Cricut | Explore™

Cricut Explore®: What's in the box?

Everything you need and more! Use the starter project materials to cut, write, and make your first projects – a thank you card, a vinyl sticker for your machine, and iron-on to customize your storage bag!

Cricut Explore®machine

Power cord

USB cord

Storage bag

Blade and housing
(pre-installed)

Pen and accessory adapter
(adaptor pre-installed)

Black and Jade
Cricut® Cardstock

12" x 12" StandardGrip
cutting mat

Silver Cricut®
Vinyl

White Cricut®
Iron-on

Duckt Tape® sheets
(colors may vary)

Content included in box may vary.

Cricut Explore®: Overview

USB port

Power port

Power button

Open button

Tool cup

Cricut® cartridge port

Smart Set™ dial

· Load/Unload mat
· Go
· Pause

Accessory clamp A

Blade clamp B

Rollers

Utility port

Mat guides

Storage compartments

Cutting mat

Cricut Explore Air: What's in the box?

Everything is included to set up your machine and create your first project.
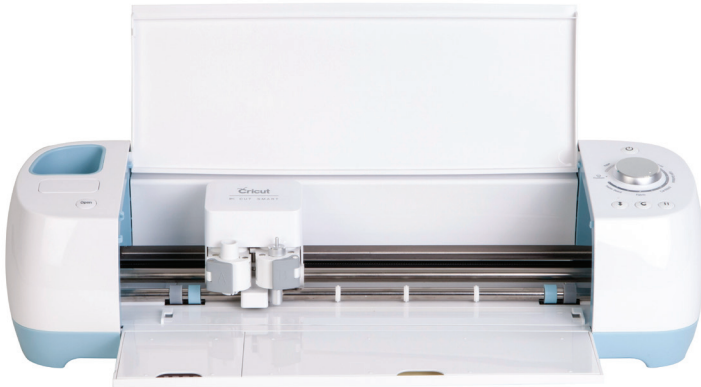
Cricut Explore®machine

Power cord

USB cord

Storage bag

Blade and housing
(pre-installed)

Pen and accessory adapter
(adaptor pre-installed)

Gray and blue
Cricut® Cardstock

12" x 12" StandardGrip
cutting mat

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Cricut Explore Air™ Overview

Cricut Explore Air™ features the wireless design-and-cut system, meaning this machine can be used with your computer or iPad to design and then those designs will be sent to the machine over a Bluetooth connection. You can also connect via USB to your computer of you like.

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Recommended minimum system requirements

Cricut Explore® has recommended minimum system requirements for use. Cricut Design Space™, the free online design software used with Cricut Explore® machines, utilizes the latest technology for optimal user experience. From time to time the recommended minimum system requirements for Cricut Explore® machines and/or Cricut Design Space ™ software may change to help improve software performance. As updates are made to the software, some minimum system requirement updates will be required.

Windows® OS
- OS: Windows® 7, Windows® 8
- CPU: Intel™ Pentium® 4 2.33 GHz or equivalent AMD® processor
- RAM: 4GB
- Browsers: Latest version of Internet Explorer®, Mozilla® Firefox®, Google Chrome®
- 50MB free disk space
- Available USB port

Mac® OS
- OS: Mac® OS X 10.9+
- CPU 1.83 GHz
- RAM: 4GB
- Browsers: Latest version of Safari®, Mozilla® Firefox®, Google Chrome®
- 50MB free disk space
- Available USB port

iPad®
- iOS 7.1.2. or later
- iPad® 2 or newer
- iPad mini™ or newer
- 100MB free memory storage capacity

Display
- Minimum 1024px x 768px screen resolution

Software
- Latest version of Adobe® Flash®

Internet
- Broadband connection via PC, Mac 9®, or iPad®

Tip: Follow this link for more information on updating your Mac® Operating System
https://www.apple.com/osx/how-to-upgrade/ .

Cricut Explore One: what's in the box

Everything is included to set up your machine and create your first project, this "Create" vinyl sticker.

Cricut Explore®machine

Power cord

USB cord

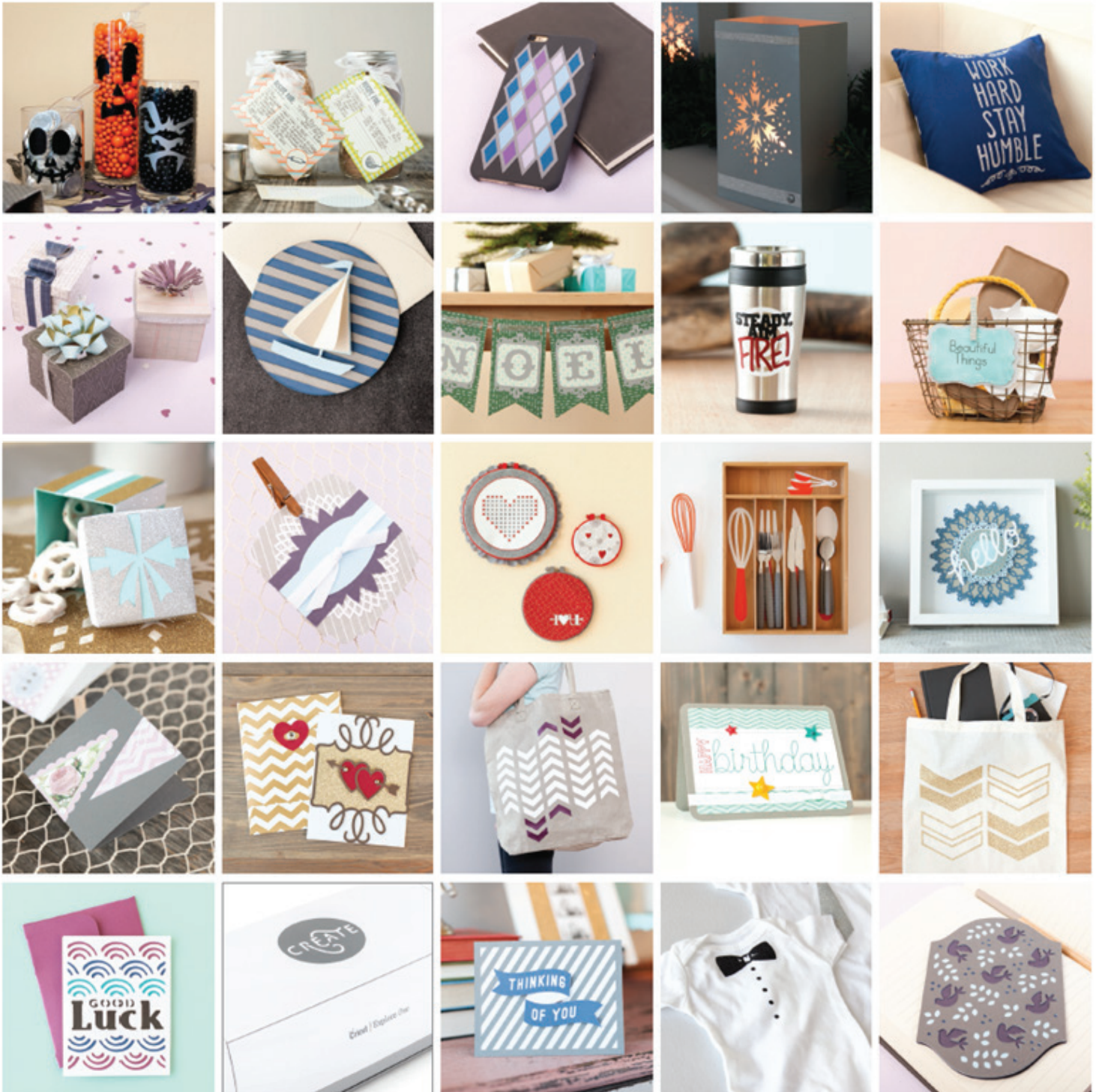

Blade and housing
(pre-installed)

Silver Cricut®
Vinyl

12" x 12" StandardGrip
cutting mat

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Cricut Explore One: what's in the box

25 free ready-to-make projects

Want to make something fast? Start with the 25+ free Make It Now™ projects included with purchase! Plus, there are plenty of other pre-designed projects for quick DIY creativity.

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50+ free images
Create your own projects using the images that come free with your machine!

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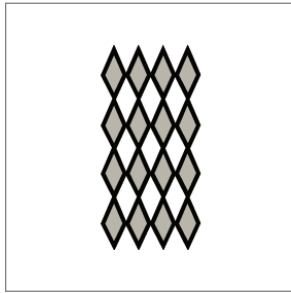
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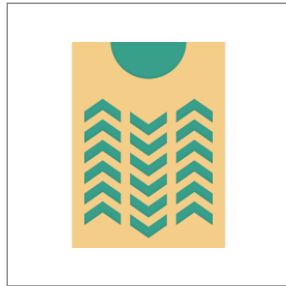
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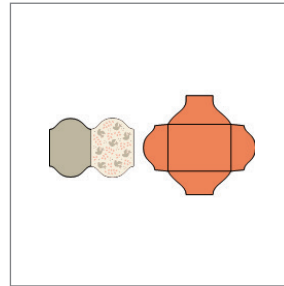
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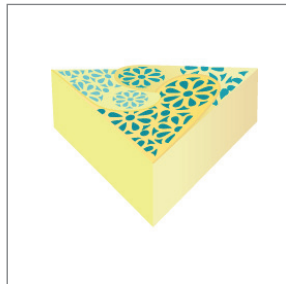
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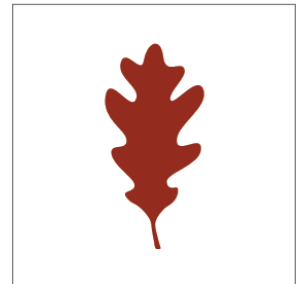
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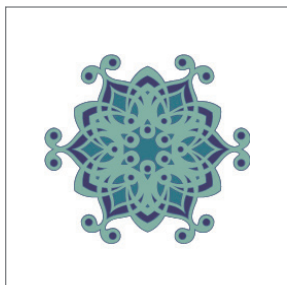
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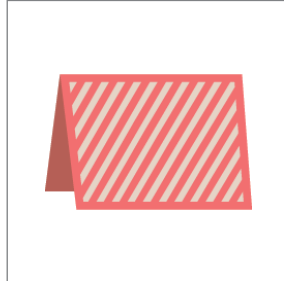
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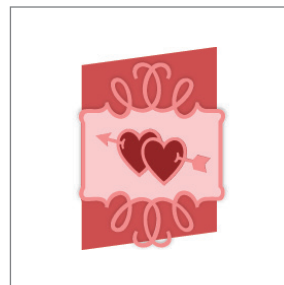
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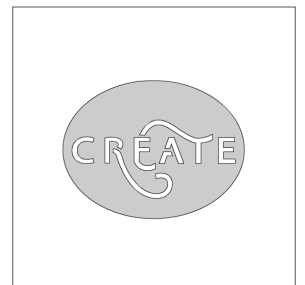
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Bowtie Bodysuit

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Thinking of you card

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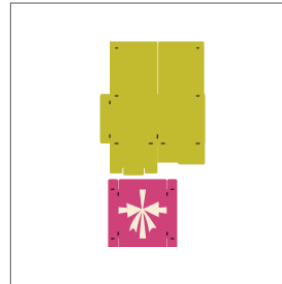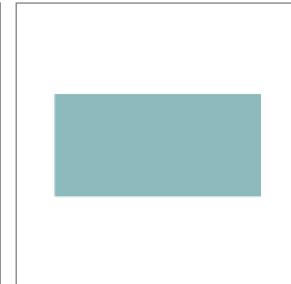
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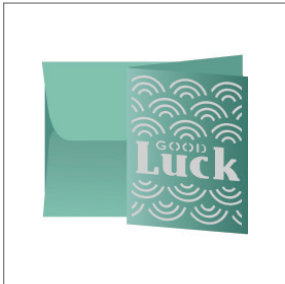
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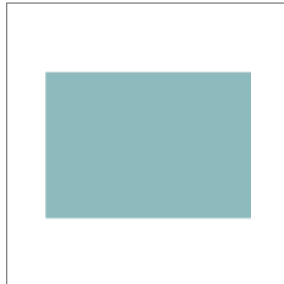
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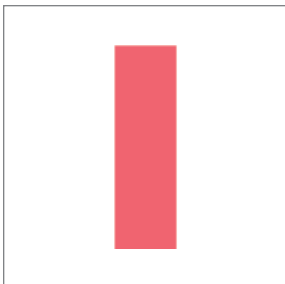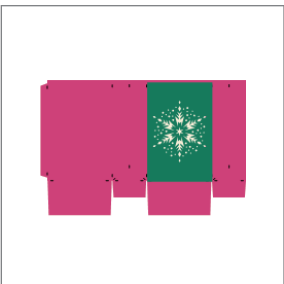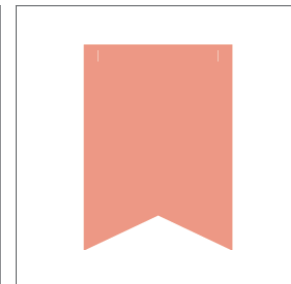### Snowflake Luminary

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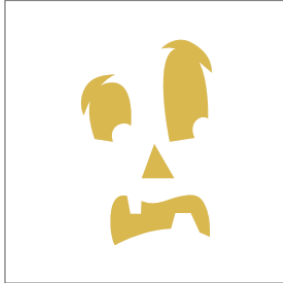# Cricut Explore One: what's in the box
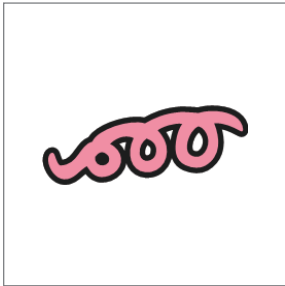
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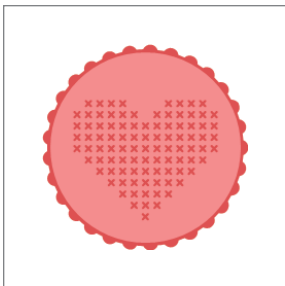

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Chalkboard Fonts
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Recipe Book

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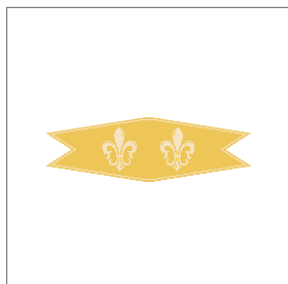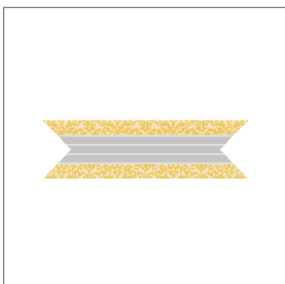#M271005

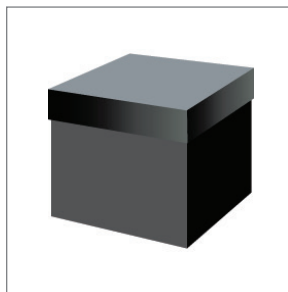# Cricut Explore One: what's in the box

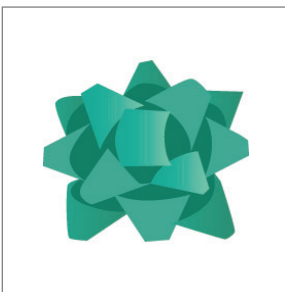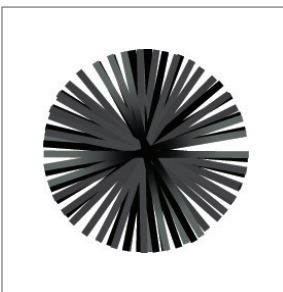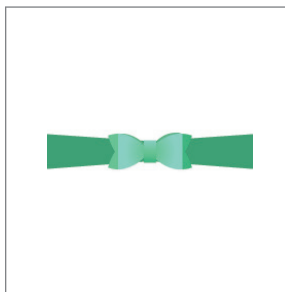## Pennant Cake Topper

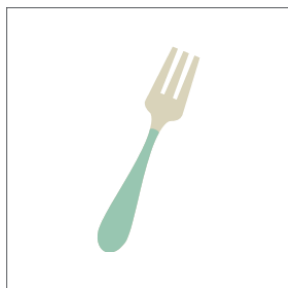#M277A77
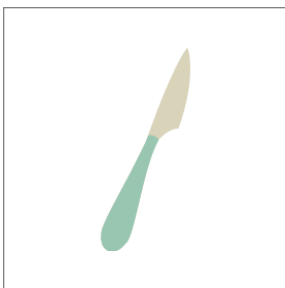
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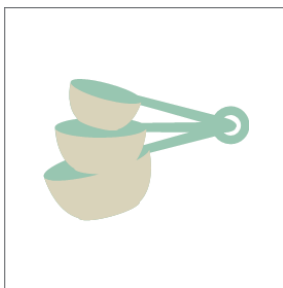
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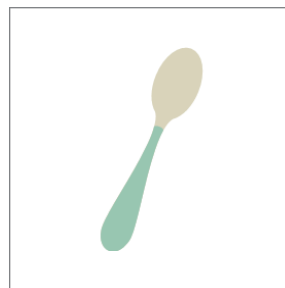
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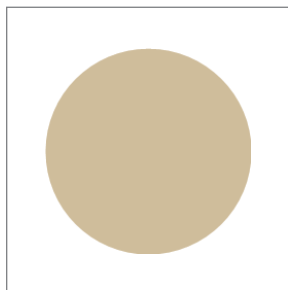
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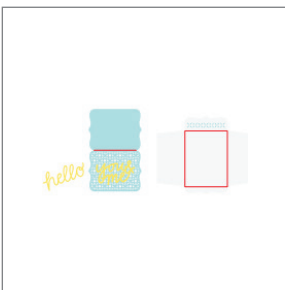
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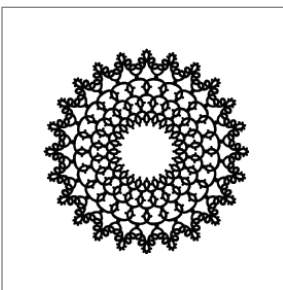
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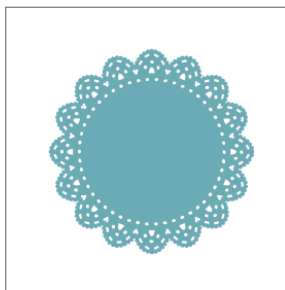
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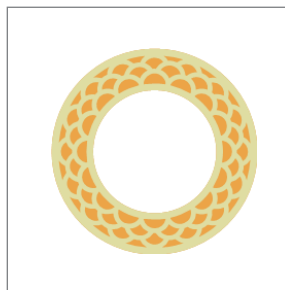
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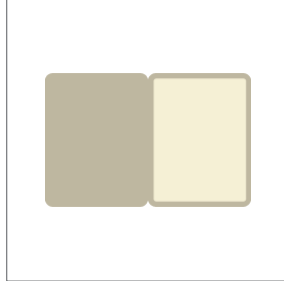
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**Everyday Fonts
-Announcement**

Cricut Explore One™ overview

Create DIY projects and crafts with Cricut Explore One™, an electronic cutting machine offering amazing precision at an irresistible price. It cuts a wide variety of materials from paper to iron-on to adhesive vinyl—even thick materials like leather and burlap!

