

A collection of colorful, glittery, and patterned stickers and cutouts. The central sticker is a large pink cloud shape with the text "BEA UNI-CORN" in white cursive. Other stickers include "Time to Shine" in white cursive on gold glitter backgrounds, "BEA UNI-CORN" in white cursive on a teal background, and various shapes like hearts, stars, flowers, and unicorn heads in gold, teal, and pink.

SO, YOU GOT THIS CRICUT MACHINE EVERYONE HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT...

First off...**CONGRATS!**

Second...feeling overwhelmed, yet?

Like most things, it can take a while to feel comfortable with a new machine. Most people can understand how to use the Cricut products and materials, but learning Cricut Design Space is another story.

There are SO many possibilities with the [Cricut](#), so don't let the fear and frustration of a new program stop you from creating something great!

This PDF is **interactive**, so anything with an underline is clickable. That's what makes this e-book so handy...no need to go searching through the interwebs. All the links to my Design Space tutorials conveniently located in this PDF.

Plus, I give tips that aren't in my Cricut tutorial posts...yay for you!

Now, read on, so you can get CRAFTING!

Much Love,

Erin

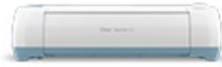
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WHAT *machine* SHOULD I GET?



Cricut Explore One™
The perfect starter machine



Cricut Explore Air™
Amazing DIY value



Cricut Explore Air 2
Time-saving performance



Cricut Maker™
The Cricut flagship

Cricut has numerous four machines on the market that work with Cricut Design Space.

- [Explore One](#)
- [Explore Air](#)
- [Explore Air 2](#)
- [Maker](#)

Now, I only have experience with the Explore Air, and the Maker. I will say that I love my Maker the most, but the machine you get will greatly depend on what you need it for. So, take a look at the feature list below (see the full list [HERE](#)).

FEATURES	EXPLORE	EXPLORE ONE	EXPLORE AIR	EXPLORE AIR 2	CRICUT MAKER
Dial	✓	✓	✓	✓	Not needed with the new software
Bluetooth (wireless cutting)	No, but you can purchase an adapter	No, but you can purchase an adapter	✓	✓	✓
Double Tool Holder	✓		✓	✓	✓
Upload Your Own Images	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Works with Cartridges	✓	✓	✓	✓	No, but you can purchase an adapter
Fast Mode {2X Faster}				✓	✓
Fabric Rotary Blade					✓

Do you plan to sew? Then you will definitely need the Maker. Have a limited budget? You can get a great machine in one of the lower end models. If you are looking for the best, go with the Explore Air 2 or Cricut Maker. I am extremely partial to the Maker - read my review [HERE](#).

Sign up **FOR A CDS ACCOUNT**

Okay, you've picked out your machine and anxiously awaited its arrival. NOW what?

First, follow the steps in the instructions included in your box. It will tell you how to setup your machine and pair your bluetooth.

Then, you'll sign up for a Cricut ID to gain access to Cricut Design Space. Follow the steps below to create your account.

- 1 Go to <https://design.cricut.com> and select CREATE A CRICUT ID.

Sign In with your Cricut ID

Use your Cricut ID for everything you do with Cricut.

Email/Cricut ID

Password

[Forgot?](#)

☒ Remember Me

Sign In

Click here



Don't have an account yet?

Create A Cricut ID

- 2 Fill out the form on the next page and select CREATE A CRICUT ID again.

Create a Cricut ID

Your Cricut ID is your sign-in for everything you do with Cricut.

First Name

Last Name

Country

☐ I accept the Cricut [Terms of Use](#)

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Password



Create A Cricut ID

Already Have a Cricut ID?

