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Hand-Drawn Cricut Mugs

Topic Area:

General Interest

Duration:

30 minutes

Difficulty Level:

Easy

Materials:

- Cricut Maker 3
- Fine-point blade
- Lightgrip mat
- Infusible Ink markers (1.0mm)
- White copy paper
- Cricut mug blanks
- Heat resistant tape
- Cricut Mug Press
- Butcher paper or copy paper

Creating the Mug Wrap:

1. Determine the size mug blank you would like to create the design on.
2. Open the [mug wrap template](#) and select “customize.”
3. Choose the transparent mug wrap for the size mug blank you will be using.
4. Hide or delete the mug wraps you will not need. If you are not adding text or drawing templates, you can skip the next section and go to the “Cutting Your Design” section.

Adding Infusible Ink Text or Drawings:

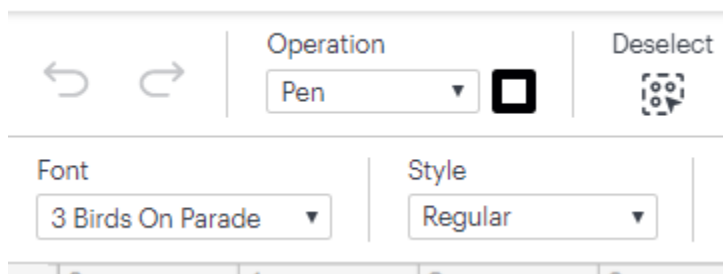
1. Add images, shapes, and/or text to the canvas by using the side panel in Cricut Design Space.
2. Adjust the size to fit within the pressable area of your mug wrap and drag the component to your desired placement.



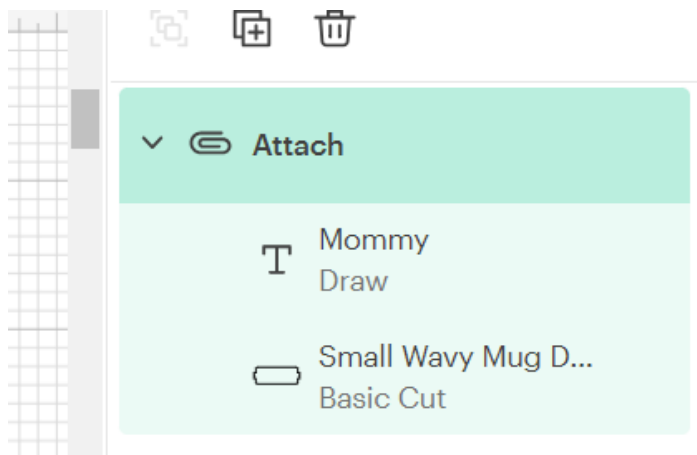
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- For each component added, be sure to change the operation type to “draw” rather than basic cut and ensure the pen is selected. At this time you can change the pen type and color to reflect the 1mm infusible ink marker. If different components are going to be created using specific colors, make sure that the color chosen is the name of the color on your marker to make it easier for you when it comes time to make the design. If color doesn’t matter, choose a text color other than black, such as red, so you can easily see and confirm placement when you are in the preparation screen.



- In order for the text or design to be drawn on the mug wrap, they need to be attached. Select the mug wrap and all the design components. Either right click on the selected items and select attach or click on the attach icon in the right layers side menu. Verify that everything is attached correctly by checking the right layers menu. You should see all the included items attached and the drawn design components denoted with “draw” and the mug wrap itself designated as a “basic cut.”








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Cutting & Drawing Your Design


1. Once the design has been finalized, select “Make” and confirm that the design will be created on the mat.
2. Select the number of project copies you will need.
3. Verify that your design will be created on one mat with the operations “pen” and “basic cut.”
4. Since this design will be pressed in the mug, you **MUST** mirror the design so it appears correctly on the final product. The mirror toggle should appear green and verify that the text and images have been reversed on the mat preview.



Project copies:  
[Apply](#)



Pen
Basic Cut

Material Load Type
 

Material Size
 

Mirror 


5. Gather your mat, paper, and markers.
6. Place the copy paper horizontally on the mat and use your hands to firmly adhere the paper.



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7. When materials are ready to go and all details have been confirmed, click “Continue.”
8. Select the material type. You will need to search for and choose “copy paper.”
9. Then, as instructed by the on-screen prompts, insert the marker into clamp a. Firmly push the marker into place until you hear a click.
10. Place the mat with the paper onto the machine, within the material guides, and press the flashing load/unload button. The machine will take up the material and measure the mat length.
11. When scanning is complete, press the flashing go button. The machine will first do all of the drawing operations and then the cut operations. If using multiple colors, you will be prompted when it is time to switch.
12. After the operations are completed, unload the mat by pressing the flashing load/unload button. Carefully peel off the mug wrap and discard the paper scraps.

Drawing and Pressing the Design:

1. Use the infusible ink markers to color in any images or to draw your own design. Avoid writing any words, unless mirroring by hand. Keep in mind that you will need to leave at least 0.5 inches of space between the edge of the design and the handle of the mug.



2. When you are finished, preheat your Cricut Mug Press. See the [heat guide](#) for additional details.
3. Take a lint roller or lint-free cloth and remove any debris from the mug.



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4. Place your mug wrap over the mug blank with the design facing the mug. Ensure that there are no gaps between the paper and the mug and that the design covers the mug. Secure the small overlapping paper flaps under the mug handle using the heat resistant tape. Use a small piece of tape above and below the mug handle to secure the paper in all places.
5. Secure a blank piece of butcher paper or copy paper around the mug design and tape into place. This step is critical for ensuring that your design doesn't transfer onto the interior of the mug press.



6. When the press is heated, carefully place the mug inside the heat press chamber, flat side down. Press the lever down to secure the mug, Double check to make sure the design is fully covered by the mug press.



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7. The progress bar at the top will indicate the mug transfer process. The machine will beep when the transfer process is complete, lift the lever and carefully remove the mug from the press. It will be extremely hot! Place the mug on a protected surface such as a coaster, pot-holder, mat, or towel to cool down. If pressing multiple mugs, use this time to prepare and press additional mugs.
8. When the mug is cool to the touch, remove the paper and tape to reveal the design!
9. Check the mug instructions for specific cleaning instructions, and enjoy or pass along to friends and family.