Design on your computer or iPad® using free, cloud-based software. Say goodbye to complicated material settings—you'll get the perfect cut when you select the material with a turn of the Smart Set® dial, and Cut Smart® technology delivers the most precise cuts. Plus, you get 25+ free one-click projects and 50+ free images to get you started right away.

Cricut Explore One™ overview

Explore your creativity and delight your loved ones with handmade projects and gifts from the heart! Cricut Explore Air™ makes it easy, fast, and affordable to bring your DIY projects to life.

- Cricut Explore® quality at an affordable price
- Ultra-precise cuts
- Upload your own images and use your own fonts for free
- Cut materials from vinyl to leather
- Smart Set® dial for 1-step material settings
- 25+ free 1-click projects and 50+ free images
- Integrated storage compartments
- Free Cricut Design Space™ online software and iPad® app
- Works with Cricut® cartridges
- Cuts printable images

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Clean cuts, big or small

The Cricut Explore One™ features patent-pending Cut Smart™ technology. Cut all sorts of shapes with exceptional precision in sizes ranging from ¼″ to 11½″ wide x 23½″ tall.

No settings required

Forget the complicated materials settings. Now you can get the perfect cut on nearly any material—just turn the Smart Set® dial. You can even create custom settings for different materials.

Cricut Explore One™ overview

Which Cricut® machine is best for you?

	Explore One	Explore	Explore Air
Bluetooth® for wireless cutting	Seperate purchase required	Seperate purchase required	X
Cut and write in 1 step	2 steps; Seperate purchase required	X	X
Upload your own images for free	X	X	X
Cut a wids variety of materials	X	X	X
Smart Set dial for easy material settings	X	X	X
Design software for PC and Mac®, app for iPad®	X	X	X
Works with Cricut® cartridges	X	X	X

Plugging in the machine

Step 1. Plug the square end of the USB cable into the back of your Cricut® machine.

Step 2. Plug the rectangular end of the USB cable into your computer.

Plugging in the machine

Step 3. Plug the power cable into back of your machine and power outlet.

Step 4. Press the Power button on your machine.

Plugging in the machine

Step 5. Press the Open button to open your machine.

Loading & unloading the mat

Step 1. Remove the clear plastic cover from the mat and save for storage.

Step 2. Place the material on the mat in the top left corner inside grid.
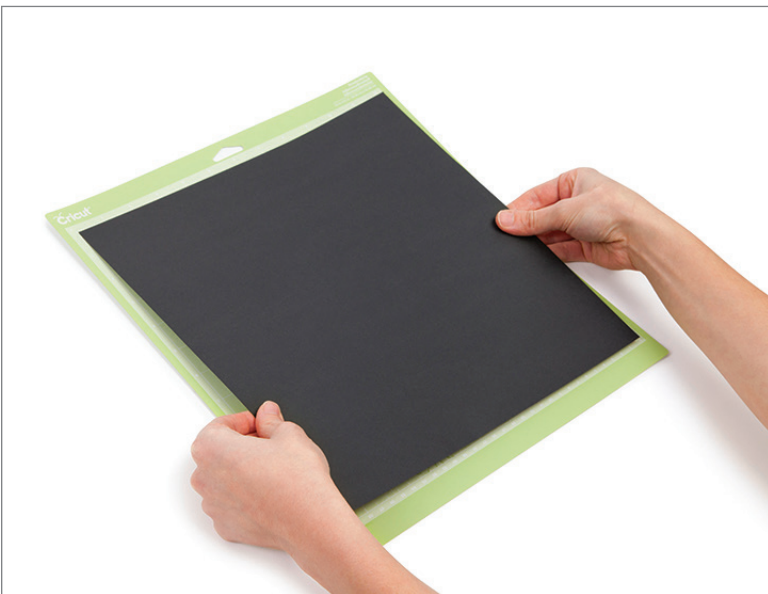
Loading & unloading the mat

Step 3. Position the mat underneath the mat guides on your Cricut® machine.

Step 4. Keeping mat pushed firmly against rollers, press the Load/Unload button.

Step 5. Ensure there is enough space for the mat to run all the way through the machine.

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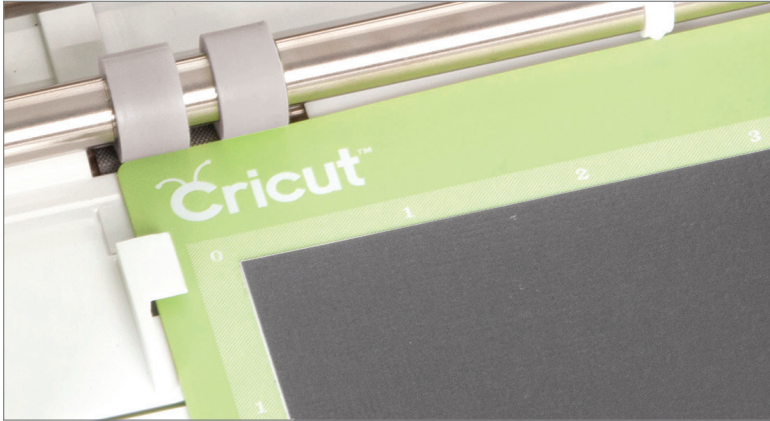# Loading & unloading the mat

Step 6. Once the machine has completed the project, Unload mat by pressing the Load/Unload button again.

Step 7. Remove large cuts or excess material by gently bending mat until one edge of the materials releases.

Loading & unloading the mat

Step 8. Holding the material on a flat surface, slowly pull the mat away until all material is released.

Step 9. Once excess material is released, remove small cuts one at a time, bending the mat to release edges. Gently peel cuts pieces off the mat, or use Cricut® tools to lifts pieces off.

Loading & unloading the mat

Mat care and storage

- Replace the clear mat cover after use to keep the mat surface clean.

- Never store a mat that still has material attached to it.

- Use the entire surface of the mat evenly by alternating which end you load into the machine first.

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Cricut Explore® and Cricut Explore Air™ Load/Unload pen
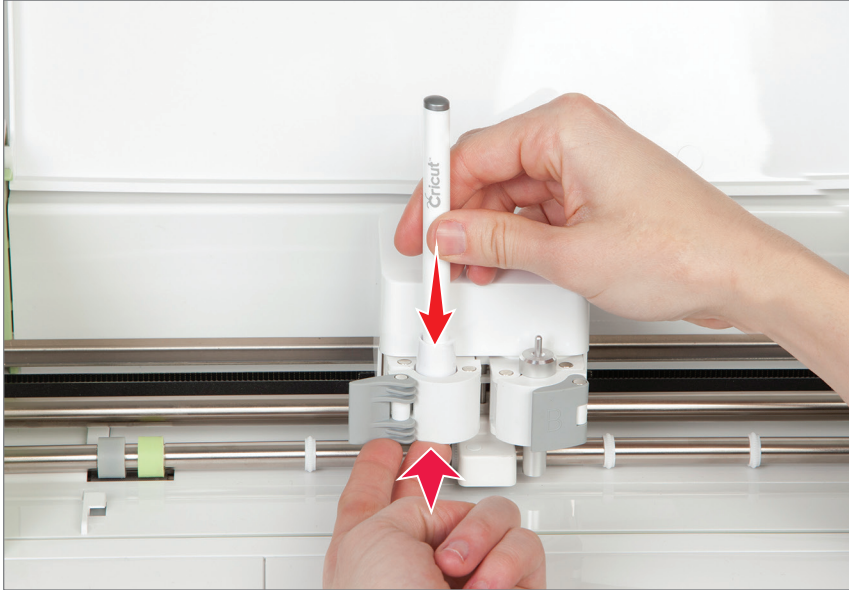
Step 1. Open accessory clamp A.

Step 2. Remove the cap from the pen.

Cricut Explore® and Cricut Explore Air™ Load/Unload pen

Step 3. Hold the accessory clamp up while pushing the pen down into the housing until the arrow on the pen disappears.
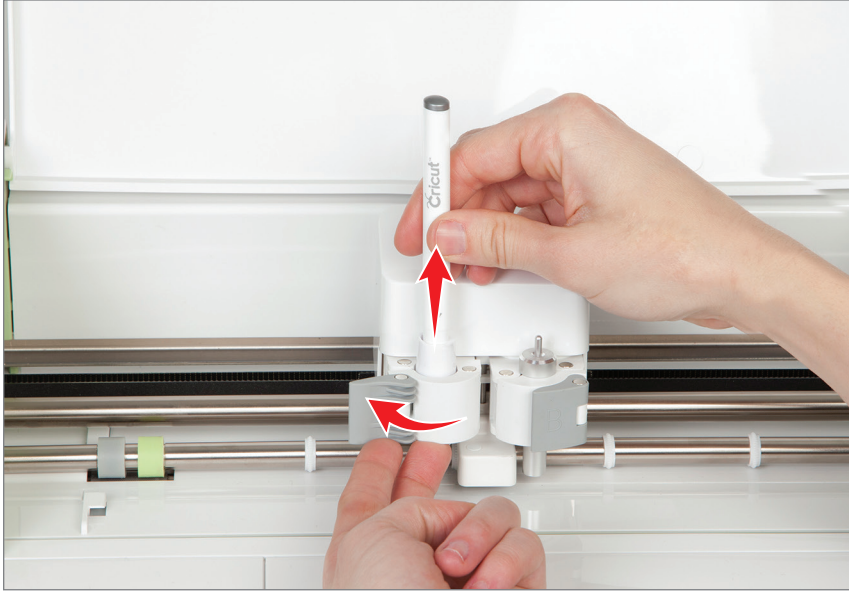

Tip: Holding accessory clamp A up prevents the pen from marking your machine or, if you have already loaded the mat, paperthe material on it.

Step 4. Close the clamp.

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Cricut Explore® and Cricut Explore Air™ Load/Unload pen

Step 5. Once the machine has finished writing, open accessory clamp A and pull the pen upward to remove.

Step 6. Recap the pen to prevent it from drying out.

Cricut Explore One™ Load/Unload pen

Step 1. Remove the cap from the pen.

Step 2. Insert the pen into the accessory adapter until the arrow on the pen disappears.
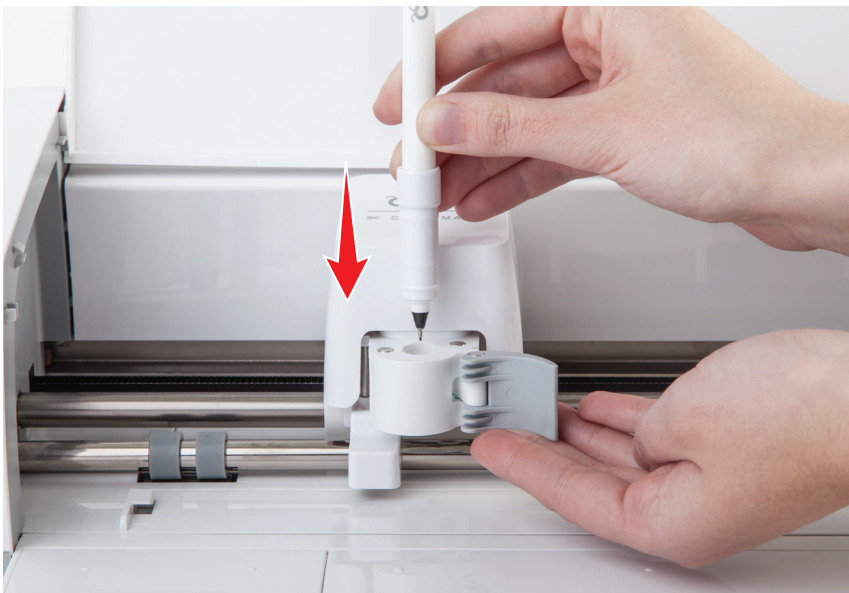
Cricut Explore One™ Load/Unload pen

Step 3. Open the clamp.

Step 4. Hold the clamp up while pushing pen and adapter down into housing until adapter snaps into place.

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Cricut Explore One™ Load/Unload pen

Step 5. Close the clamp

Step 6. Once the machine has finished writing, open the clamp and pull the pen upward to remove both the pen and the adapter.

Cricut Explore One™ Load/Unload pen

Step 7. Remove the pen from the adapter.

Tip: Store the accessory adapter in the storage compartments found in the door of the machine.

Step 8. Recap the pen to prevent it from drying out.
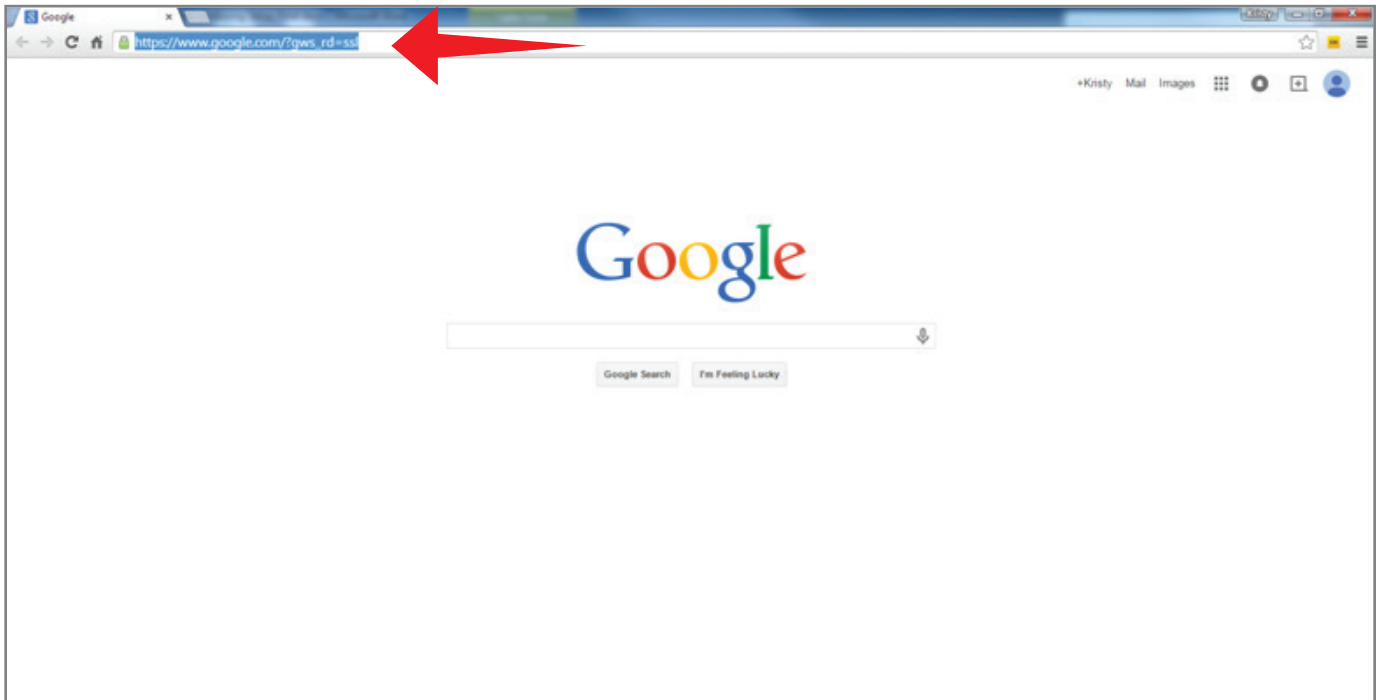
Google Chrome®

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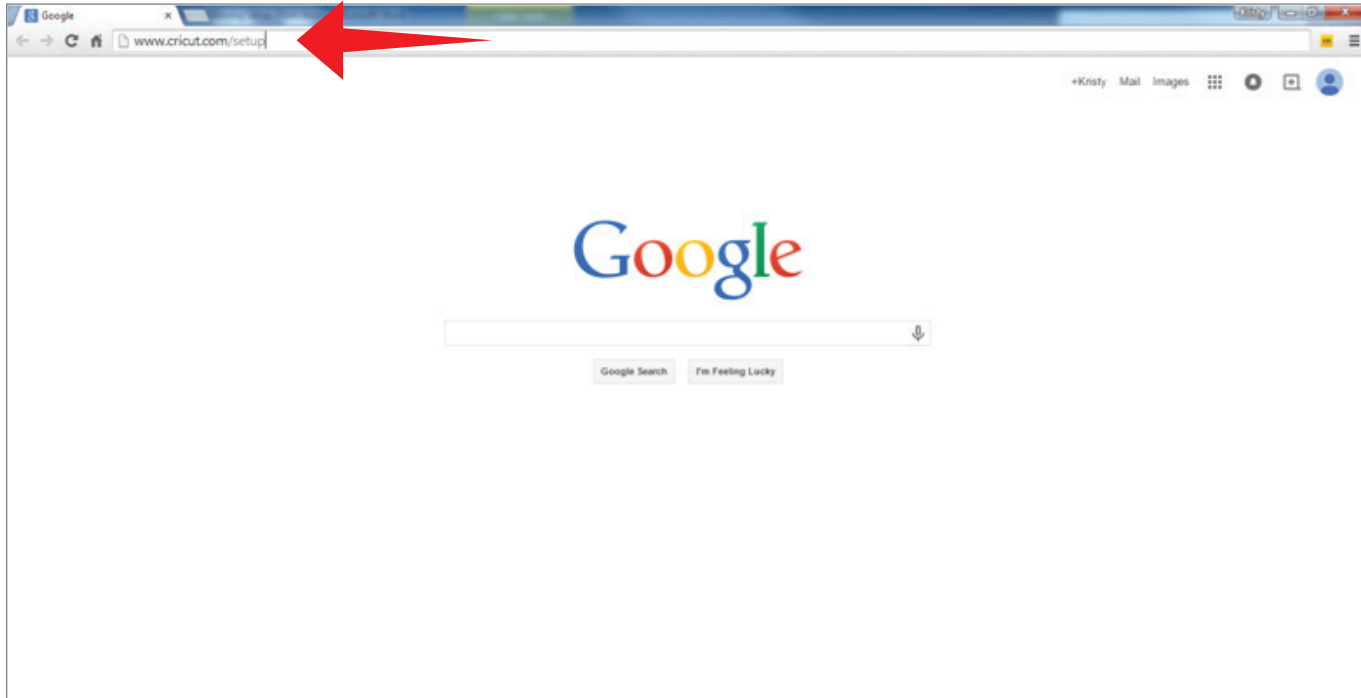**Step 1.** Find and double click on the Google Chrome® icon on your computer's desk top.