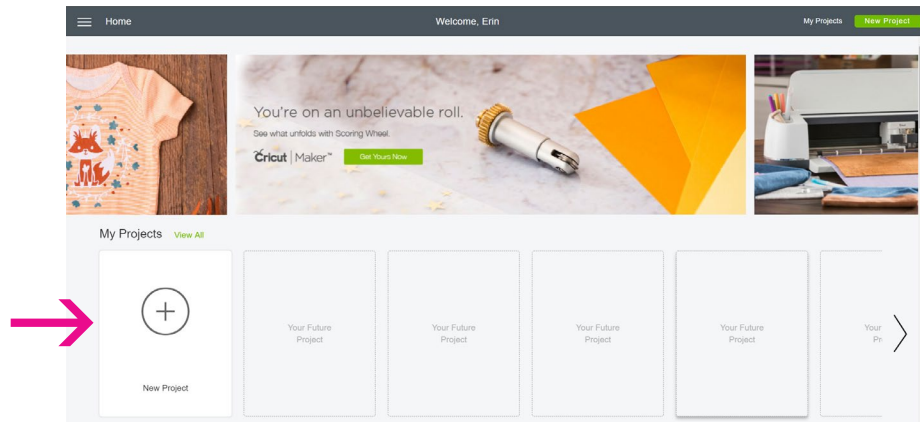
Sign In

Now you're ready to start a new project in CDS!

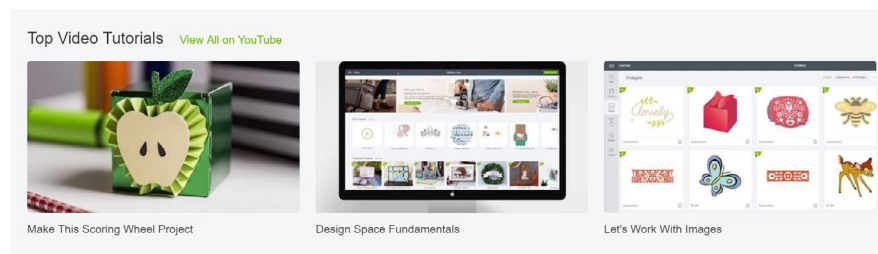
CRICUT Design SPACE DASHBOARD

After you sign up for your account, you'll be taken to your dashboard. You have a few options for creating projects. You can:

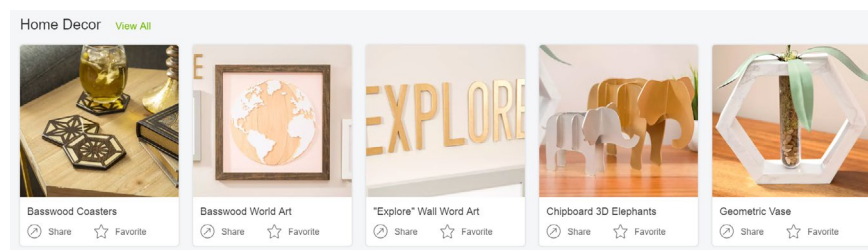
1 Create a New Project



2 View some VIDEO tutorials by Cricut.



2 Or Create some MAKE IT NOW projects



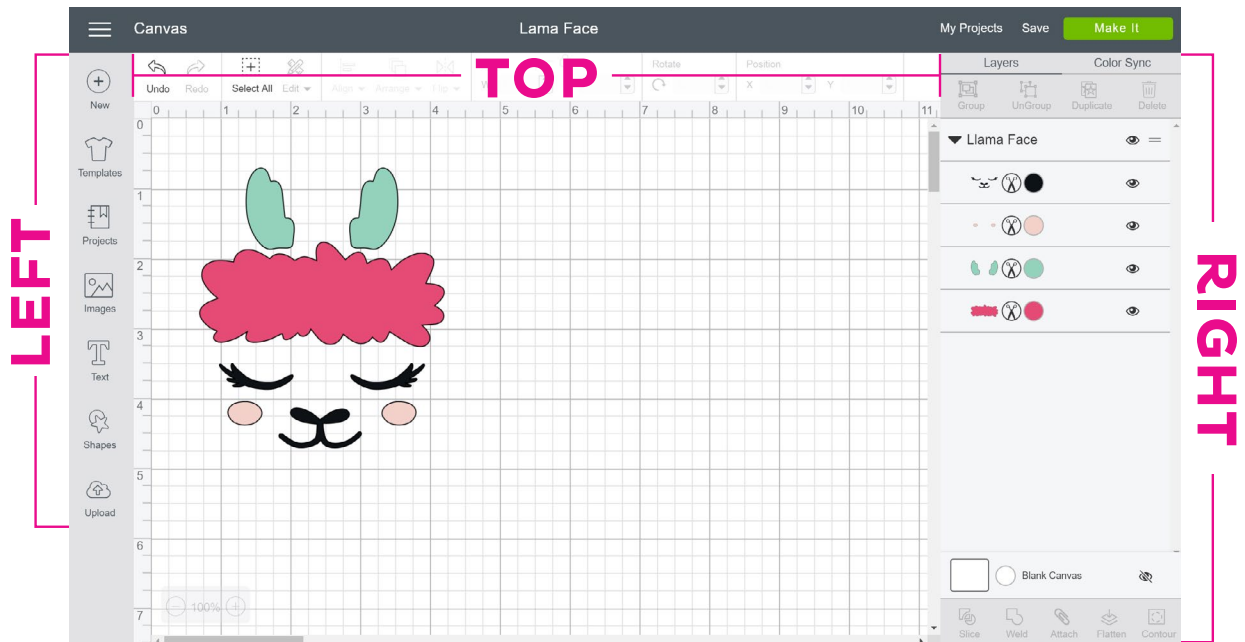
Cricut's MAKE IT NOW projects are so easy to use. Just click on a link, then click MAKE IT NOW and it will all be laid out for you, and most projects come with instructions.

Keep in mind, you may need a [Cricut Access Subscription](#) to create some of these projects.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT CRICUT ACCESS](#)








CRICUT Design SPACE TOOLBARS

When I talk about CDS Toolbars, I am usually referring to the Top, Left, or Right Toolbars. You can see where they are in the image below.



Now, let's break down each toolbar!

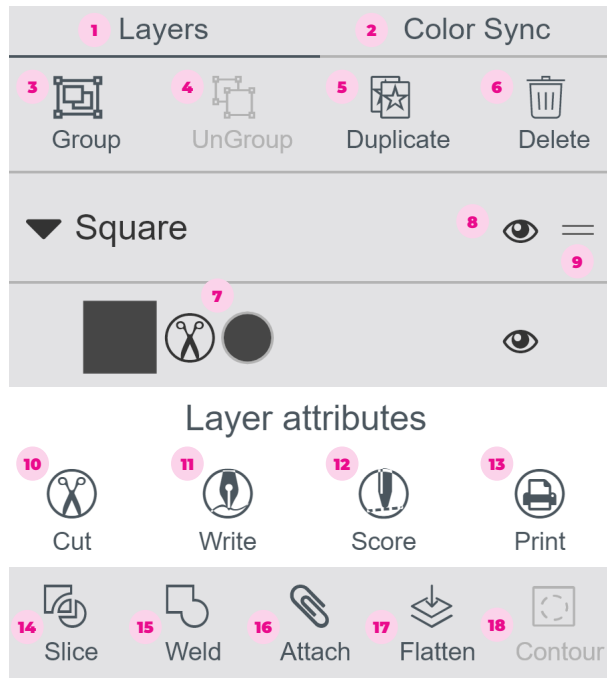
Left

-  **1** Create a New Project and leave your current project (don't forget to SAVE IT!)
-  **2** Use these templates as a guide for your designs.
-  **3** Click to find Cricut projects or find your past projects.
-  **4** Search and insert images from the CDS library.
-  **5** Insert a text field.
-  **6** Insert a circle, star, square/, diamond, hexagon, octagon, heart or score line
-  **7** Upload your own images to CDS. You can use SVG Files, PNG files or JPEG files.

CRICUT Design SPACE TOOLBARS

There are couple different areas in the right toolbar. Reference the previous page to see how it looks in CDS.

Right



1 LAYERS: Click on this tab to view all the layers on your project page.

2 COLOR SYNC: Click on this tab to view all the layers by color, and drag objects to easily change the color of items.

3 GROUP: Select more than one object, then click on this icon to group them (*makes it easier to select objects when grouped*).

