

# CRICUT: HOW TO USE HTV

## What the Creative Studio supplies:



Cricut Maker

Note: Not the Maker 3



Cricut Tools and Cutting Mats



Cricut EasyPress 12"x10"

## What you need:



Heat Transfer Vinyl (HTV)

Recommended brands: Siser, Cricut, Silhouette



A design in Cricut Design Space

Uploads file that are JPEG, PNG, SVG, DXF, EPS

## What is the Cricut Maker?

The Cricut Maker is an electronic cutting machine, or vinyl cutting machine. The machine uses a computer-controlled blade that cuts thin material, like paper and vinyl. To use the machine, the design must be saved in Cricut Design Space.

## What is HTV?

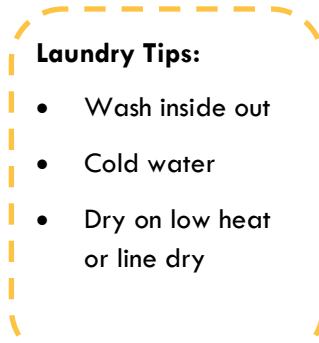
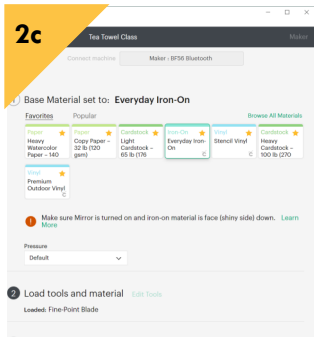
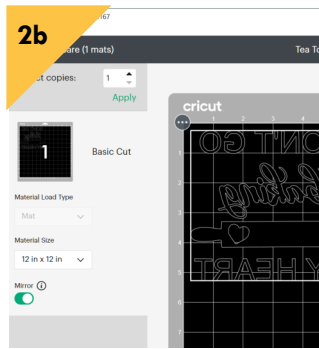
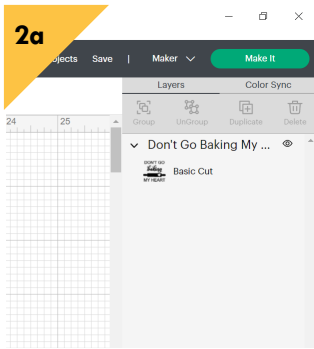
HTV stands for heat transfer vinyl and is sometimes called iron-on vinyl. It is a type of vinyl that is heated onto fabric using an iron or heat press. It is used to create custom bags, shirts, banners, and more. HTV is usually sold in single colors, so if you buy black HTV, your design will be black.

## Things to consider:

- All designs must be **mirrored**
- Maximum dimensions for material are 12" x 24"
- Maximum dimensions for design are 11.5" x 23.5"
- Cricut EasyPress heat surface is 12" x 10"
- **Always bring extra materials**
- Avoid synthetic fabric — the fabric needs to go under a heat press without melting



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**Laundry Tips:**

- Wash inside out
- Cold water
- Dry on low heat or line dry

**1. Find or Create a Design**

- a. Create a free Cricut account to use Cricut Design Space. *Note: Cricut accounts are required.*
- b. Options for designs:
  - Find a pre-made design from Cricut.
  - Visit [addisonlibrary.org/cricut](http://addisonlibrary.org/cricut) for resources to create your own design.
  - Upload JPEG/JPG, PNG, SVG, DXF files

**2. Cut your Design**

- a. Click the **Make It** button in upper right.
- b. In the **Prepare** screen, make sure the **Mirror** toggle is switched on and showing green.
- c. In the **Make** screen, select the material that matches the label of your HTV. Use **“Browse All Materials”** if needed.
- d. Put your HTV on the cut mat **shiny side down**.
- e. Line your cut mat with the brackets of the machine and press the blinking **Load/Unload** arrow button.
- f. Press the blinking **Cricut button** to start the cut.
- g. Press the Load/Unload button to remove cut mat.

**3. Weed and Heat Design to Fabric**

- a. Use the weeding pick to remove the extra vinyl. *Tip: Start in a corner.*
- b. Check [cricut.com/heatguide](http://cricut.com/heatguide) or the label of your HTV for heating instructions.
- c. Pre-heat the Cricut EasyPress.
- d. Press the **fabric only** with a Teflon sheet on top for about 10 seconds to remove wrinkles and moisture. *Note: Always use a Teflon sheet to protect your fabric and the library’s heat press.*
- e. Place your HTV design on the fabric shiny side up.
- f. Lay Teflon sheet over HTV to protect the heat press and your fabric.
- g. Place the EasyPress on top of Teflon sheet. Press the **Cricut button** to start timer. Gently apply pressure.
- h. Flip over and heat from the back side.
- i. Once cooled, remove the clear plastic.