Tip: Your computer's desk top is the main screen you see when you turn your computer on.

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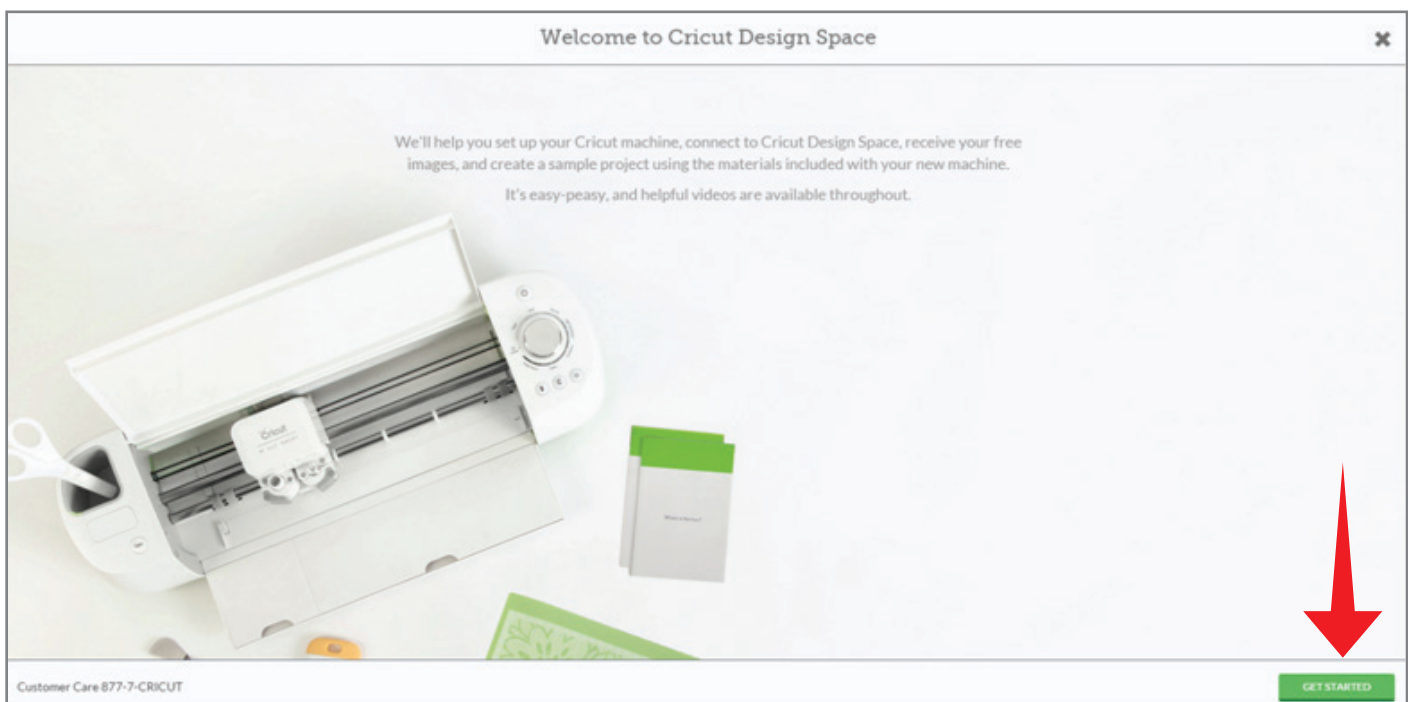
Google Chrome®

Step 3. Enter the web address **www.cricut.com/setup.**

Tip: Remember, spelling is important to get the correct web page.

Step 4. The first setup screen welcomes you to Cricut®. Click on the green Get Started button in the bottom right corner to begin the set up process.
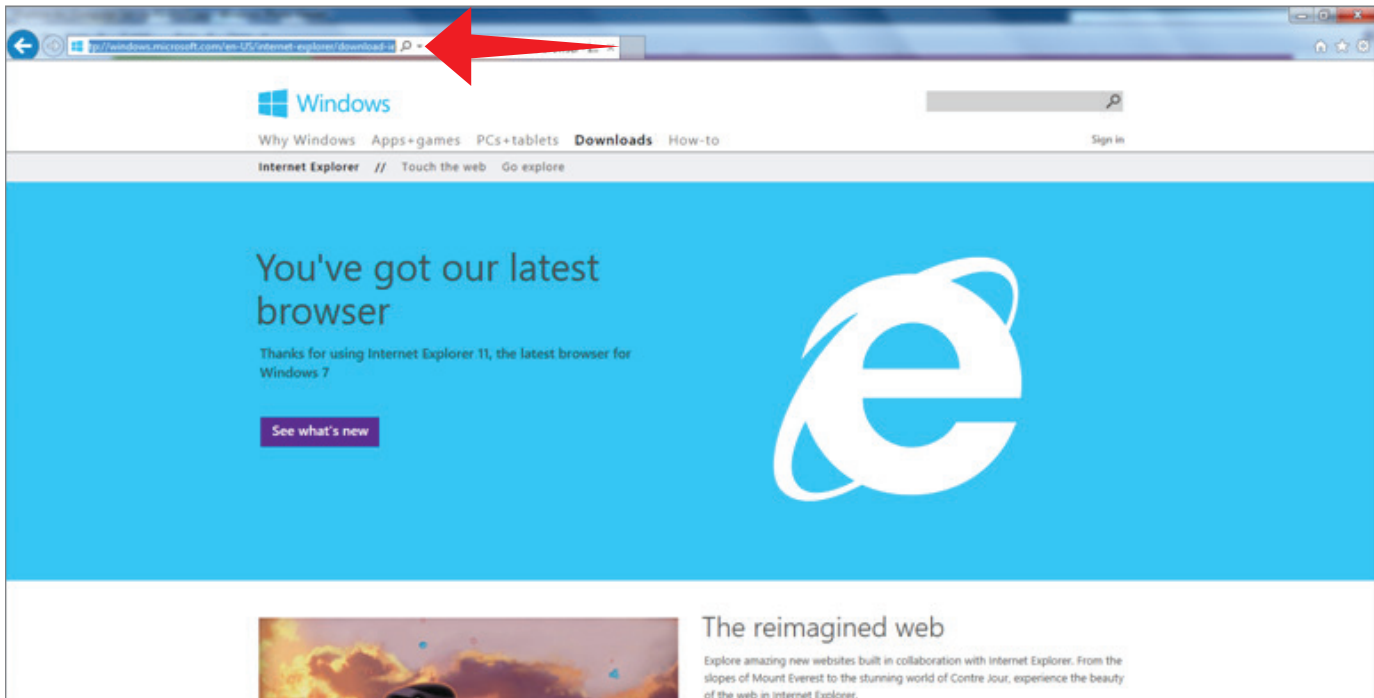
Internet Explorer®

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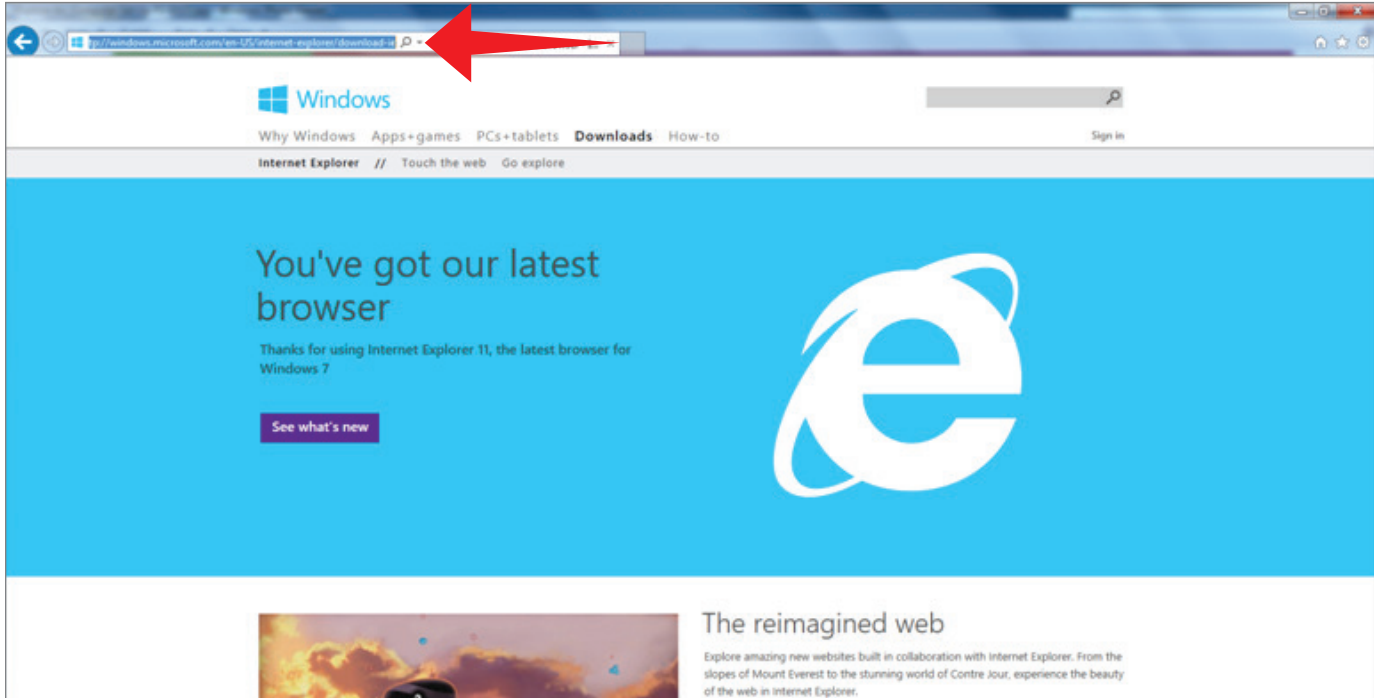

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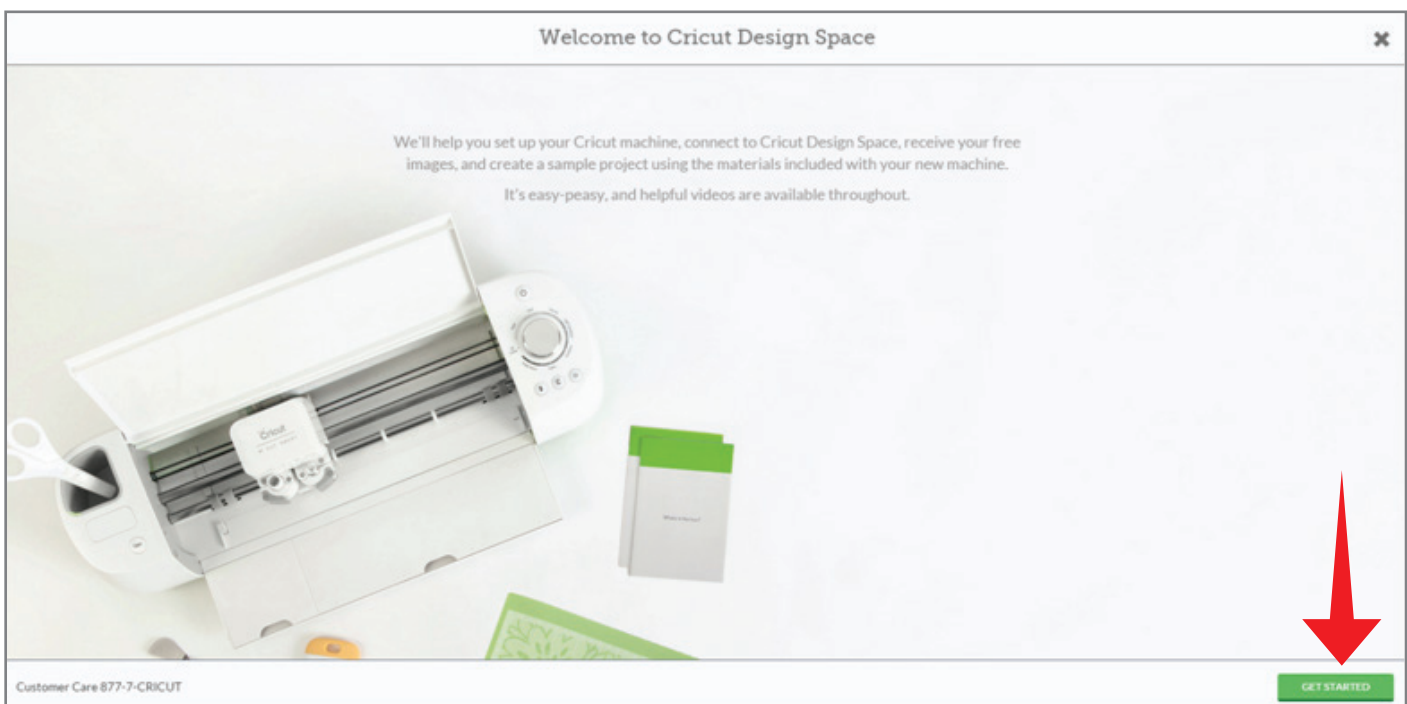**Step 2.** Click on the address bar at the top of the browser. The current URL or web address will be highlighted.

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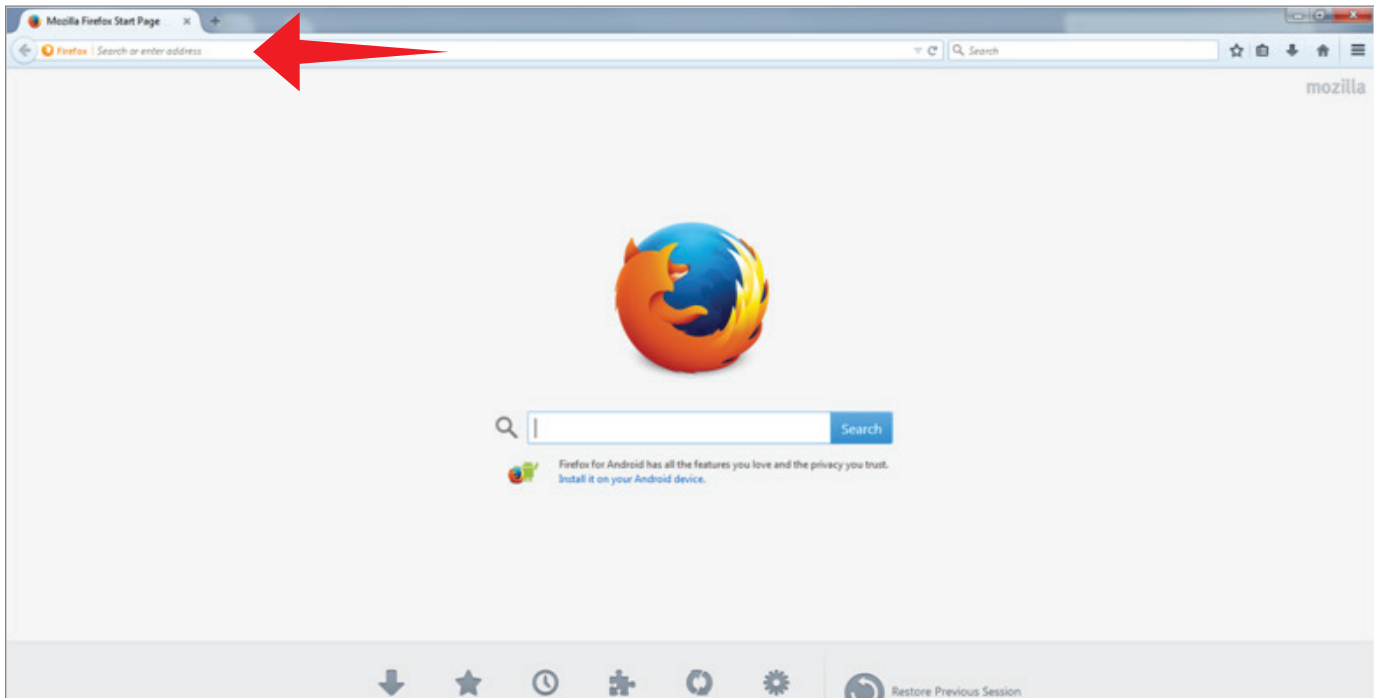
Mozilla® Firefox®

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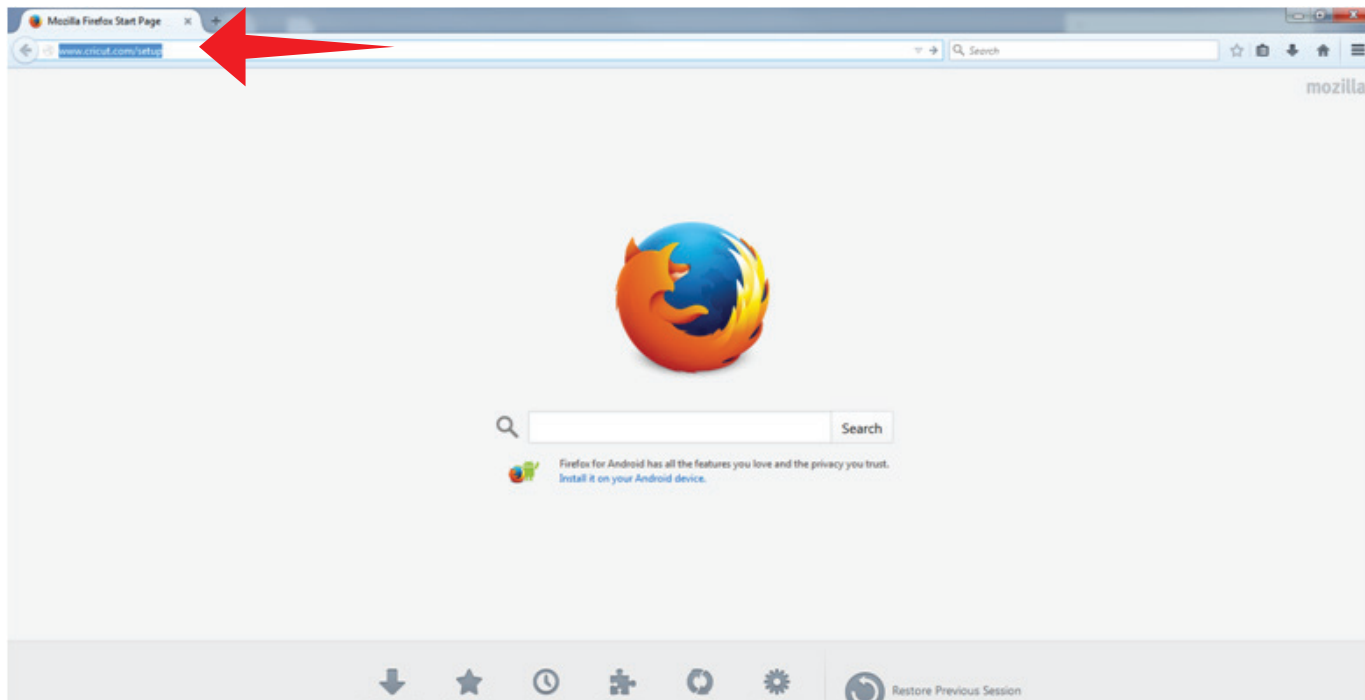**Step 1.** Find and double click on the Mozilla Firefox® icon on your computer's desk top.

