

Introduction to Cricut

Class Notes

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Design Space Walk-through

- Hamburger menu – account and device settings
- Home – Screen seen after login
- My Projects – select your saved project
- Maker – select device
- New Project – create a new project – *click it*
Canvas Screen – left menu
- New – save or abandon current canvas and start another
- Templates – size references for typical projects
- Projects – library of existing projects you can copy and modify. Those with green “a” required Circuit Access subscription or one-time charge. Very few are free. Can be used for ideas and “reverse engineering” – *will demonstrate later*
- Shapes – Basic shapes free; more elaborate require CA subscription – click shape to place on canvas, drag and size as desired, select and backspace (or delete) to delete
- Images – library of free and paid images. Can search and filter.
- Text – place text on canvas. Cricut tab shows mostly paid fonts but some free. System fonts are free. *Will demonstrate how you can download free fonts from web.*
- Phrases – free and paid text-based designs
- Upload – access a library of images that you created or downloaded from the web
- Monogram – create monograms – requires Circuit Access subscription

Create a Card

1. Click on Templates
2. Scroll down and click on Cards
3. Select size of card (6 x 4) to give use space to work within
4. Click Shapes, click square with rounded corners
5. Change color to write, unlock size, drag to fill template
6. Click Shapes, click line, drag and place over line on template
7. Can zoom in and use arrow keys for fine adjustment
8. Click Make It (explain issues) - Click cancel
9. Click Select All, than Attach.
10. Click Make It to preview – Click cancel
11. Click Save, Save as Blank Card
12. Click Text, Type message, change font size to fit, change Operation to pen,
13. Change Color and Type
14. Click Shapes, select star, size and place, change color to white
15. Select Text, Type message, position inside star, then move with arrow keys
16. Select all, attach
17. Save As: Get well star
18. Click Make It – verify
19. If ok, continue
20. Follow instructions

Upload Images

1. In browser, search from "Halloween Silhouettes free printable"
2. Find Printablee.com, visit site, download cutouts
3. In Design Space, click upload, upload image
4. Browse to Download folder, select image just downloaded
5. click Simple image type
6. Continue
7. Preview (explain problem), show transparent, zoom, crop
8. Apply and Continue, Select Cut Image, name, tag and upload
9. Select image, Add to new canvas
10. Demonstrate differences between Group, Attach,
11. Weld – creates new object (demonstrate undo arrow)
12. Arrange – bring to front, back,
13. Slice – creates separate layers where overlapped
14. Contour – turn object into solid silhouette; remove unwanted cuts
15. Flatten – turns complex object into printable image for "print and cut"

Adding Fonts

1. In browser, go to www.dafont.com
2. Select desired font (Tree Night)
3. Click Download
4. Open Download folder, unzip if needed
5. Open font.ttf
6. Click Install, then close windows
7. In Design Space, under view, perform a force reload
8. Double click Text, click on Font pulldown
9. Un-select Kerned, click System tab, search for downloaded font
10. Select text and continue as usual.

Library of Free Designs and Projects

<https://Jennifermaker.com/resource-library>

Password: craft