4 UNGROUP: Select a group, then this icon to ungroup grouped layers.

5 DUPLICATE: Select one or more objects, then duplicate to multiply that object.

6 DELETE: Select one or more objects then click this icon to delete them.

7 Select these icons to take you to the Layer Attributes panel (see below).

8 The EYE icon will hide an object, group, or layer. You can click on it again to unhide it.

9 Hold the mouse down on the two lines to drag the layer or group above or below another layer.

10 CUT: select this to cut with the [blade](#), or [knife blade](#) and rotary blade on the [Cricut Maker](#).

11 WRITE: Select this icon to use the [Cricut pen](#) and select [different pen colors](#).

12 SCORE: Select this icon to create score lines for folding. You'll need a [Scoring Stylus](#) to use this.

13 PRINT: Change an object to Print and Cut (but if it has separate layers, refer to the FLATTEN tool).

14 SLICE: allows you to delete certain pieces of a shape from another shape. See my Tutorial on how I used this method to [Make Large Vinyl Decals](#).

15 WELD: allows you to combine two shapes or designs. See my Tutorial on how I used this method to [Make Gem Coasters](#).

16 ATTACH: not to be confused with grouping. Attaching will allow for the design to be cut as it appears on your screen. If the text cutting out in different areas on your mat, [ATTACH](#) the design.

17 FLATTEN: use this tool to create a Print and Cut file from SVG Files. You can do it from one layer or multiple layers. Check out [THIS tutorial](#).

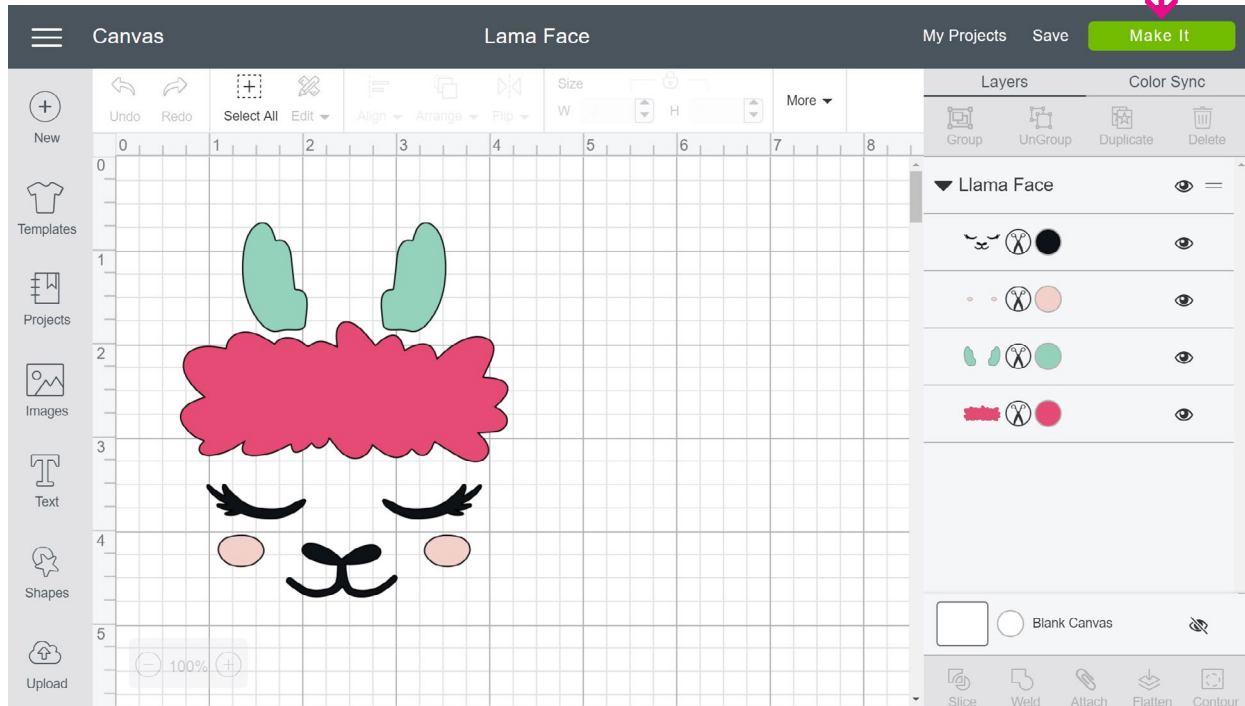
18 CONTOUR: When you're unable to delete parts of an SVG File, use the contour tool to hide it instead. [THIS tutorial](#) should help you out with that.

