

Beginner-Friendly Tips for Using Cricut® Materials

Helpful info on working with our most popular materials.*

Cricut Vinyl

- Use Removable Vinyl for indoor and/or temporary applications – it's durable yet removes without residue for up to 2 years.
- Use Permanent Vinyl for outdoor applications (and in any environment!) – it's weather- and UV-resistant up to 3 years.
- Always load vinyl color side up, grid side down.
- Use StandardGrip Transfer Tape (gray grid) for most vinyl. Use StrongGrip Transfer Tape (purple grid) for textured vinyl, including glitter.

Cricut Iron-On

- Always mirror heat transfer projects. Mirror flips your design so it cuts correctly. In the app, from the Prepare screen, toggle on Mirror.
- Load iron-on material with liner (shiny side) facing down.
- Use the Cricut Heat Guide** or Cricut Heat App for precise time and temperature settings.
- For best results, transfer using Cricut EasyPress®.
- After your press is complete, wait about a minute, then slowly peel liner. If your design isn't fully transferred, reapply heat for a few more seconds. Let design cool, then try again.
- Follow care instructions: 1. Allow 24 hours after application before washing. 2. Wash and tumble dry inside out. 3. Do not bleach or use fabric softener. 4. If you need to iron, only iron on the backside of the garment.

Cricut Cardstock

- Use Brayer hand tool (or clean, dry hands) to gently smooth material onto mat.
- When removing cuts from the mat, always bend mat away from the cardstock. This quickly lifts the design from the mat, preventing tearing and curling.
- For detailed designs, try the Intricate Cardstock cut setting in Design Space. From the Make screen, under Browse All Materials, search for and select Intricate Cardstock.
- Use adhesive sparingly when assembling cardstock projects – a fine tip applicator can be helpful. Test on scraps first to ensure you get your desired result.

Cricut Infusible Ink™

- Make sure your hands are clean and dry before handling Infusible Ink Transfer Sheets.
- Always mirror heat transfer projects. Mirror flips your design so it cuts correctly. In the app, from the Prepare screen, toggle on Mirror.
- Load Infusible Ink Transfer Sheets with paper (colored side) facing up.
- Try weeding transfer sheets with your fingers – first bend the design along cut lines to loosen the parts you want to remove.
- Always use light-colored, high-polyester (greater than 60%) blanks designed for sublimation.
- For best results, transfer using Cricut EasyPress.

Tip for all materials: Always do a test cut before trying any new material. Cut something simple like a star to determine if the cut works for your project. If needed, you can change your blade, your base material selection, or the pressure setting.

*This is not a complete product list – to see all available Cricut materials, visit cricut.com/en_us/materials.html

**To view the Cricut Heat Guide, visit cricut.com/heatguide