Tip: Your computer's desk top is the main screen you see when you turn your computer on.

Step 2. Click on the address bar at the top of the browser, where it reads "Search or enter address."
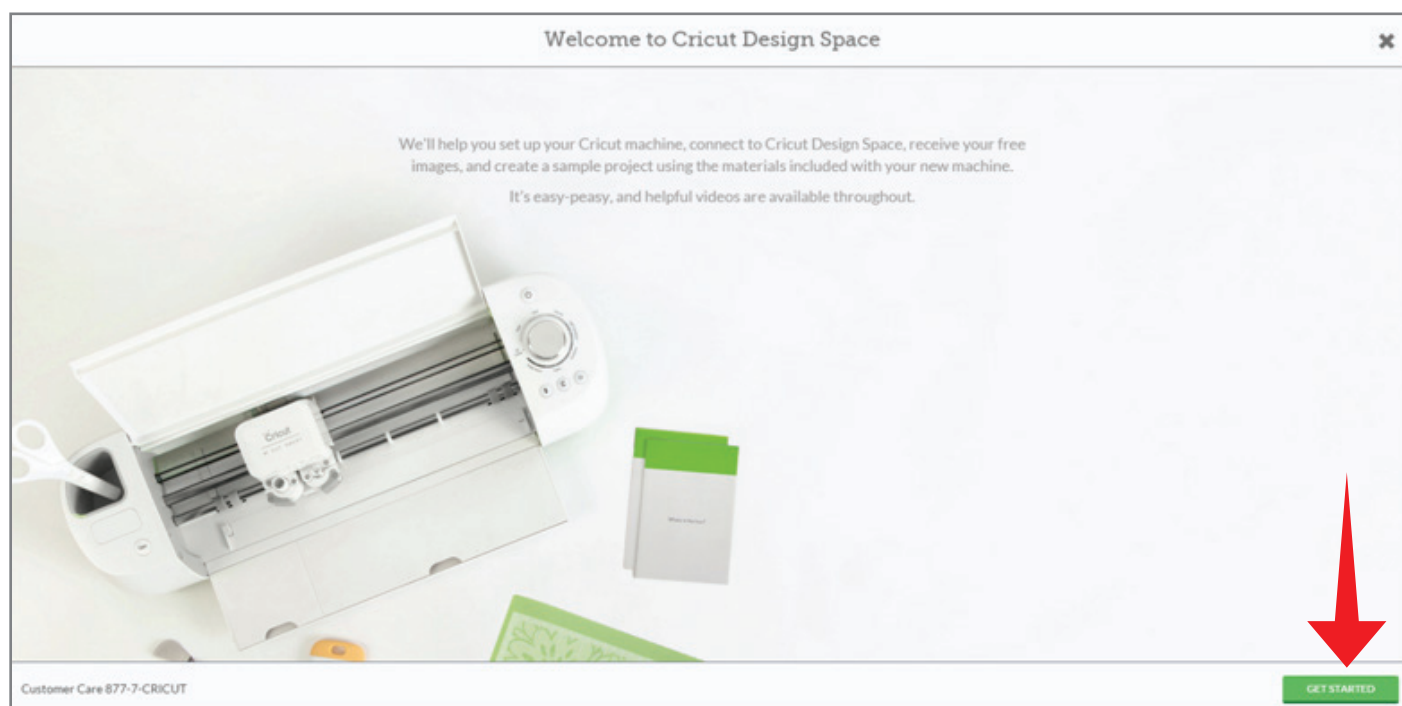
Mozilla® Firefox®

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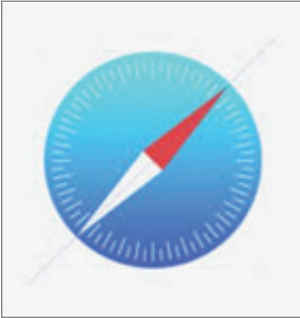*Tip: Remember, spelling is important to get the correct web page.*

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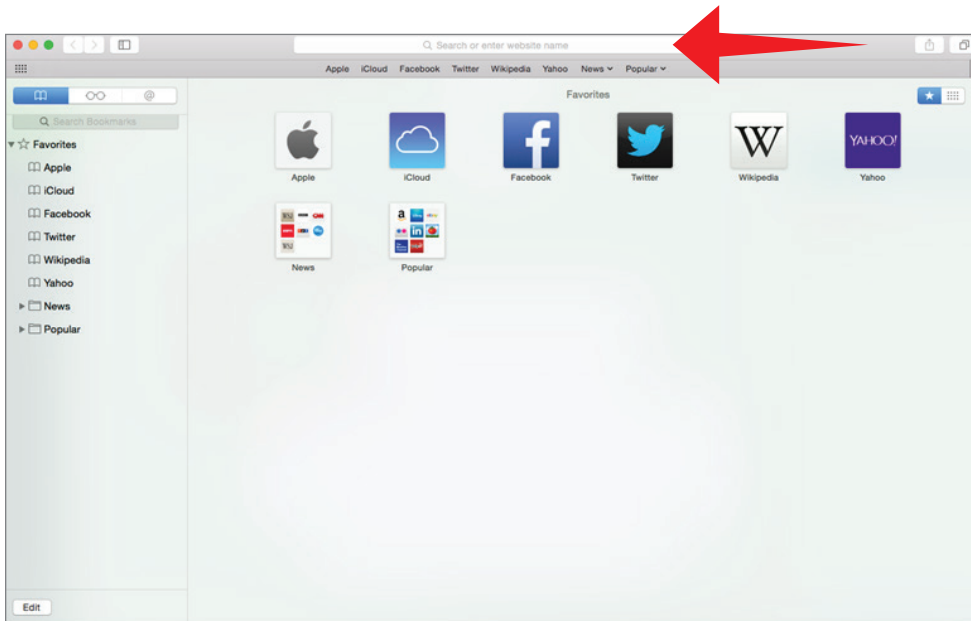
Safari®

Google Chrome®, Internet Explorer®, Mozilla® Firefox, and Safari® are the most common web browsers. Choose the one you're most comfortable with. In this guide, we'll show you how to access the setup website using Safari®.

Step 1. Find and double click the Safari icon on your dock at the bottom of your screen.
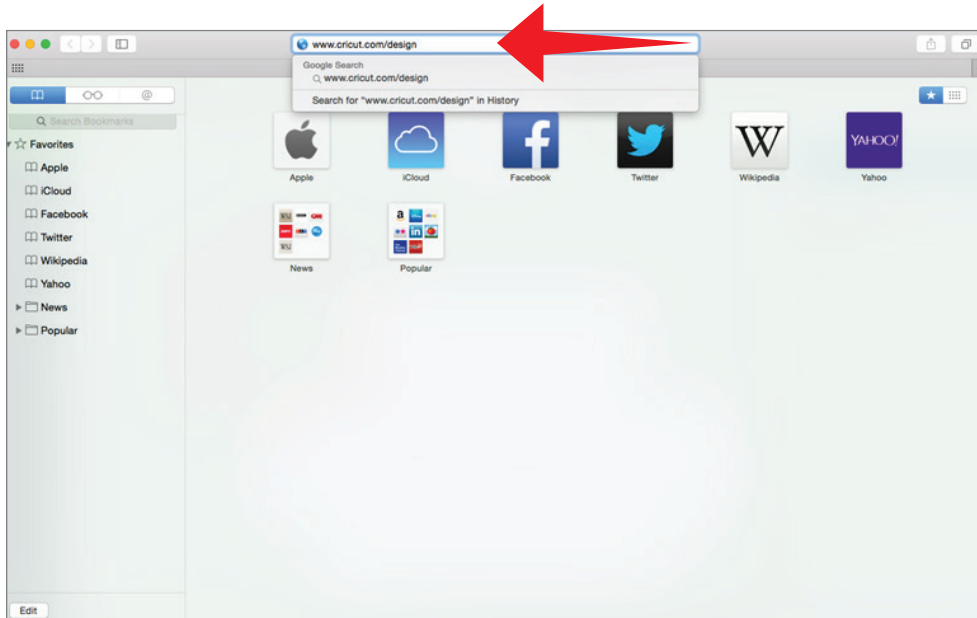

Step 2. Click on the address bar at the top of the browser, the current URL or web address will be highlighted.
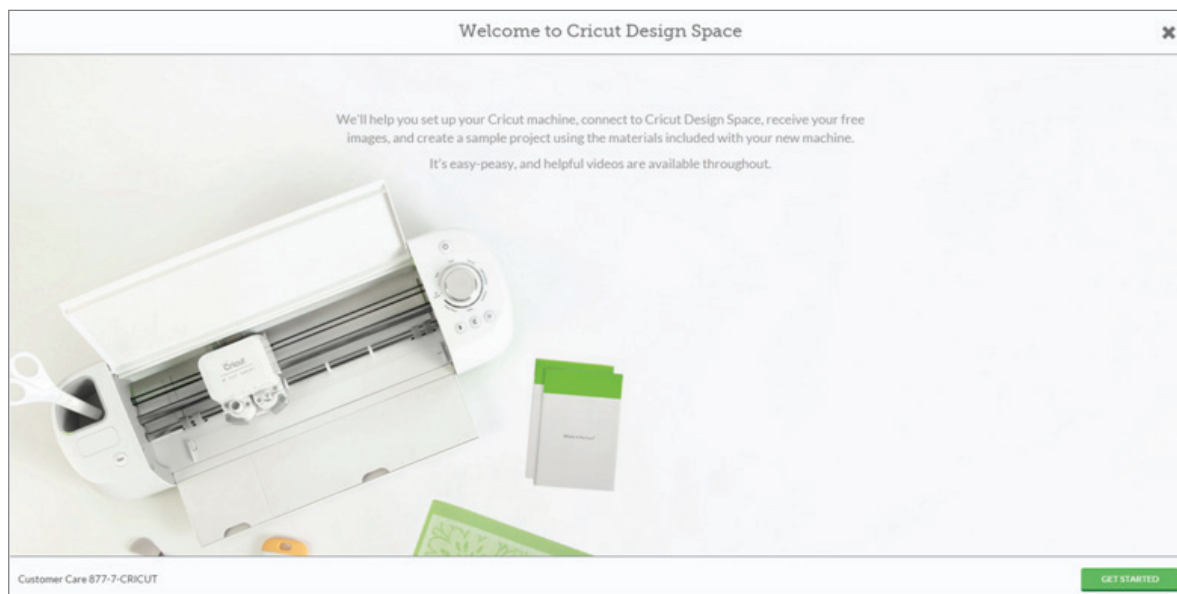
Safari®

Step 3. Enter the web address **www.cricut.com/setup.**

Tip: *Remember, spelling is important to get the correct web page.*

Step 4. The first setup screen welcomes you to Cricut, click on the green Get Started button in the bottom right corner to begin your set up process.

Adobe Flash

Adobe Flash Player is necessary to use with Cricut Design Space® to deliver rich interactive web content across browsers and platforms. Adobe® Flash® Player is propriety software from Adobe Systems Inc. Should you encounter difficulty while downloading Flash, please visit Adobe's Flash Player Help: http://helpx.adobe.com/flash-player.html. If you need further assistance, please call our Customer Care at 1-877-7-CRICUT.

Cricut® Plugin (PC)

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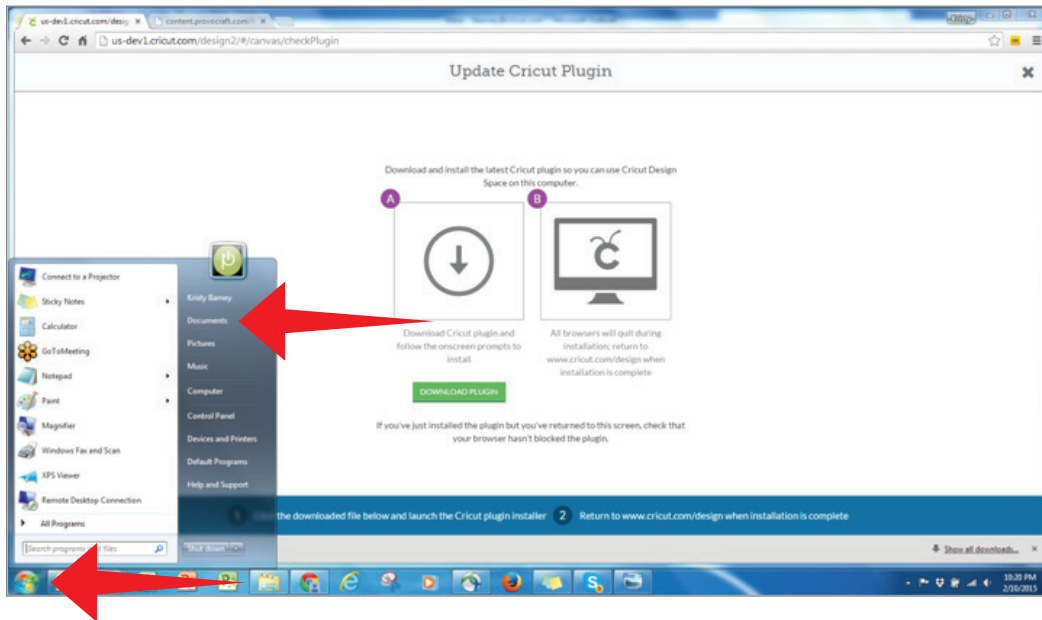
As new features become available, you may be prompted to update your plugin when you begin a new project. Therefore, the plugin pictured below may not reflect the most recent version of the Design Space plugin.
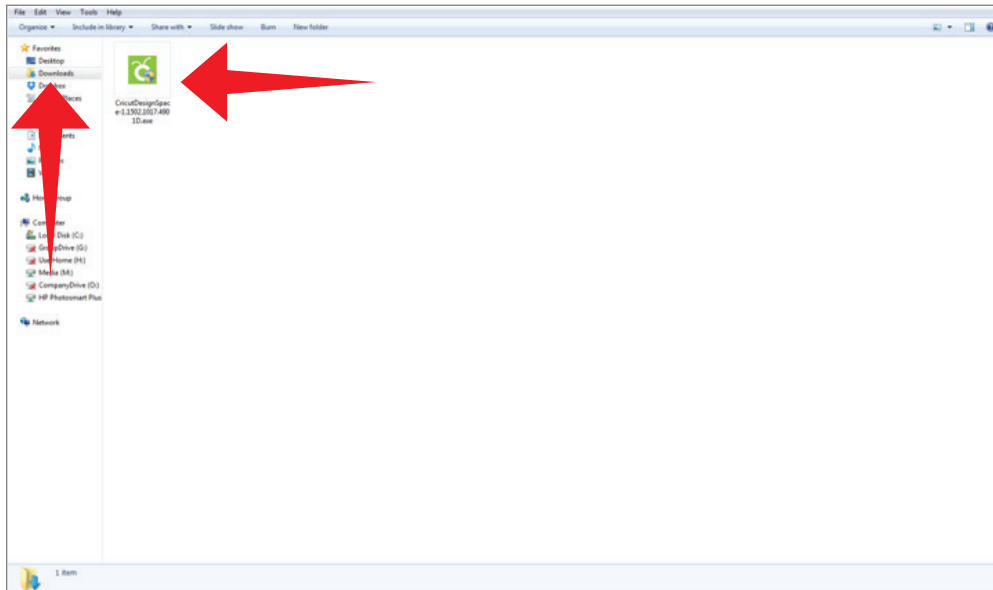
Step 1: Click "Download Plugin."
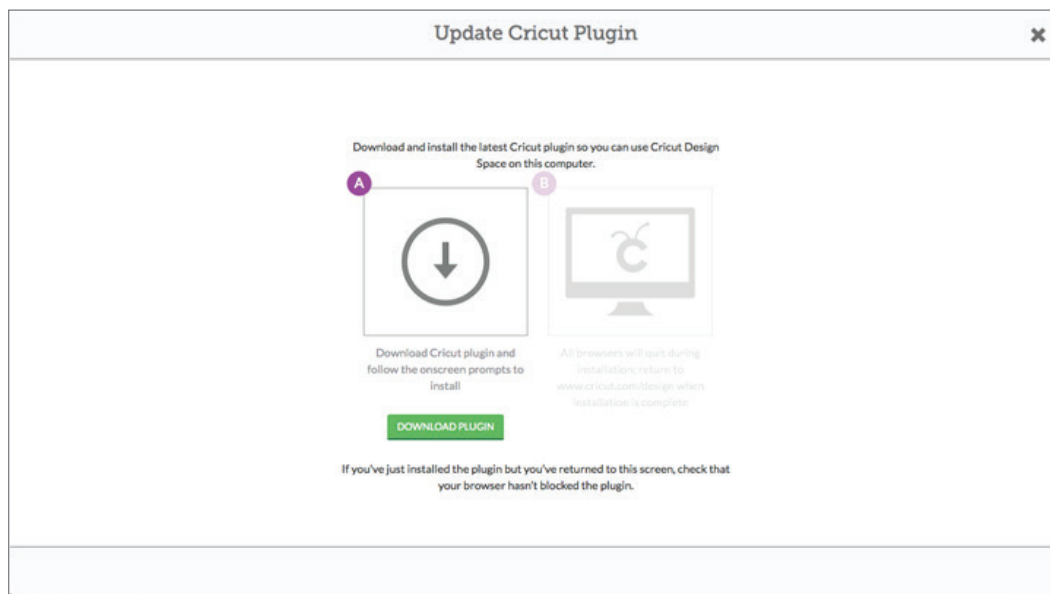
Cricut® Plugin (PC)

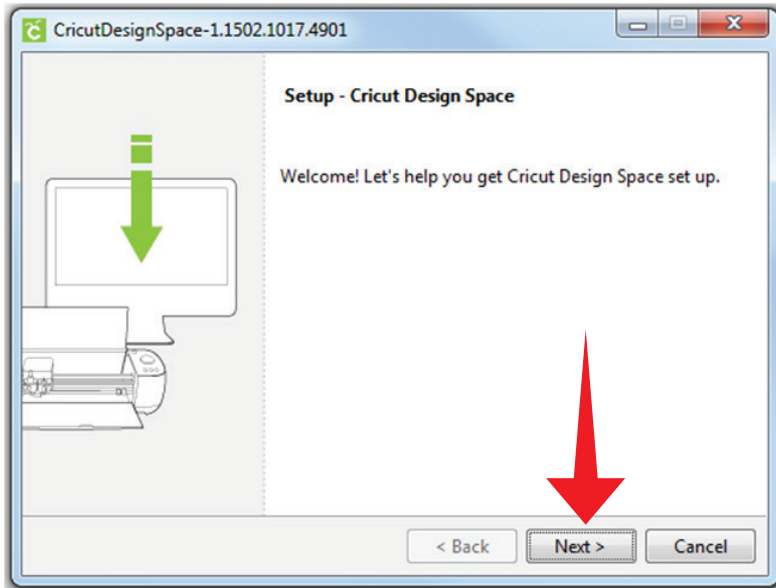**Step 2:** Open your computer's Start menu and open your Documents folder.