LET'S Make IT!

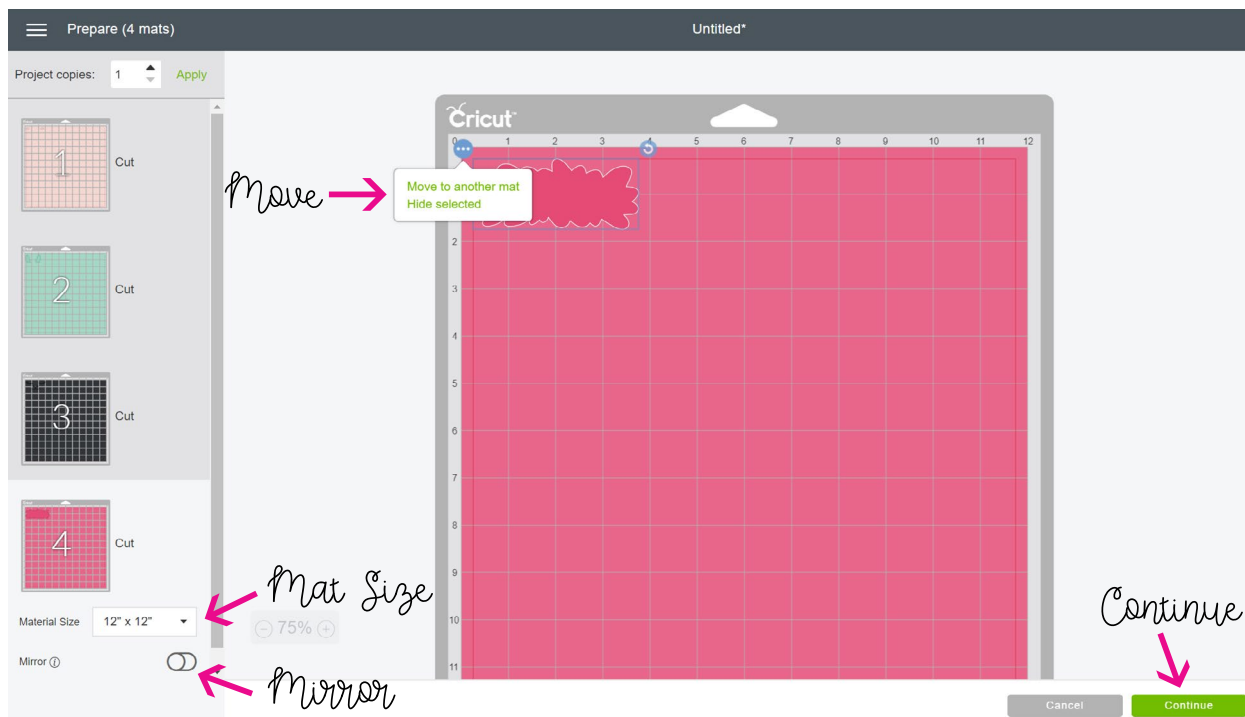
You've made your project using the tools in the CDS dashboard, and now it's time to see it come to life! Follow the steps to finish your creation.

