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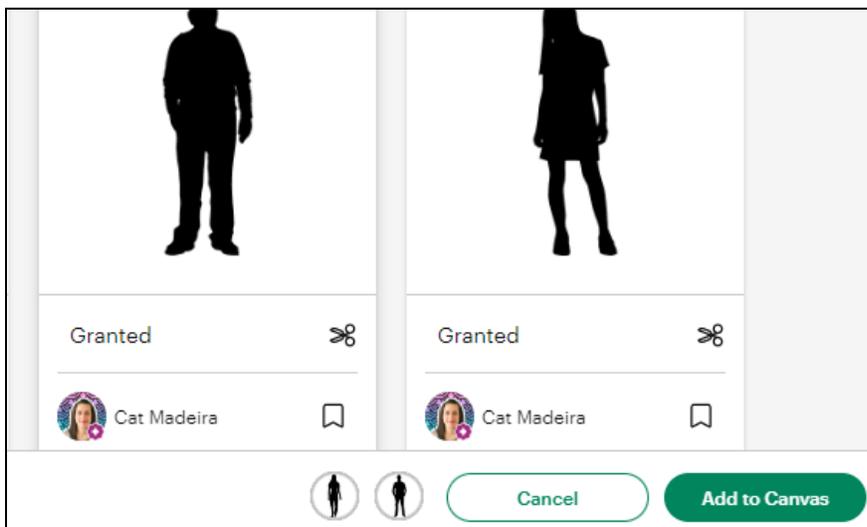
Getting Dressed Felt Activity

Materials:

- Device with Cricut Design Space Installed
- Cricut Maker 3
- Fine-point blade
- StrongGrip mat
- Brayer
- Cricut felt
- Velcro

Creating the People:

1. Start with a blank canvas in Cricut Design Space.
2. Under images, search “person silhouette,” or other similar terms. Identify the silhouettes you want to use and select multiple images by clicking on each one. You can see your image queue at the bottom of the page. When you have found the silhouettes you wish to use, click “Add to Canvas.” Be sure to select silhouettes that have a clear definition of all extremities, including the head, arms, hands, legs, and feet. This is important so that it is clear to others what all of the body parts are.

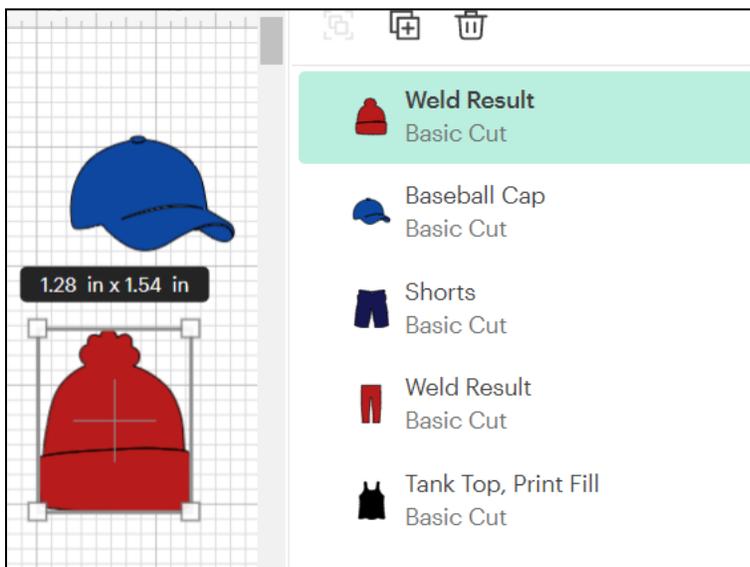




3. Move each silhouette to its own spot on the canvas. Select each image and resize it by dragging the corners of the image box inward (to make smaller) or outward (to make larger). Use the size markers along the top and bottom to guide you. You can also click on each image to see its dimensions displayed above it or on the menu bar.
4. Determine the colors you want each silhouette to be and change the material color to reflect it.