Step 3: Go to the "Downloads" folder and then double click the Cricut Design Space file.
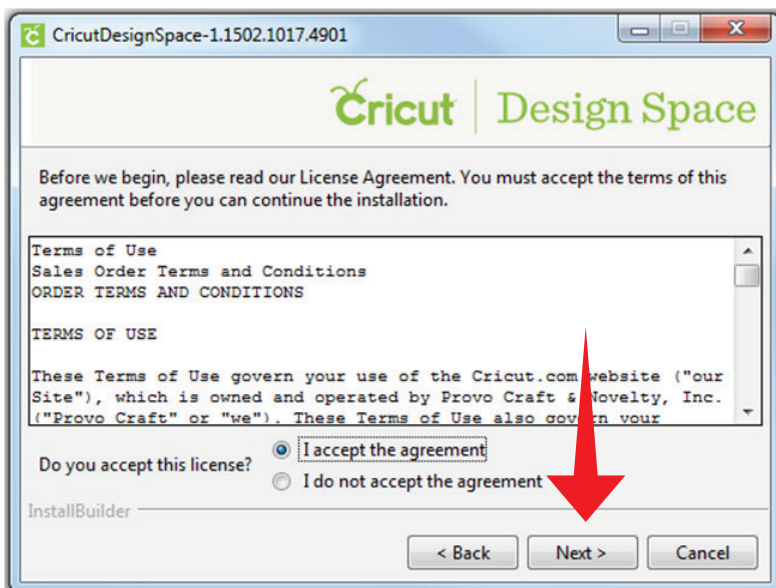
Cricut® Plugin (PC)

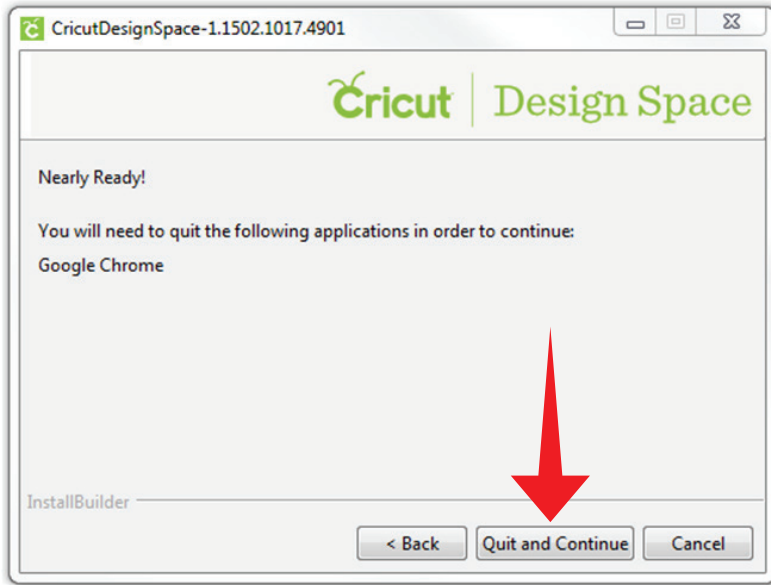**Step 4:** The plugin installer will open to set up Cricut Design Space™. Click "Next" to continue.

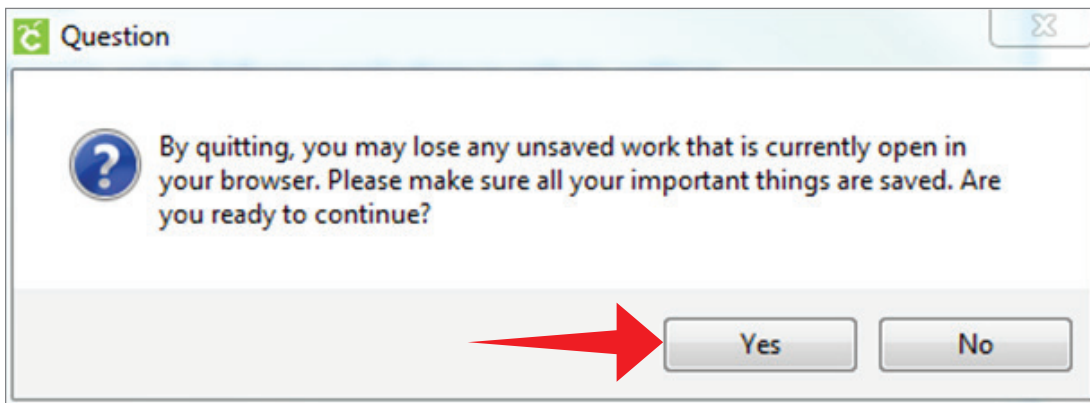**Step 5:** Review and accept the Terms of use. Click "Next" to continue.

Cricut® Plugin (PC)

Step 6: You will need to close all browsers. To proceed, click "Quit and Continue."
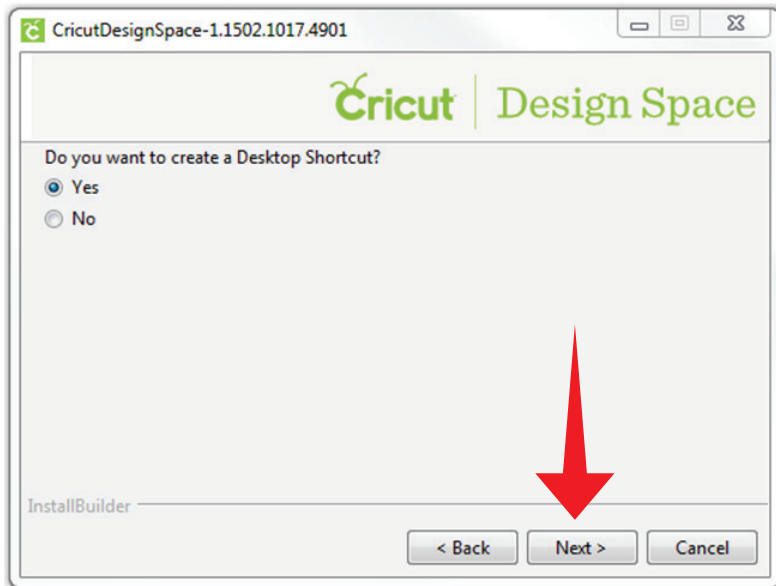
You may lose any unsaved work that is currently open in your browser unless it is saved at this point. When you are ready to continue, click "Yes.".
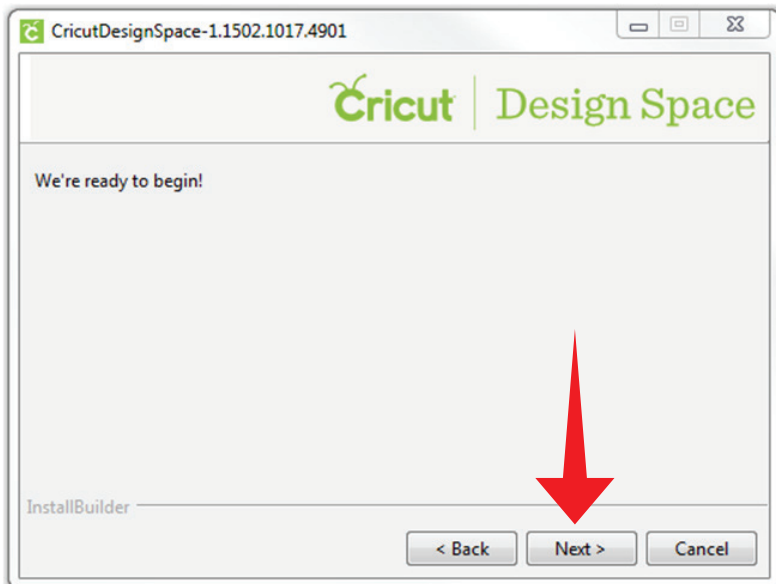
Cricut® Plugin (PC)

Step 7: Decide if you would like a shortcut to Cricut Design Space™ on your computer's desktop. Click "Next" to continue.
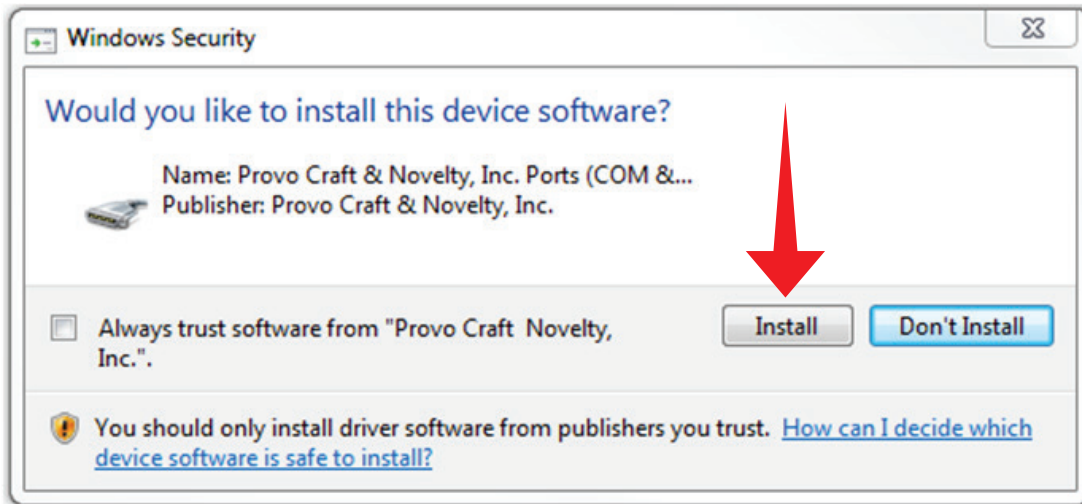
Step 8: You are ready to install the plugin. Click "Next" to begin the process.
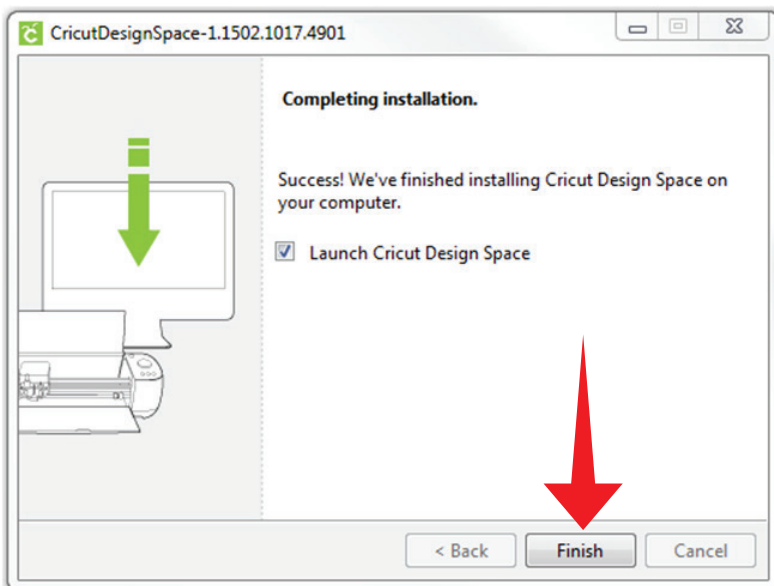
Cricut® Plugin (PC)

Step 9: Depending on your computer settings a security question may appear asking if you would like to install the device software from Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc. Click "Install" to continue.

Step 9: The Cricut Design Space™ plugin has successfully installed. If you would like to automatically launch Design Space® into your default browser, leave the box checked and clicked "Finish."

- To return to Cricut Design Space™, go to **www.cricut.com/design.**
- To return to the machine setup process, go to **www.cricut.com/setup.**

Tip: If you arrive back at the Update Cricut Plugin screen, it may be that your plugin is being blocked by the browser. Check your browser's settings to ensure the Cricut plugin is allowed or activated.

Cricut® Plugin (Mac®)

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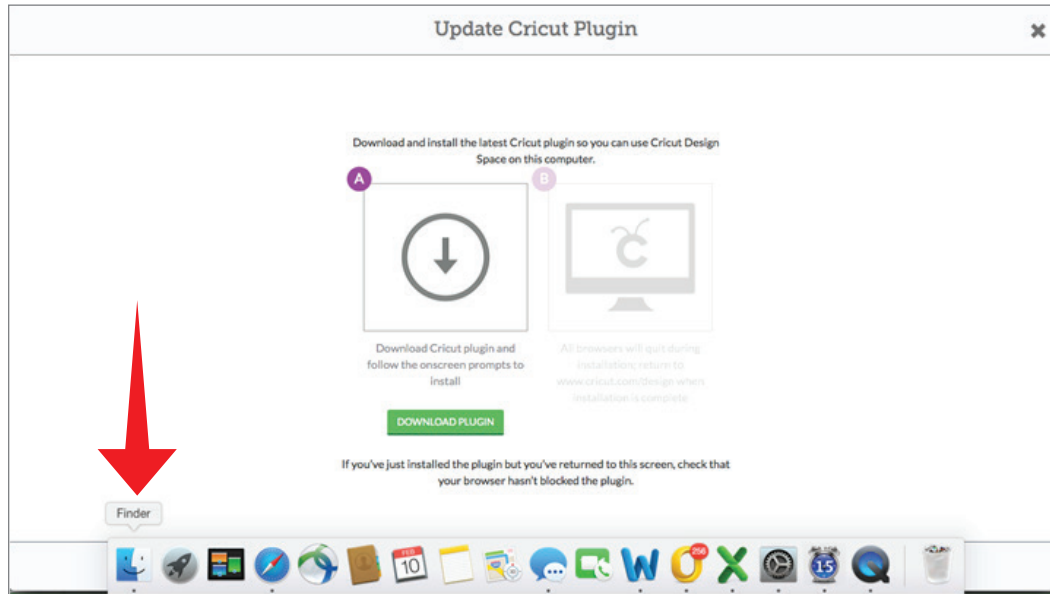
As new features become available, you may be prompted to update your plugin when you begin a new project. Therefore, the plugin pictured below may not reflect the most recent version of the Design Space plugin.
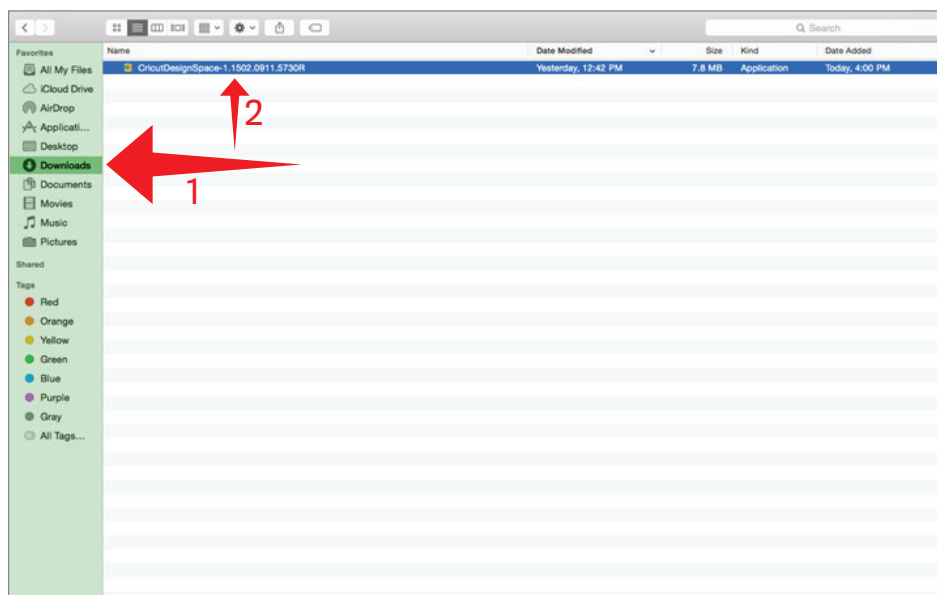
Step 1: Click "Download Plugin".
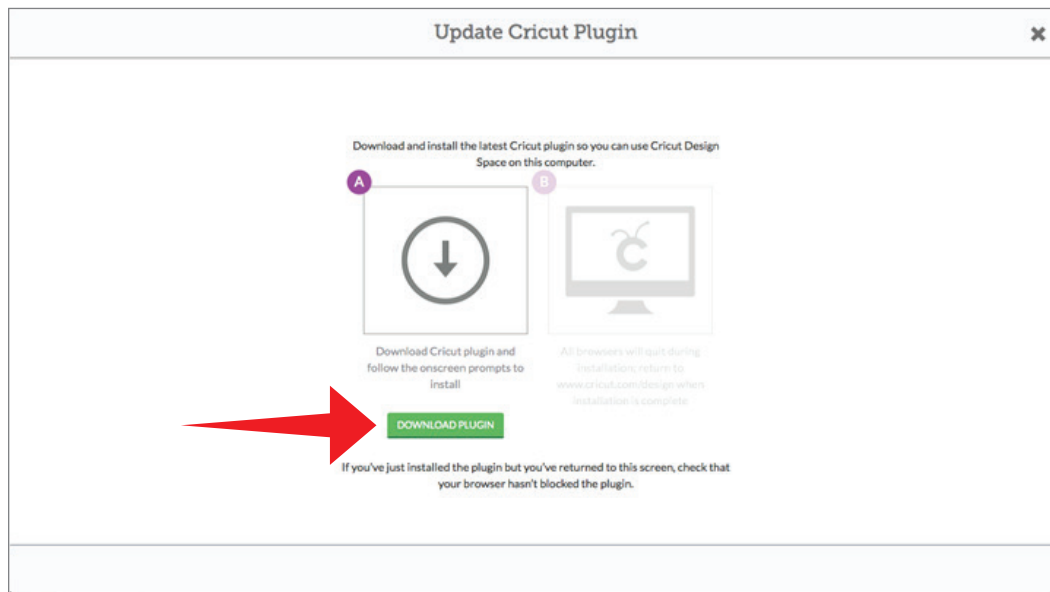
Cricut® Plugin (Mac®)

**Step 2:** Open "Finder" in the dock at the bottom of your screen.

Step 3: Go to the "Downloads" folder and then double click the Cricut Design Space zip file.

