

Instructions for Cricut Joy Xtra

What is a Cricut?

A Cricut is a smart cutting machine. Designs are created or uploaded into the Cricut DesignSpace software, material is loaded into the machine, and the machine will do all the fiddly cutting for you. This machine can cut, write, draw and foil; it is also equipped with print and cut technology to identify and cut out pre-printed designs.

What materials can this Cricut cut? *(See included list)*

- Vinyl
- Iron-On/Heat Transfer Vinyl
- Infusable Ink
- Paper & Cardstock
- Writeable Labels
- Printable sticker paper
- And more!

What types of projects can I do with the Cricut Joy Xtra?

The Cricut can help you with paper crafts and personalized T-shirts to professional-quality vinyl decals and custom greeting cards - so many possibilities!

What materials can it NOT cut?

- Kraft board
- Craft foam
- Leather
- Fabric
- Bonded Fabric
- Felt
- Wood veneer
- Softwood
- Chipboard

Maximum Cut Size: 8.5 inches x 4 feet.

Maximum Material Width: 9.5 inches

Set Up

The Cricut connects to your device (computer, tablet, or phone) via bluetooth; it must be no further than 15 feet from the device sending the design and have access to an outlet.

The cricut requires at least 10 inches of clearance both in front and in back for the material to be loaded and move through the machine for cutting. The front of the machine opens towards you to become the loading tray for your materials.

When you plug in the device, the light on top will pulse to indicate that it is attempting to pair via bluetooth to nearby devices. Go to the bluetooth menu on your device and allow the cricut to pair.

If you are logging into an existing account, you'll need to add our device (Joy Xtra-BFFE) to your account.

Our machine comes equipped with a fine point blade and a fine point pen. If you would like to use a different tool with our machine, the blade housing piece is exposed when the loading tray is down. You can switch out the blade, pen for other Cricut Joy pens and markers or the foiling tool. **Additional tools are not provided.**

Design

Login to the Cricut Design Space App with an existing account or create a new account for free. If it's your first time using this Cricut software, you will be prompted to download and install it on your device; the software can be downloaded from <https://www.design.cricut.com> or wherever you get your apps. If downloading the software, follow the prompts on your screen. These prompts will walk you through connecting the device to the account.

To start a new project, you can select from the project types list or a blank canvas. This opens the workspace grid. This workspace grid is not the shape and size of the material you are printing with or your cutting mat. Once elements are added to your workspace grid, you can size them using the on screen rulers as reference or select "Size" from the top toolbar and type in the desired size.

The LEFT toolbar has menus of elements (shapes, text, etc.) to add to your design. There are free elements and elements with the Cricut Access symbol, which must be purchased to be used. Designs can also be uploaded from your device and added to your workspace.

The TOP toolbar appears once elements are added to your workspace and has tools for manipulating object color, size, orientation, etc.

The RIGHT toolbar is for manipulating the layers of your design.

When you are happy with your design, select the function from the menu at the far lefthand side of the top toolbar (Basic cut, Draw, etc.) Select the green "Make" button on your workspace - top right - and follow the prompts.

If you are not using a Smart materials, it is recommended to use a cutting mat to avoid wrinkling and issues with cutting. For materials that are less than 9.5 inches in width, a mat must be used to keep the material in place while it's fed into the machine. Mats come in various grips (light, standard, strong) - please choose the correct mat for your material. Make sure your material is flat and adhered to the mat and aligned to the grid. **Mats and materials are not provided.**

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