

## Cricut Overview

Available Equipment		Available Tools
Bainbridge	Cricut Maker 3 and Mug Press	Fine Point blade, Knife blade, Rotary blade, Foil Transfer tool, Scoring stylus, pens
Geauga West	Cricut Explore Air 2	Fine Point Blade, Scoring Stylus, pens

All Cricut machines are **free to use**. Patrons are expected to bring in all their own materials.

### Design Space Download Process

Patrons must create a free Cricut Design Access account to create and save their designs.

1. Go to <https://design.cricut.com/#/> in your preferred browser.
2. Download the software to your computer.
3. Create a new account by adding an email and password.
  - a. An Access subscription is available, but not necessary to use the library's Cricut machines.

### Cricut Process

Applicable for the Maker 3 and Explore Air 2

1. Turn on the machine.
  - a. Make sure the machine is plugged into the laptop provided.
2. Open Cricut Design Space on the laptop.
3. Create or upload your design.
  - a. Compatible file types: **JPG, GIF, PNG, BMP, SVG, or DXF**.
4. Click "Make It" to send the design to the machine.
  - a. Mirror the design for heat transfer vinyl.
  - b. Make multiple copies or edit the cutting process.
5. Click "Continue"
6. Choose the type of material (cardstock, vinyl, basswood, felt, infusible ink transfer, etc.)
7. Put in the proper blade or pen.
  - a. Refer to the Design Space software to see which tools to add and to which location.
  - b. You can edit which tool is used, such as using the Scoring stylus instead of rotary stylus.
8. Place the material on a mat then feed it into the machine.
  - a. Choose the type of mat depending on the material (Light Grip, Standard Grip, or Fabric Grip).
9. Press "Go." The machine will perform the job.
10. Remove the mat and weed the design.
11. Repeat steps 6-10 for each part of the project.
12. Assemble the project.
  - a. You may need adhesive depending on the project.

## Mug Press Process

1. You will need:
  - a. Sublimation compatible 12oz or 15oz mugs
  - b. Infusion ink transfer sheets
2. Create a design for the mug press.
  - a. Use the Project “Mug Design Setup”
3. Follow the Cricut Process above with the Maker 3 to cut the design.
4. Weed the design. Wrap it around the mug.
  - a. Use heat-safe tape to press down the edges if desired.
5. Turn on the mug press and wait until it gets to temperature.
6. When heated, gently slide the mug into the press with the handle sticking out.
7. Press the handle down and wait as the mug is pressed. This takes about 6 minutes.
8. Lift the handle and remove the mug. **Careful: it will be hot!**
9. Let the mug cool for 15 minutes.
10. Remove the transfer sheet and the mug is complete.

## Resources

- List of Materials: <https://help.cricut.com/hc/en-us/articles/360009504773-Which-materials-can-I-cut-with-my-Cricut-Explore-and-Cricut-Maker-machine->
- Cricut Help Center: <https://help.cricut.com/hc/en-us>
  - Find information on the Cricut Design Space App, using the Maker or Explore Air, and the mug press. Type a question for quick and specific results
- Cricut Tutorial Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/c/Cricut/videos>
  - Learn the basics of Cricut Design Space and find step-by-step instructions to a variety of craft projects.
- Mug Press Support: <https://help.cricut.com/hc/en-us/categories/360005108774-Cricut-Mug-Press>



Full Written Tutorial



Video Tutorial



Design Video Tutorial



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