Designing Clothing Items:

1. Under images, search for a variety of different clothing types. Under operation type in the filters, make sure “cut only” is checked off. Select each image to add it to the canvas. Be sure to choose clothing that can be worn in different seasons. For example: shorts, pants, socks, long and short sleeve shirts, tank tops, jackets, hats, dresses, skirts, etc. Add all of your selections to the canvas.
2. If you choose a clothing item that is made of different material colors or small cuts, you will need to turn these items into one object.
3. Select the image and right click. Change the color of each component to be the same color. Then, select the image again and right click. Under combine, select “Weld.” This will bind all parts together so that they become one unified image rather than their individual components.





4. Change the color of each clothing item. Keep in mind that the more unique colors you choose, the more mats the project will be separated into when it comes time to cut.
5. To ensure that the clothing item will fit your silhouette, drag each item over the silhouettes and adjust the size of the clothing item until it fits onto the silhouette. Then drag the item back to its original location on the canvas. Repeat this process until you have correctly sized all items.

Cutting Your Design

1. Once the design has been finalized, select “Make”
2. Select the number of project copies you will need.
3. Verify on the side that all pieces are on the correct colored mats. If you notice you made an error, cancel the cut and go back to the canvas to change the color. It is common to accidentally select different shades of a color that look to be identical. When you go to change the color, you will notice at the top of the colors it shows the material colors being used. Simply select the correct color from there and you will see the incorrect material color eliminated. Then you can click “Make” again.
4. Move any design pieces on their mat at this time. Adding additional space between each shape can ensure a clean cut.
5. Gather your StrongGrip mats, felt, and brayer.
6. Place each material needed on a StrongGrip mat. If you do not have enough mats for all of the materials, you can remove the materials and reload the mats as you go.
7. Take the brayer and roll over the felt to firmly adhere it to the mat.





8. When materials are ready to go and all details have been confirmed, click “Continue.”
9. Select the material type. You will need to search for “felt” and select it. Ensure that you are selecting the correct material type as erroneously doing so can cause damage to your machine. Using Cricut branded felt will allow you to only need your fine-point blade. Other felts may require the use of the bonded fabric blade, deep-point blade, or knife blade.
10. Ensure that the correct blade has been loaded into clamp B and proceed according to the on screen prompts.
11. Place the mat with the felt material 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.
12. After the scanning process is complete, the go button will flash. Press the go button. The machine will first scan the material and detect the correct blade. Once the scanning and detection process is complete, the blade will begin making the cuts.
13. Once the machine has finished cutting all of the project pieces on one material sheet, you will be prompted to unload the mat by the flashing load/unload button.
14. Unload the material. The next mat that is ready to go will be shown on the screen and you will now load the new material. This process will repeat until all materials within the project have been cut.
15. On each mat, peel off the excess material and then carefully remove the silhouettes and clothing items.

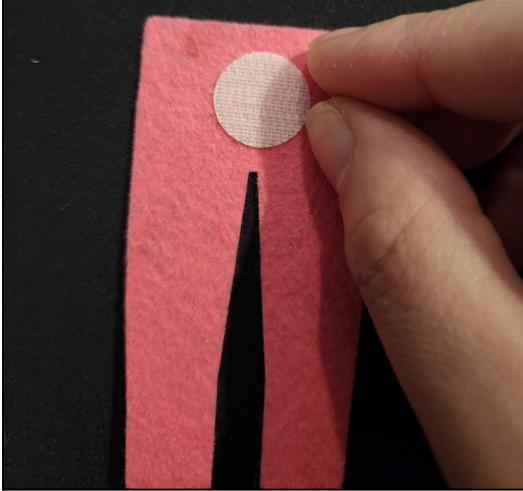
Preparing the Clothing Items:

1. Take each clothing item. Peel off the scratch velcro piece and attach it adhesive side down to one side of the clothing. For larger clothing items, you may need multiple pieces of velcro. Repeat this process for all clothing pieces. Depending on the velcro type and the felt material used, you may only need the scratchy side of the surface for the clothing items to adhere to. If the adhesion is weak, you can add the other side of the velcro onto the silhouettes.



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2. If the activity will be done on a large felt board, be sure to adhere several pieces of scratchy velcro to the back of the silhouettes as well!
3. Use the felt pieces to practice life skills like getting dressed, following directions, and even for storytelling.