Tip: You may need to unzip the file. Once this is completed, double click the unzipped file.
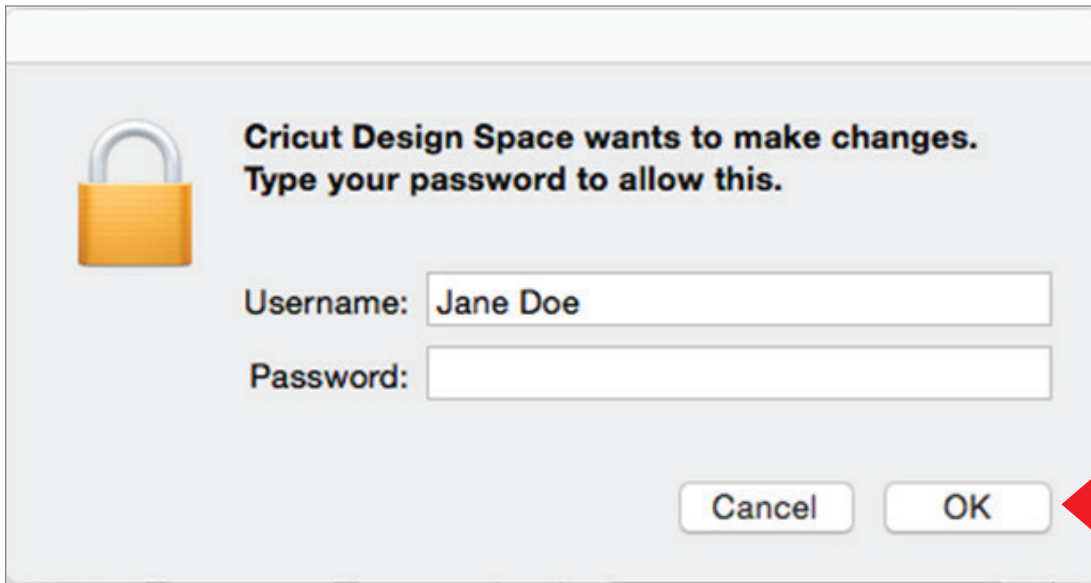
Cricut® Plugin (Mac®)

Step 4: Depending on your computer setings a warning that this application has been downloaded from the Internet may appear. If it does, click "Open" to continue.
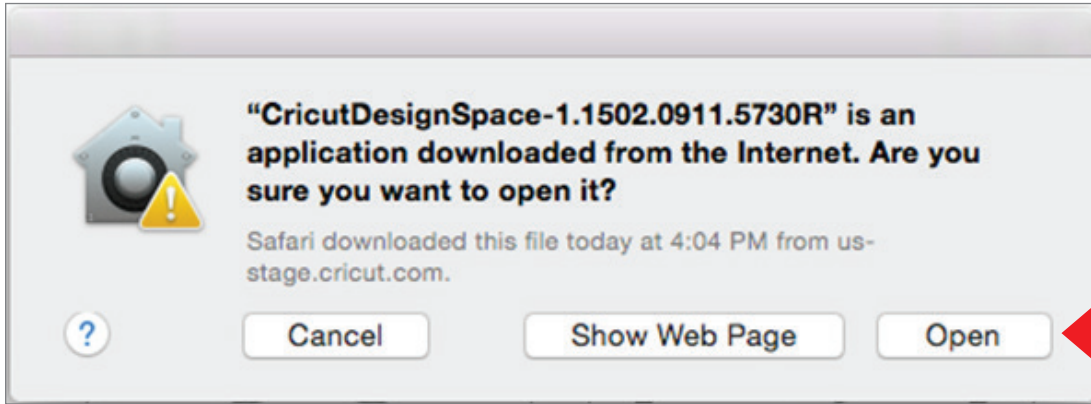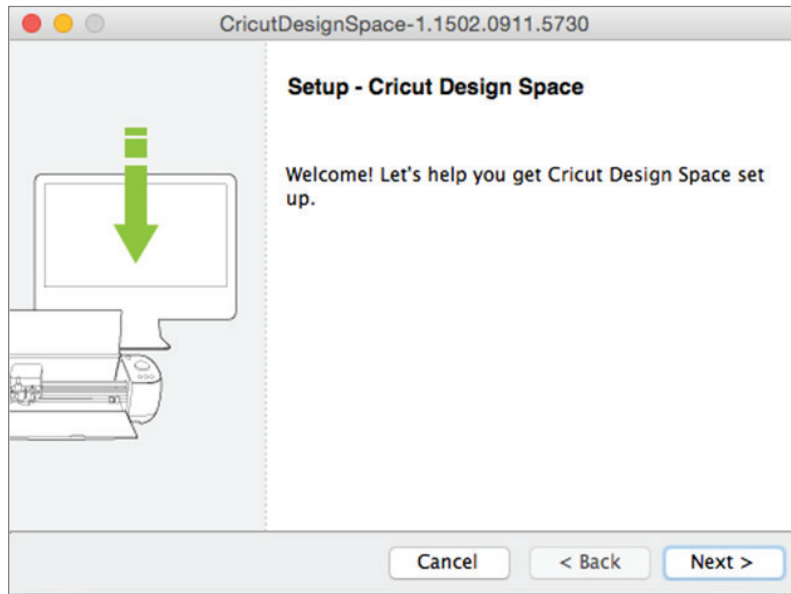

Step 5: Depending on your computer settings, you may be prompted to enter your administrator name and password. Enter the information and click "OK" to continue.

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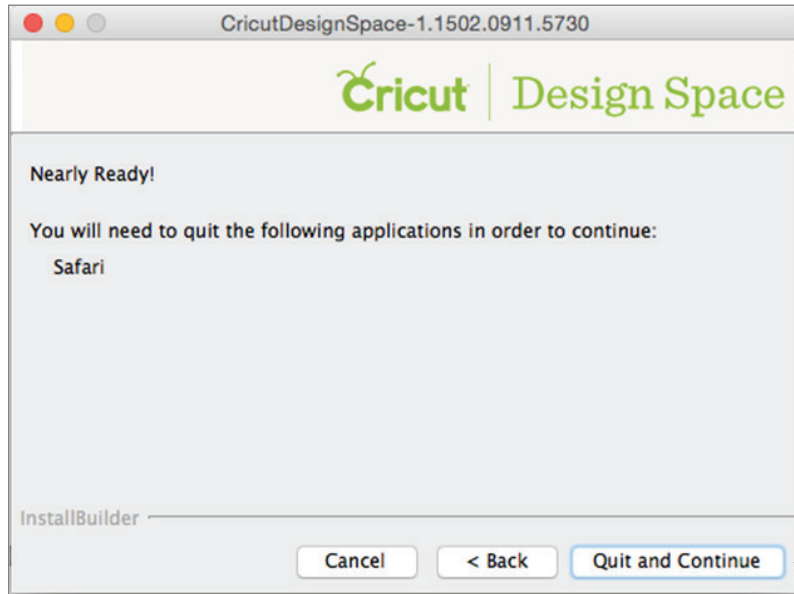**Step 6:** The plugin installer will open to set up Cricut Design Space™. Click "Next" to continue.

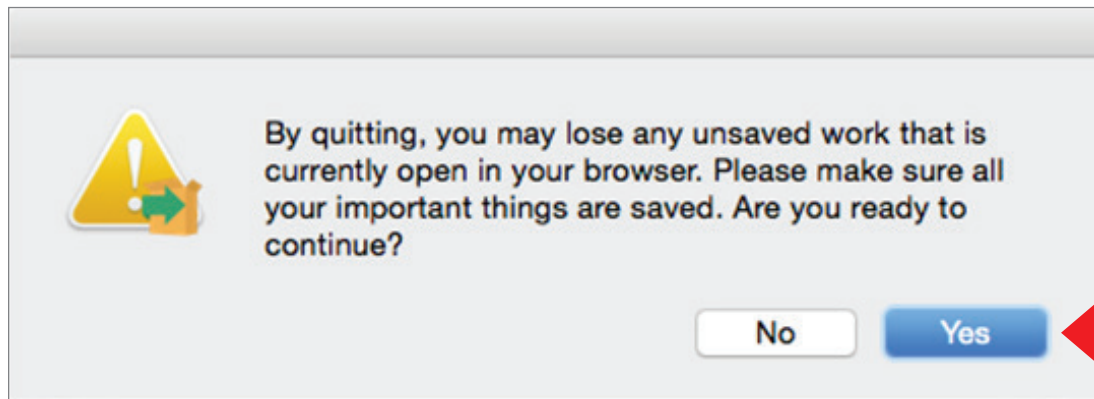**Step 7:** Review and accept the Terms of use. Click "Next" to continue.
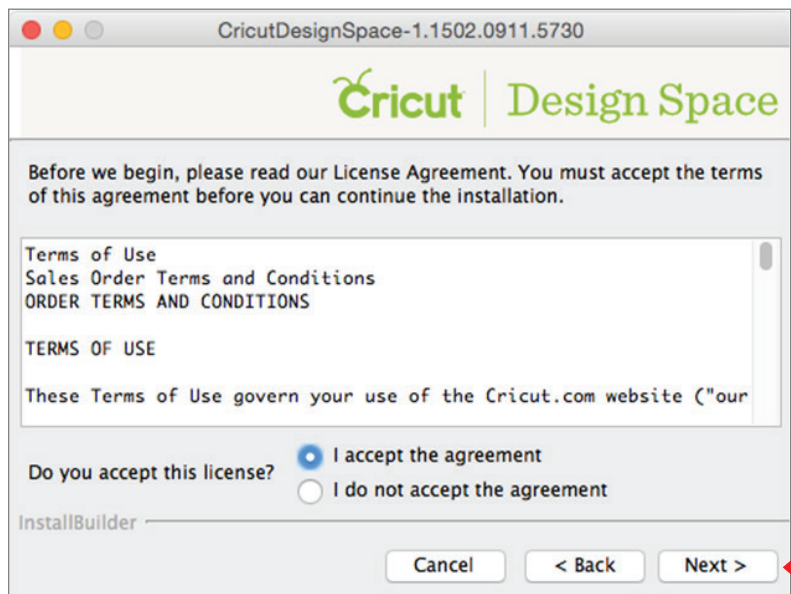
Cricut® Plugin (Mac®)

Step 8: You will need to close all browsers. To proceed, click "Quit and Continue."

You may lose any unsaved work that is currently open in your browser if you do not first save it. When you are ready to continue, click "Yes."

Cricut® Plugin (Mac®)

Step 9: You are ready to install the plugin. Click "Next" to begin the process.
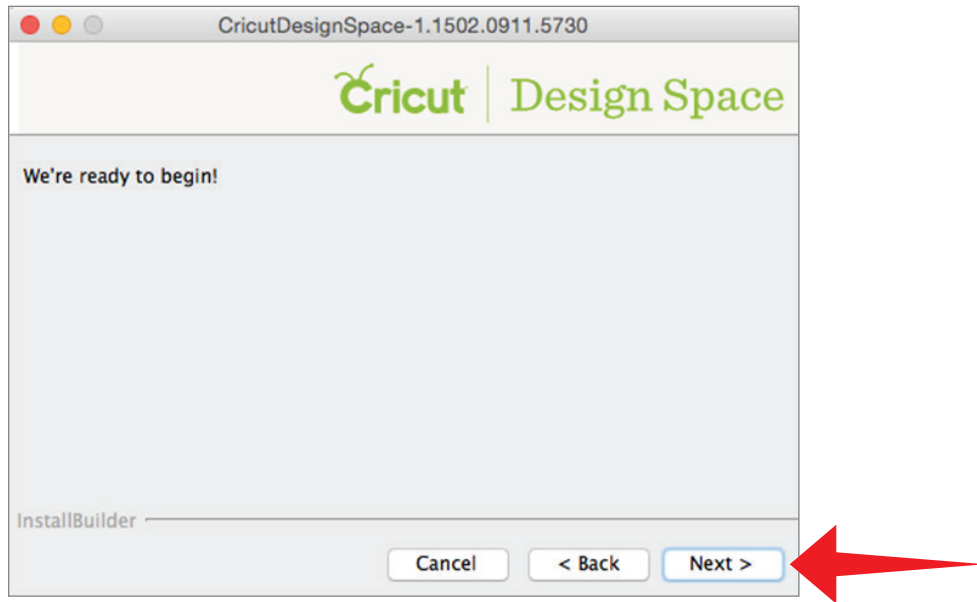
Step 10: The Cricut Design Space™ plugin has successfully installed. If you would like to automatically launch Design Space® into your default browser, leave the box checked and clicked "Finish."

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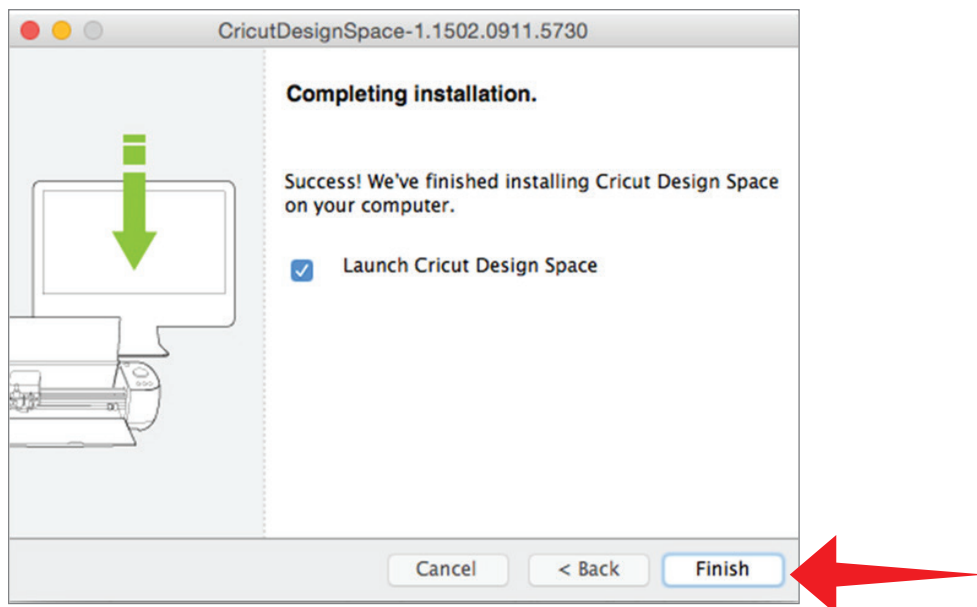
Updating the Cricut® Plugin on a PC with Google Chrome®

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Updating the plugin is a 4 stage process.

