

Mug with Infusible Ink

Supplies:

- Infusible Ink Transfer Sheet
- **Cricut Mug or Sublimation Mug**
- Cricut Mug Press
- Cricut Maker
- Green Cricut Mat
- Computer with Cricut Design Space

In this project you will learn how to:

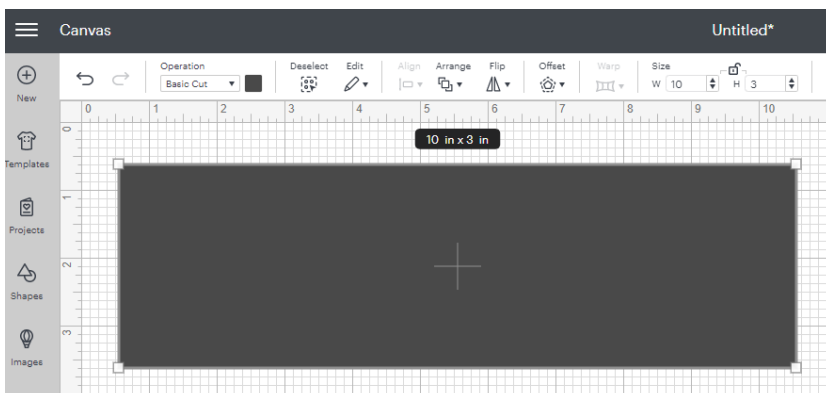
- Work with Infusible Ink Transfer Sheets
- Use the Cricut Mug Press



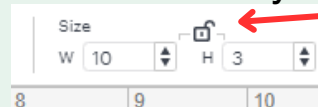
Step 1: Measure the height and circumference of your mug.



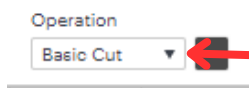
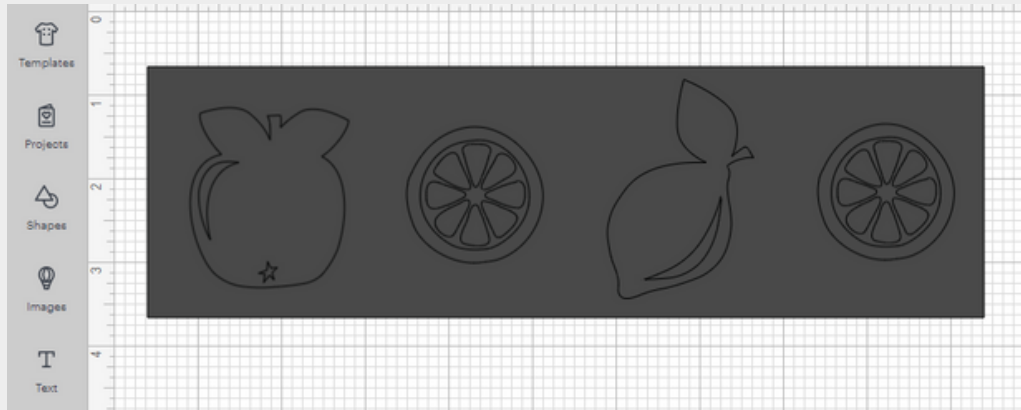
Step 2: In the Cricut Design Space, click on the shape tool and choose a square. Change the height to be the same height as your mug. Change the width to be the same as the circumference of your mug minus an inch and a half, to allow for the mug's handle. This will be our work area.



Note: The dimensions of your square will be on the top work bar. If you type in the dimension, make sure to hit the lock icon to unlock proportional resizing. Click on it to re-lock when you're done.

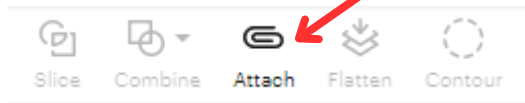


Step 3: Add designs of your choice using image, shape or text tools.

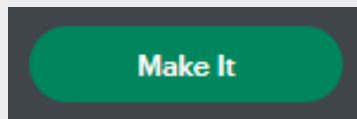


Note: Make sure your designs are set to basic cut in the operations tab on the top of the screen.

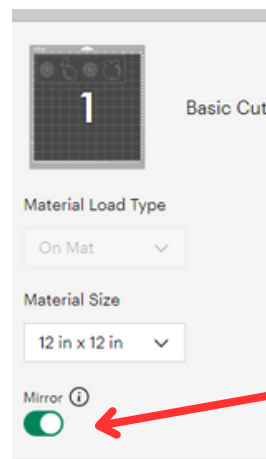
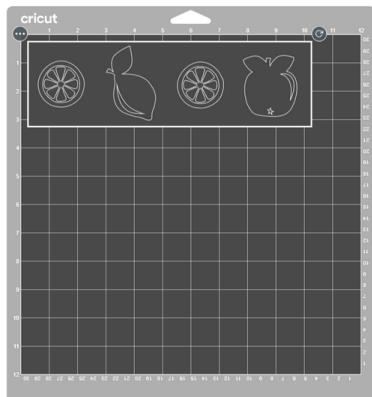
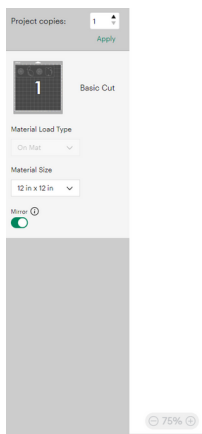
Step 4: Click and drag over your whole design and click "Attach" in the bottom right corner. This will keep all your design elements in place when you go to cut it.



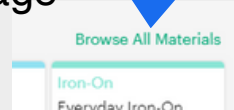
Step 5: Click "Make It" on the top right when you are happy with your design.



Step 6: You will then see the preview screen. This will show you where your design will cut out on the green Cricut mat. Click the "Mirror" button when working with infusible ink transfer sheets. Hit "Continue."