1 First, click MAKE IT.

Click Here



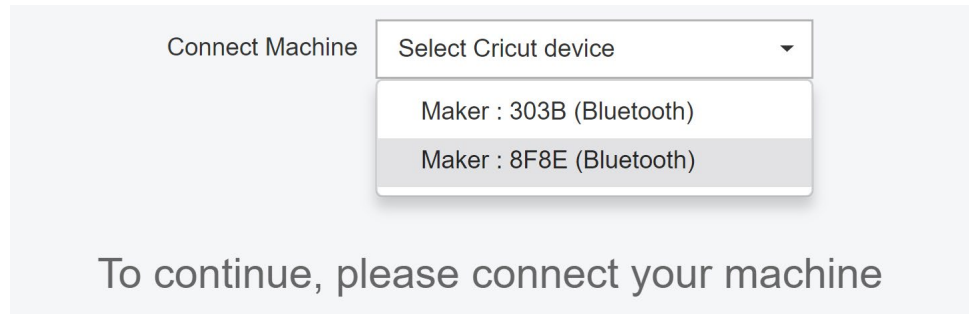
2 At this screen, you can move objects to different mats or hide them. You can also select your mat size, and mirror an object if you are using materials like [Iron-On](#). Then, click Continue.



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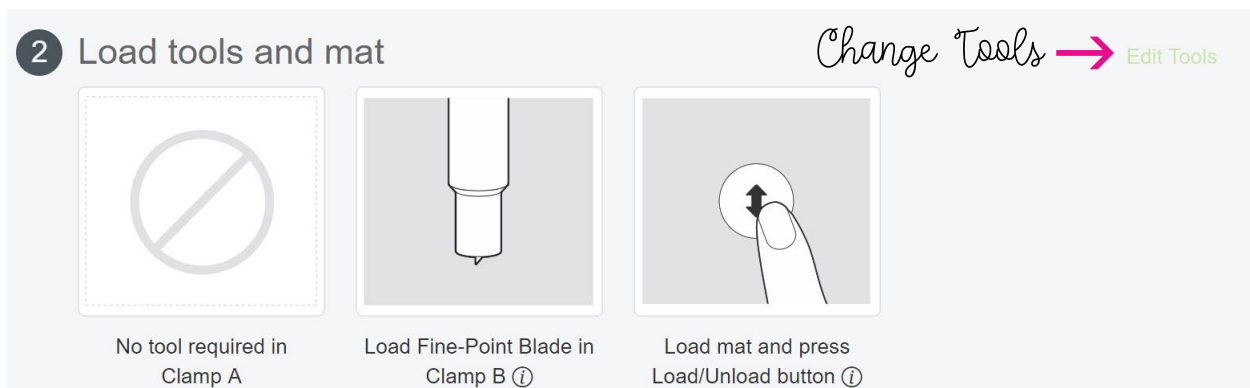
- 3** Select the machine you wish to use from the drop down menu.



- 3** After it connects, choose your material from the list of most popular materials, or click Browse All Materials to choose a different one. Tip: In the browse menu, click on the STAR to save a material to your favorites.



- 4** Now you'll be prompted to load the mat. Make sure the tools are what you wish to use for this cut. You can always click on Edit Tools to change them (but keep in mind some settings may need to be changed in on the project page).



- 5** After the mat is loaded, you can change it to Fast Mode or change it to more pressure or less pressure. When you're ready, press the Cricut Cut button.

YOU Made IT!

Woohoo! If you have any other questions, you can probably find the answer in my [Cricut Machine Tutorials](#).

In case you need more CDS Space help, here are my most popular tutorials:

- [How to Edit Text in Cricut Design Space](#)
- [How to Create Custom Designs in Cricut Design Space](#)
- [11 Reasons You Need a Cricut Access Subscription](#)
- [How to Customize a Cricut Access Project](#)
- [How to Upload Patterns to Cricut Design Space](#)
- [How to Upload Print and Cut Files to Cricut Design Space](#)
- [How to Upload SVG Files to Cricut Design Space](#)
- [How to Create a Cricut Print and Cut Project from SVG Files](#)
- [How to Use the Slice Tool to Make Large Vinyl Decals](#)
- [How to Use the Weld Tool in Cricut Design Space](#)
- [How to Use the Cricut Contour Tool with SVG Files](#)
- [How to Design Custom Invitations in Cricut Design Space](#)
- [Make Your Own Invitations from SVG Files in Cricut Design Space](#)
- [How to Make Gift Tags from SVG Files in CDS](#)



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