- Stage 1 – Clear browsing history, cache and cookies
- Stage 2 – Update and enable Google Chrome® to use plugins
- Stage 3 – Download and install the Cricut plugin
- Stage 4 – Enable the Cricut® plugin in Google Chrome®

Stage 1 – Clear browsing history, cache and cookies

Step 1. Open Google Chrome™ and click on the menu (3 stacked lines located in the upper right corner of the browser).
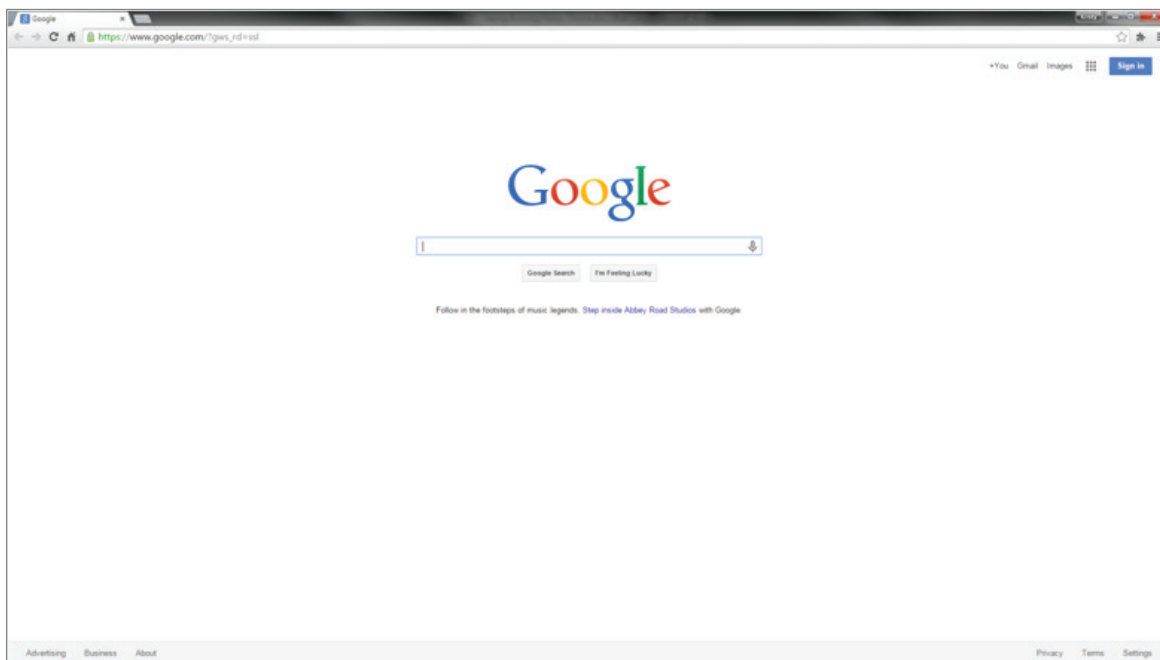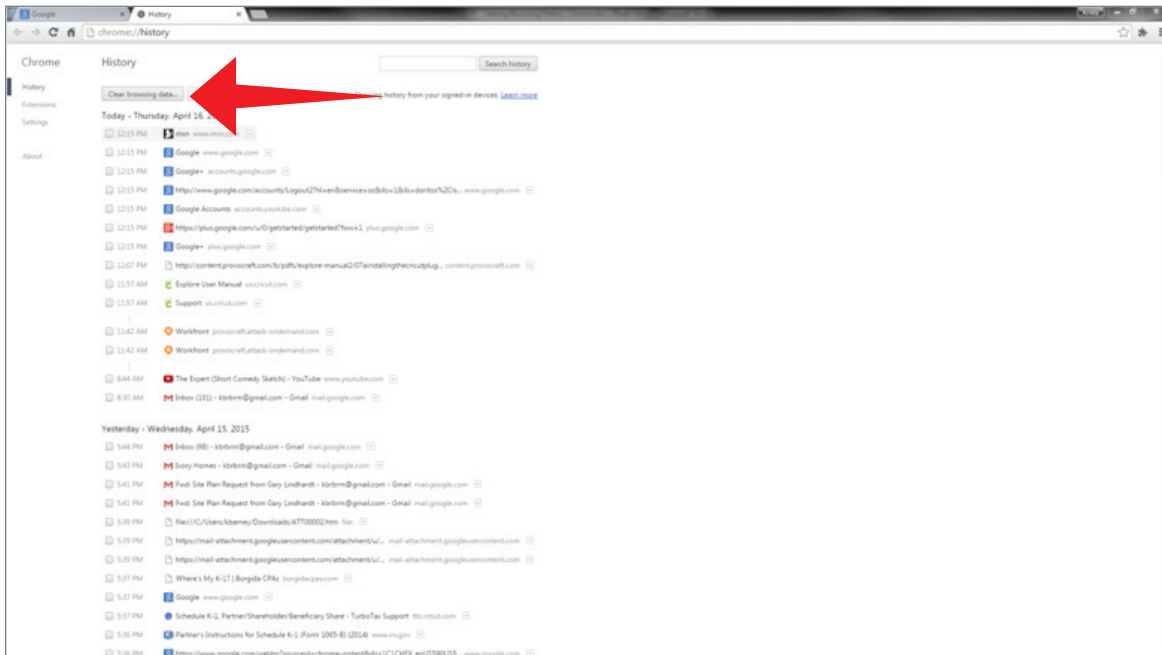
Updating the Cricut® Plugin on a PC with Google Chrome®

Step 2. From the menu, select "History."
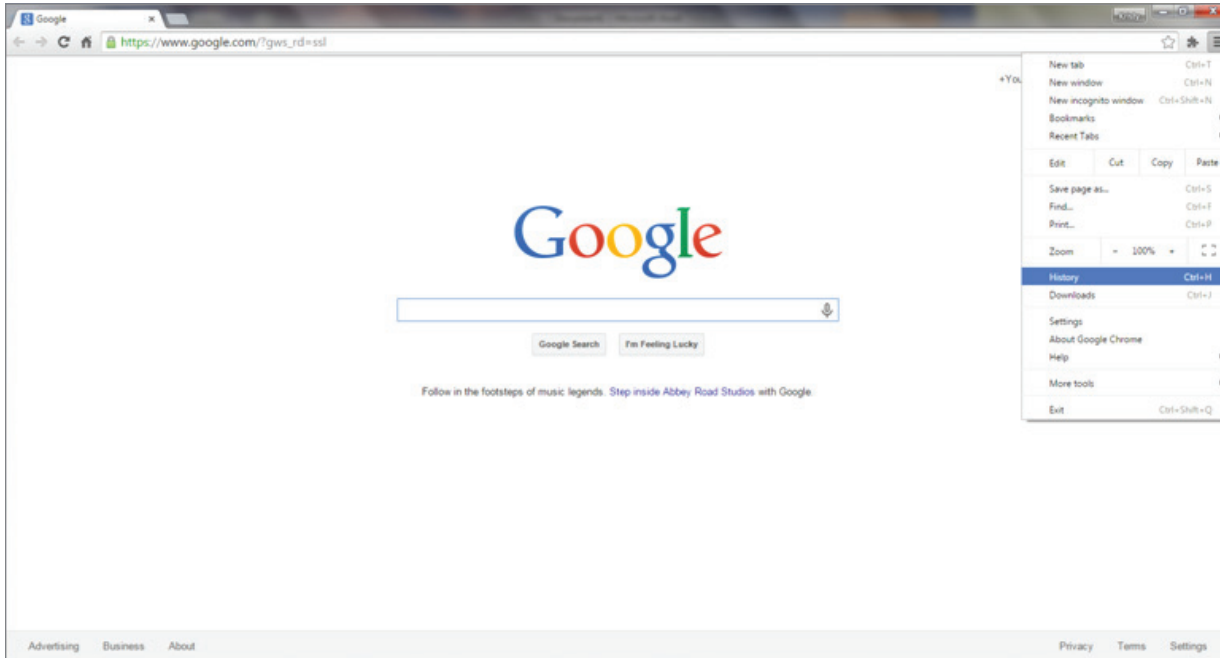
Step 3. You will be taken to your browsing history stored by Chrome. Click the "Clear browsing data..." button located in the top left of your screen.

Updating the Cricut® Plugin on a PC with Google Chrome®

Step 4. A "Clear browsing data" pop-up window will open with the words "Obliterate the following items from" next to a selection menu. Choose "the beginning of time." Don't worry, this process won't hurt your computer—it simply helps Chrome work from a clean slate. Make sure at least the following boxes are checked:

- Browsing history
- Download history
- Cookies and other site and plug-in data
- Cached images and files
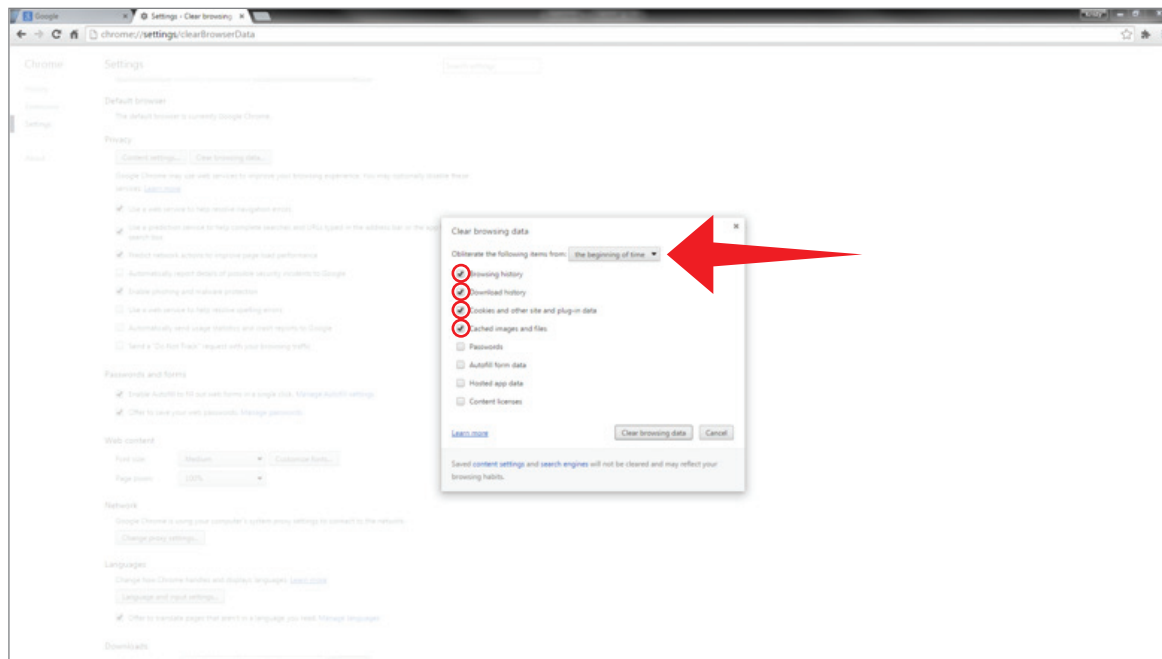
Updating the Cricut® Plugin on a PC with Google Chrome®

Step 5. Click the "Clear browsing data" button.
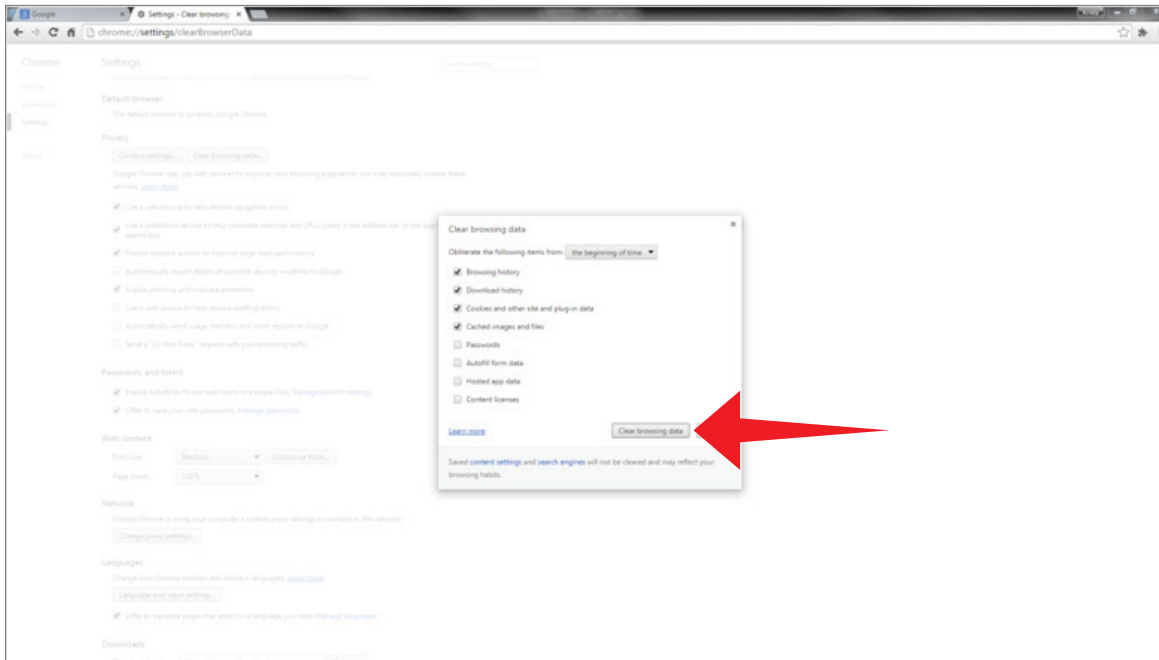
Step 6. Once the browsing data has been cleared, the pop-up window will dismiss. Quit Google Chrome™ by clicking the "X" in the upper right hand corner.
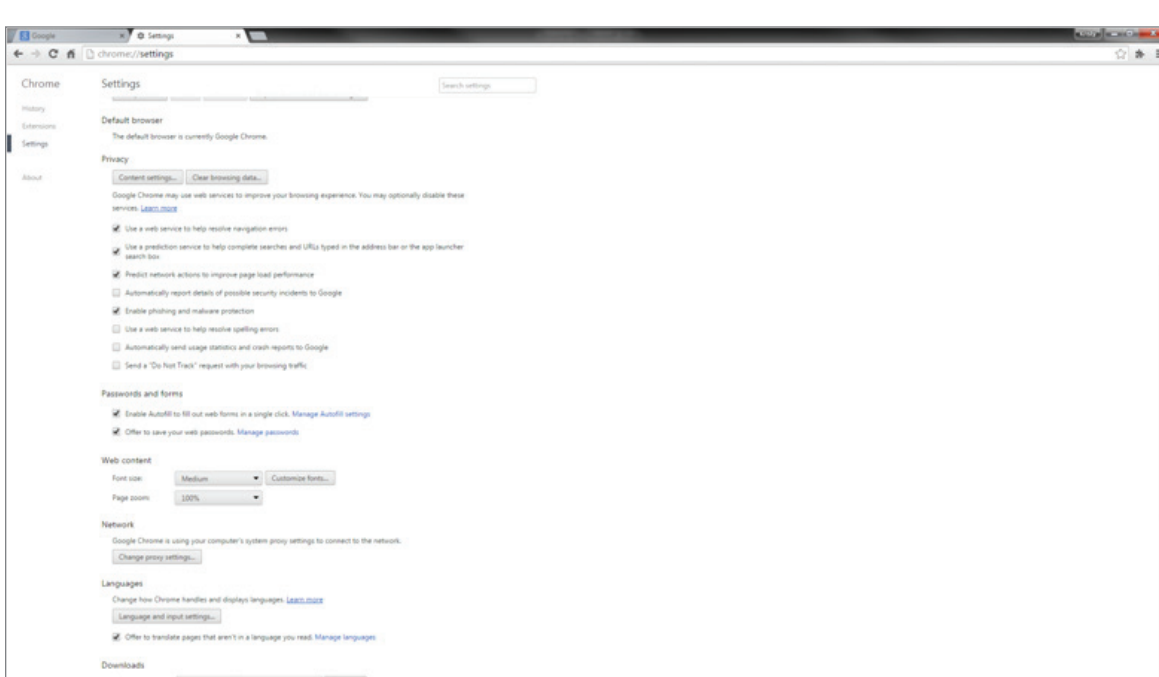
Updating the Cricut® Plugin on a PC with Google Chrome®

Stage 2 – Update Google Chrome™ and enable it to use plugins

Step 1. Reopen Google Chrome™ and click on the menu (3 stacked lines located in the upper right corner of the browser).
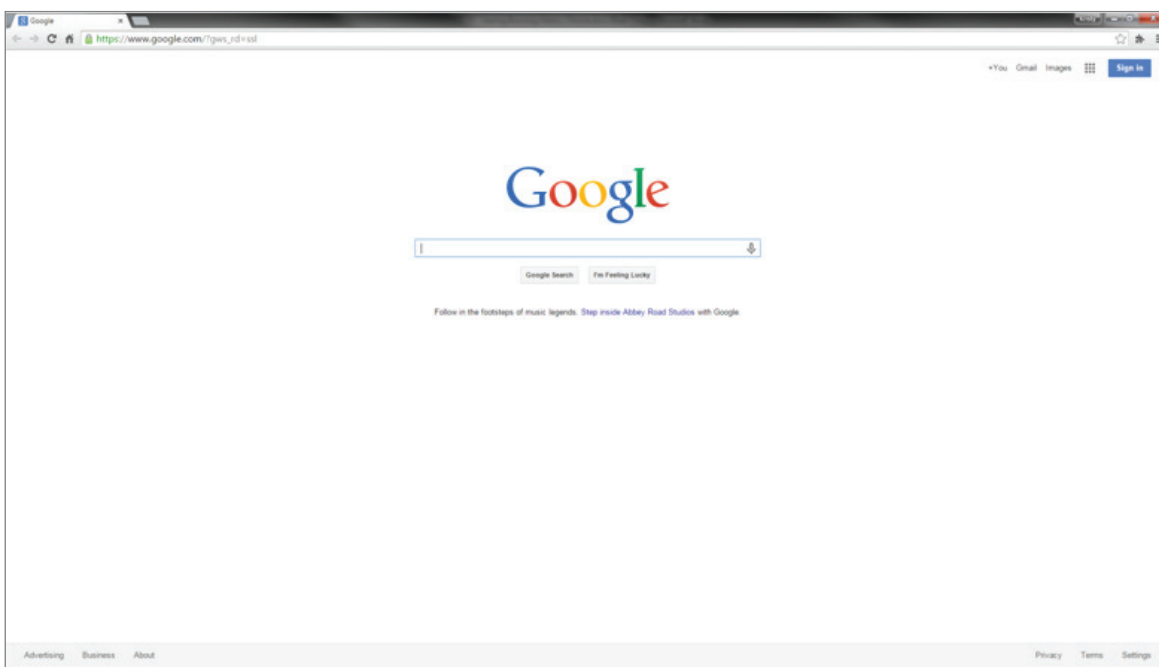
Step 2. From the menu, select "About Google Chrome."
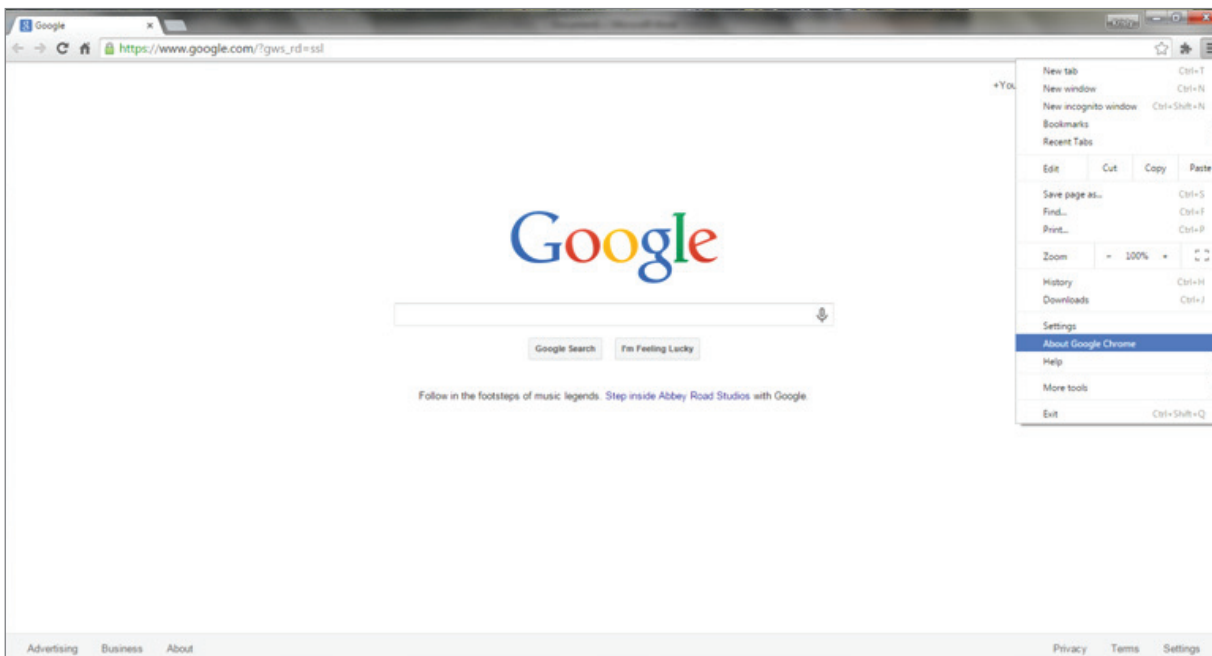
Updating the Cricut® Plugin on a PC with Google Chrome®