Step 7: Place your Infusible ink transfer sheet color side up on a green Cricut mat. Choose **'Infusible Ink Transfer Sheet'** for the material. You will need to click **'Browse All Materials'** to find it. Load the mat and start the cut. (See page 5 for instructions on loading the machine.)



Step 8: Weed the infusible ink transfer sheet.

Note: When weeding your design, try to touch the transfer sheet as little as possible. (See page 6 for a review of weeding.)



Step 9: Prepare your mug for the ink by using a lint roller to collect any debris.



Step 10: Wrap your design around the mug, color side facing in.



Step 11: Use heat safe tape to secure the design in place.



Step 12: Slide the mug into the Cricut Mug Press



Step 13: Push down the clamp on the right side of the press.



Step 14: Once all the dots on the machine are lit, the process is done. Unclamp the press and **CAREFULLY**, touching the handle only, remove the mug and set it on a heat safe surface.

There are heat safe gloves you can wear to better protect your hands.

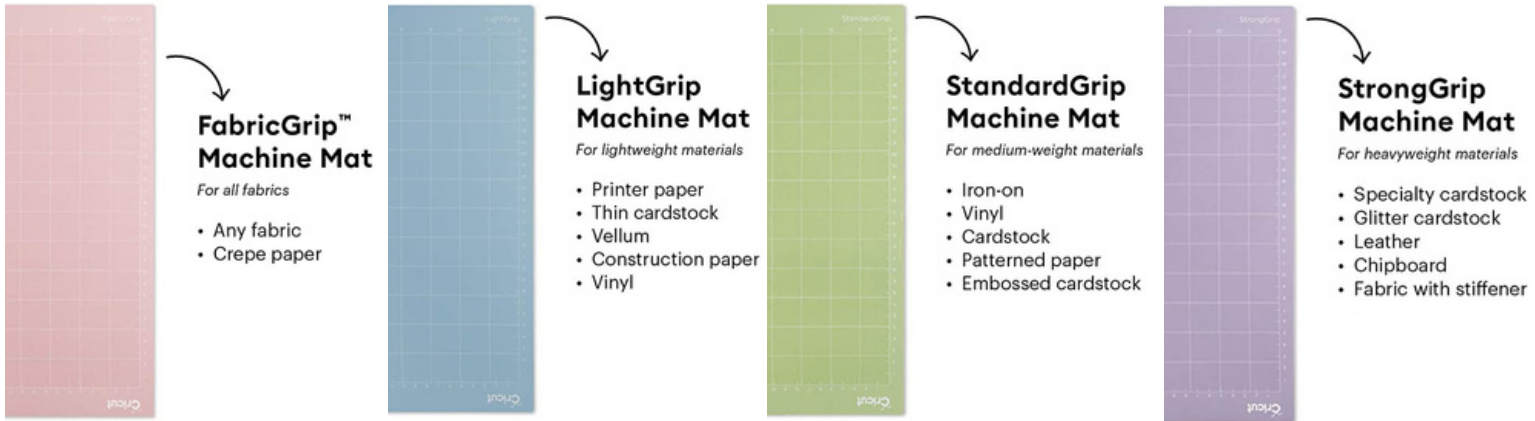


Step 15: Allow the mug to cool for 10 to 15 minutes. Remove the tape and transfer sheet to reveal your design!



Loading Material

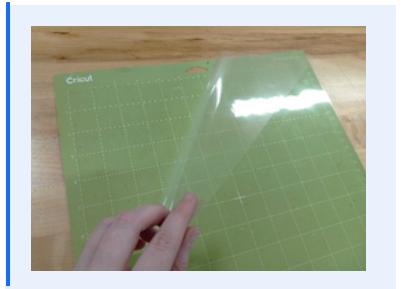
Types of Mats



Loading the Cricut

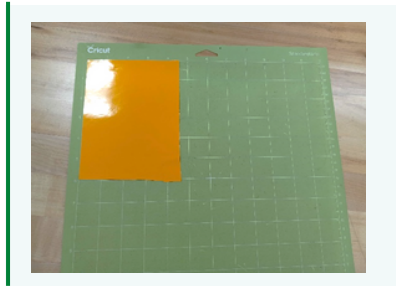
STEP 1: Plug the Cricut machine into an outlet and the USB into your computer. Open the top and front of the Cricut machine and turn it on.


STEP 2: Peel the clear protective film off the Cricut mat.

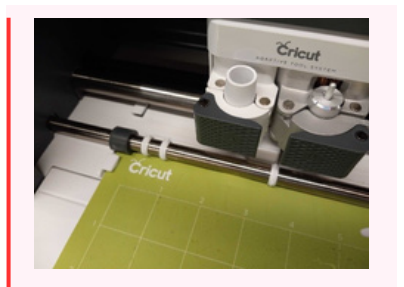


STEP 3: Place your material on the mat aligning it to the grid to the best of your ability.

- Color side up for regular vinyl
- Glossy side down for iron-on vinyl



STEP 4: Slide the Cricut mat under the guards by the black rollers and press “” on the Cricut machine, while still supporting the mat with one hand.



The machine is now loaded and ready for use!

Weeding

Once you've cut your image, you will need to weed the excess vinyl from around the design, leaving only your design on the white paper backing. Think of this like weeding a garden; you are **removing what you *don't* want** and **leaving what you *do***, which is your cut image.

You can use weeding tools with sharp points, or hooks, that help with this process. It is usually easiest to start in one corner of the vinyl and slowly pull the excess vinyl away from the image.



Note: A simple silhouette image and/or a chunky, thicker font will be easier to weed when you are starting out. An image or font with a lot of detail will make the weeding process more complicated.