



# Cricut Classes

With or without  
a Makerspace



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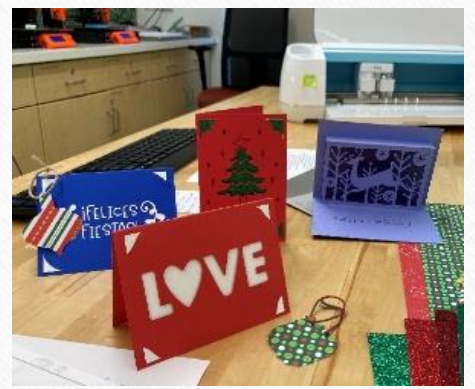
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# What can you do with a Cricut cutting machine?



Infusible Ink Mugs



Paper



Iron-On Vinyl



Felt

Adhesive Vinyl



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# Equipment You'll Need

## Basics

Item	Cost
Cricut machine w/fine point blade	\$230-\$400
Laptop or Desktop Computer	Already available
Cutting Mats – 4 colors ( <i>consumables</i> )	\$3-\$6 each
Accessories-scoring stylus, weeding tools, scrapers, brayer	\$30
Cricut Design Space software download/app and account	FREE

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, <small>extra and 12"x24"</small>	\$3-\$10 each
Additional Cutting Tools & Accessories	\$20-\$50 each for tools

Additional cost = \$0-\$700+

# Developing Your Skills

# Cricut™

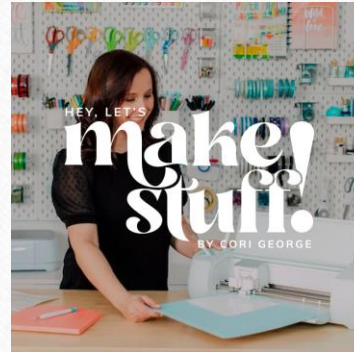
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# How to get started: Planning

How long is a class?



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

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 With MS



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

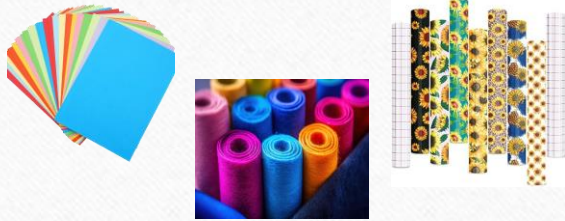
Popular classes – wait lists and extra sessions

- 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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