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Self-Paced Tutorial

Vinyl on Canvas

Topic Area:

Art

Duration:

30 minutes

Difficulty Level:

Easy

Materials:

- Cricut Maker, Explore Air 3, or Venture
- Device with Cricut Design Space installed
- 100% cotton canvas board
- Iron-on Smart Vinyl
- Heat resistant tape
- Material cutter
- Weeding tool
- Ruler
- Cricut Autopress

Designing the Vinyl Image:

1. Determine the dimensions of your canvas board by looking at any labels or using a ruler to measure.
2. Add any images and shapes to the canvas from the left side menu. Determine if adding silhouette style images or outlines to guide paintings.
3. Change the size of the images to fit within the size of the canvas and use the size guides along the top and left side to help you visualize the images placement within your space.
4. When you are finished, select the color of the images and change them to reflect the color of the vinyl you would like to be. If using the same color vinyl, select all of the items, right click and select attach to ensure that they get cut in the exact placement you designed them in.



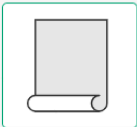
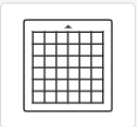


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Cutting Your Design:

1. Once the design has been finalized, select “Make” and confirm that the design will be cut without a mat (choose on the mat if not using smart materials).

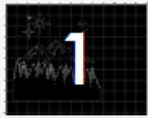
How will you load all of your materials for this project?

<p>Without Mat</p>  <p>For Cricut Smart materials only</p>	<p>On Mat</p>  <p>For any material</p>	<p>On Card Mat</p>  <p>For pre-folded cards</p>	<p>Multiple Ways</p>  <p>Manually select for each load</p>
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2. Use the preview to check that the design is placed correctly. Because you are using heat transfer vinyl, you will need to turn mirroring on. This cuts the design as a mirror image so the image will display correctly on the canvas.

10.25 in  Basic Cut

Material Load Type

Without Mat ▼

Material Size

13 x 10.25 in

Mirror ⓘ

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3. Select the number of project copies you will need. and click apply. When everything is ready, select “continue.”
4. Choose the material as Iron-On Smart Vinyl
5. Place the vinyl onto the machine shiny side down within the material guides. If the shiny side is facing up, the vinyl will not be cut. Press the flashing load/unload button. The machine will take up the material and measure the mat length.
6. After this process is complete, press the flashing 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.
7. Finally, press the flashing load/unload button to remove the material.
8. Repeat the process for each color material you have.

Weeding the Design:

1. If you have multiple colors, you can begin this process while you are cutting to make down time more productive.
2. Do a first major weed by lifting and pulling off the excess. Then, take the weeding tool and remove the more intricate pieces.
3. Use the material cutter to remove excess clear liner. It is okay that there is some excess material, but you don't want this to spill off the canvas too much, otherwise you will have difficulty taping the design down.

Attaching and Pressing the Design:

1. Preheat the Autopress. Use the Heat Guide to help you choose the most appropriate settings. Choose cotton canvas as the base material. Note: You may need to adjust the heat settings and times after the first pressing if the artwork does not fully adhere to the canvas.



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2. Take the canvas board and use a lint roller to remove any debris to allow for better adherence.
2. Determine where the design is going to be placed and carefully put the vinyl on top of the canvas. The shiny side should be facing up since this will be acting as a transfer material and protective backing.
3. Ensure that there is no material overhang when placing the design on the canvas and remove any excess.
4. Take heat transfer tape and use it to adhere the vinyl and clear liner to the canvas board. Make sure that the tape goes on top of the clear liner and NOT underneath.
5. Place the canvas on the Autopress mat, design side up, and close the lid of the press.
6. When the heat press has finished and released the top, carefully remove the canvas and place on a heat resistant surface.
7. Once the design is cool to the touch, slowly remove the iron-on liner. If you notice any vinyl sticking, you may do another pressing or just go in with a mini press over the areas that are sticking. Too much pressing will cause the vinyl to take on the texture of the canvas.
8. Then, paint your canvas and see where your design takes you!

