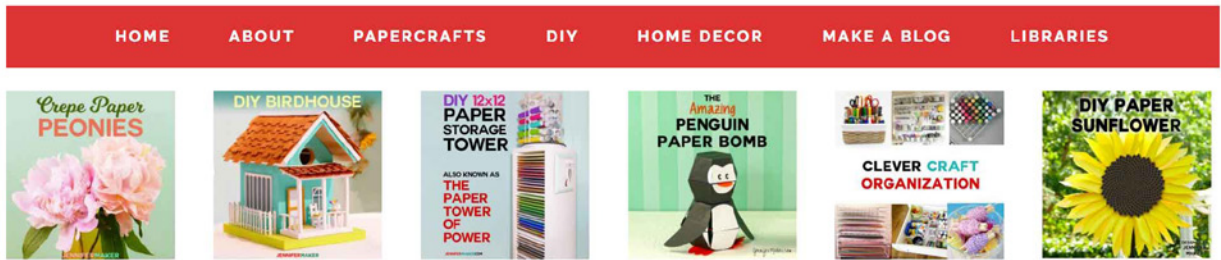
I can show you how to create SVG files that work with minimal fuss and bother, allowing you to create beautiful and cuttable designs on a whim. Use your designs for your personal projects, share them with friends and family, or even sell them to earn extra money!



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