ST. MARY'S COUNTY library

Cricut Classes

With or without a Makerspace

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What can you do with a Cricut cutting machine?

Infusible Ink Mugs

Paper

Iron-On Vinyl

Adhesive Vinyl

Felt

Equipment You'll Need

Basics

Start up cost = $275-$445

Nice to Haves

Item	Cost
Cricut Access Subscription	$100/year
Webcam w/extension	$60-$80
Cricut Heat Press & Mat	$100-$130
Mug Press (need 2 for classes)	$100-$130 each
Additional mats, extra and 12"x24"	$3-$10 each
Additional Cutting Tools & Accessories	$20-$50 each for tools

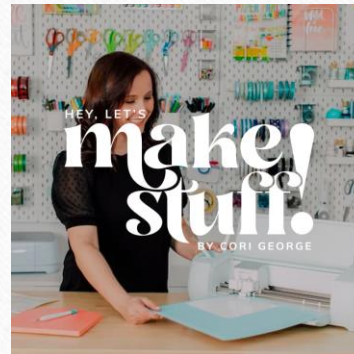Additional cost = $0-$700+

Developing Your Skills

Cricut Design Space
Tutorials

Find the one that speaks your crafting language!

Independent Craft Bloggers

Jennifer Maker

Hey
Let's Make Stuff!

The Country
Chic Cottage

How to get started: Planning

How long is a class?

- 2 hours class time
- 1 hour set up
- 1 hour break down

Room Set up With MS

What makes a good project?

- Create a sample project in advance, practice several times.
- Your goal is to have a project that's simple enough for beginners to complete successfully and learn basic skills to use the equipment on their own.
- Ending with a cute finished project is really just a bonus!

What to start with?

- Simple with one option
- Pick a material and project you're comfortable with

Room set up Without MS

Prepping and Running the Class

Prepping-

- **Pre-cut** necessary class materials.
  Choosing how much to pre-cut is a balance between allowing hands-on time and working within your class time limits. This varies a lot across different projects.

- **Think creatively** about sourcing materials

- **Leave more time** for the project than you think it will take.

Running a Class-

- Set up **student workspaces**

- **Explain project steps** at the beginning so people can work at their own pace and avoid bottlenecks at machines.

- Build in time for **questions**

- **Keep sight of your goal for the class.**
  It's ok to keep boundaries in place to allow time for all to complete the project.

When Things Go Wrong

The customer messes up their project
- Decide if you want to have extra materials available
- Preemptive disclaimer at start of class

Tech problems
- Be kind to yourself and try and roll with it
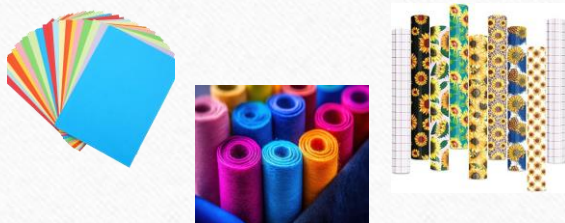- Use as teaching opportunity
- Do as much prep as possible

Popular classes – wait lists and extra sessions
- Emailing/calling to cut down on no-shows
- Multiple sessions on same day

Evolving Over Time

Vary materials and projects

Vary time/day

**Computer class
in Cricut Design Space**

**Offer Cricut Workshops or
Makerspace type open hours**

**Offer the program as outreach
outside your library**

In addition to classes…

Storytime Activities

Branding

Take & Makes

Prizes for Puzzlemania program

Art programs

Labeling Equipment

Questions?

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