Step 3. Check your version of Google Chrome™.

a.   If it is version 42.0.2311.90 or above, continue on to step 4.

b.   If your version is lower than 42.0.2311.90, your browser will automatically update. Wait for the update to complete and then click "Relaunch" to finish updating. (Make sure to "allow" if your computer gives you a prompt.)
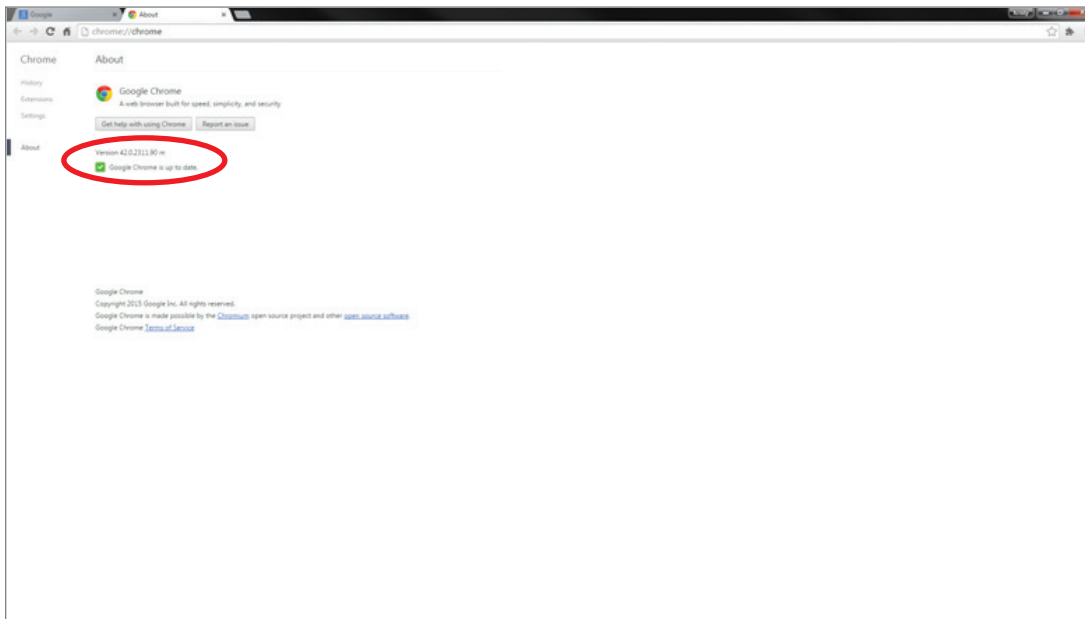
Step 4. Once your version of Chrome is up to date, enter this URL into the address bar of your browser:

chrome://flags/#enable-npapi
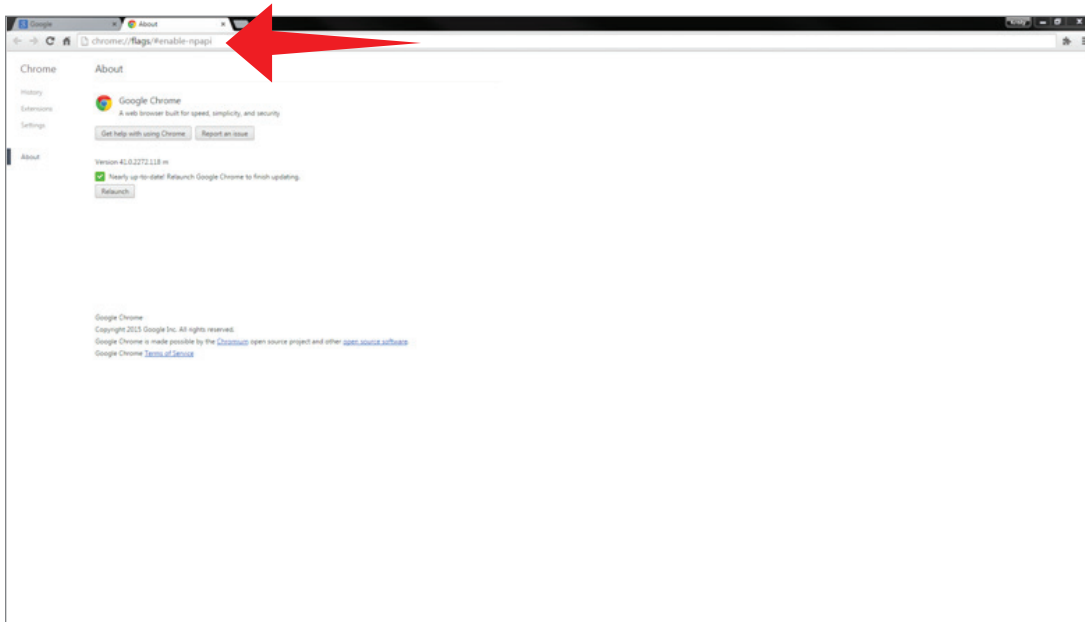
Updating the Cricut® Plugin on a PC with Google Chrome®

Step 5. The resulting page contains a number of links. Locate the highlighted text "Enable NPAPI." Click "Enable."

Tip: Double-check to avoid clicking the incorrect link. If "Enable NPAPI" does not appear on the screen, you do not need to make any changes. Close the tab and continue to the next stage, "Download and install the Cricut® plugin."
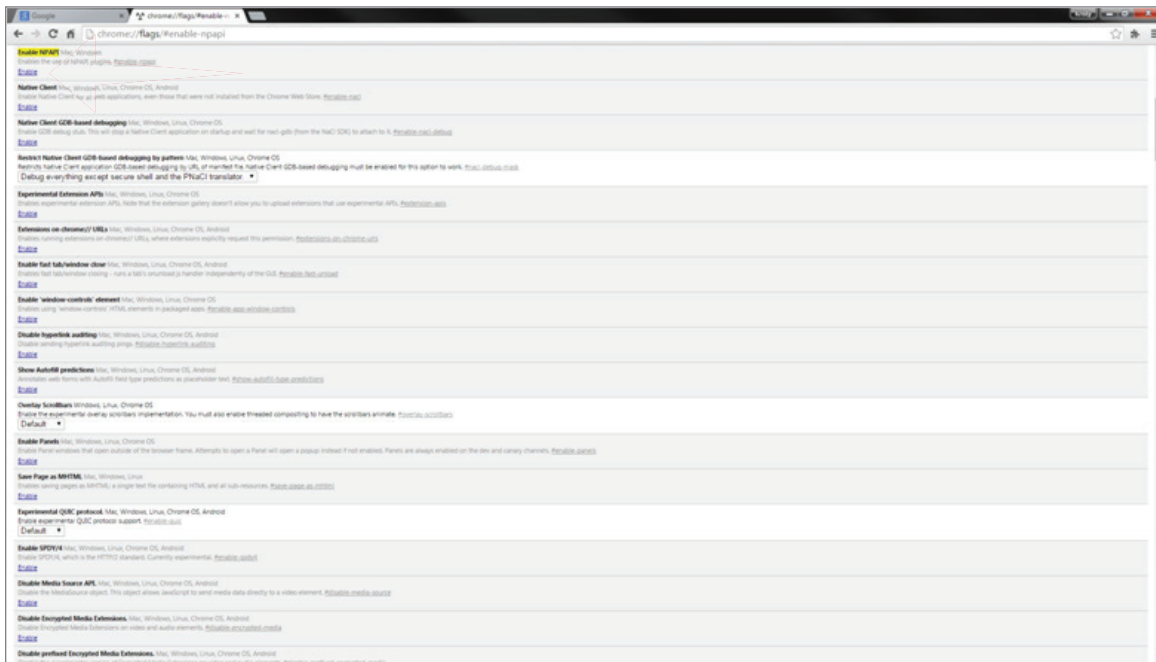
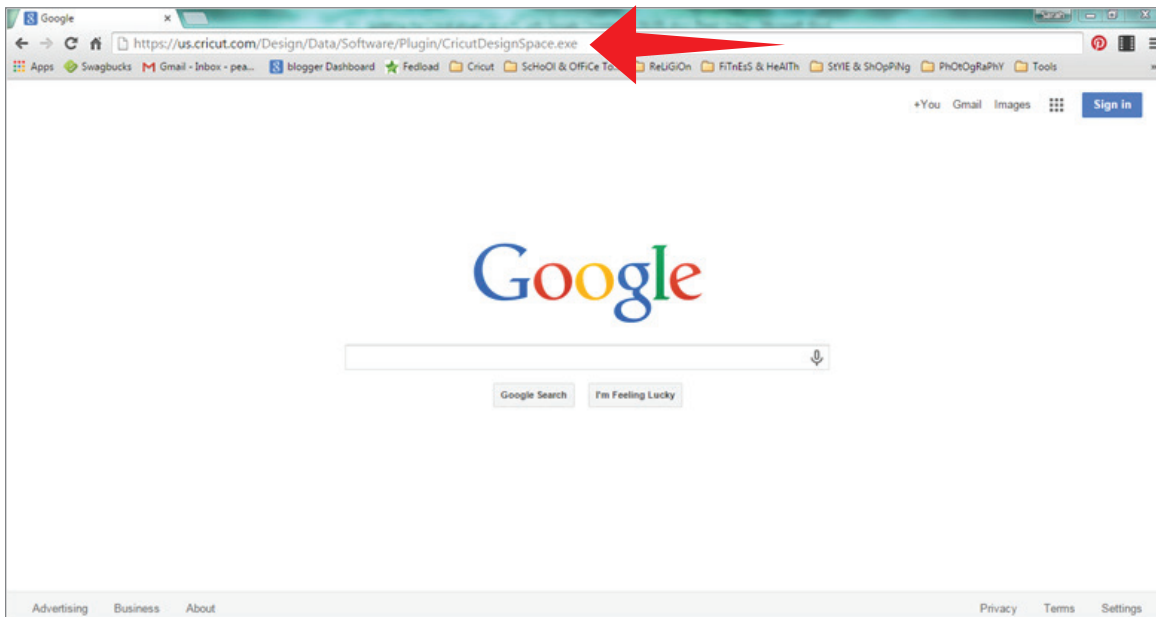# Updating the Cricut® Plugin on a PC with Google Chrome®

Stage 3 – Download and install the Cricut® plugin

Step 1. Click this link or enter this URL into the address bar of your browser:

https://us.cricut.com/Design/Data/Software/Plugin/CricutDesignSpace.exe

Step 2. The downloaded file will appear at the bottom of the window. Double-click on the file begin the Cricut plugin installation process.
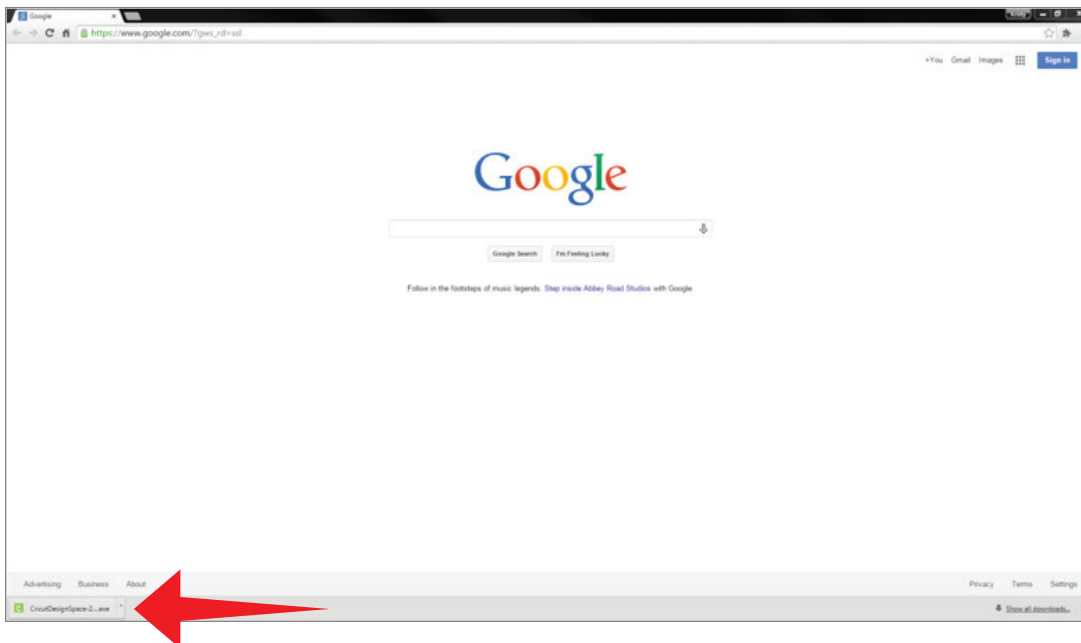
Updating the Cricut® Plugin on a PC with Google Chrome®

Step 3. You may be asked if you would like to allow Cricut Design Space to be downloaded from the internet. If so, click "Yes".

Step 4. The plugin installer will open to set up Cricut Design Space™. Click "Next" to continue.
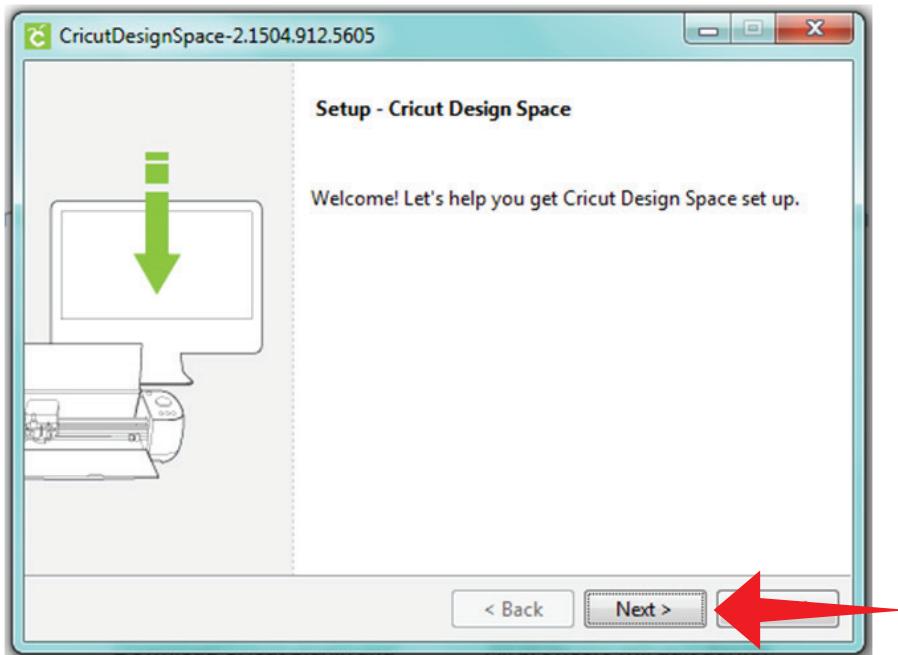
Step 5. Review and accept the Terms of Use. Click "Next" to continue.
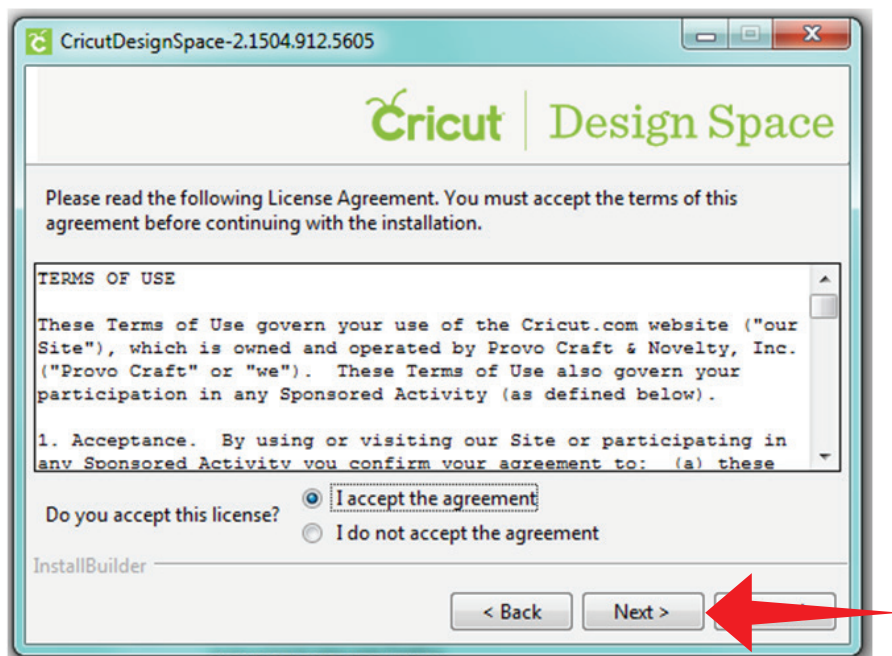
Updating the Cricut® Plugin on a PC with Google Chrome®

Step 6. If you are asked to specify the directory where Cricut Design Space® will be installed, choose a directory or use the default and click "Next."

Step 7. The components you want to install have been preselected. Click "Next" to continue.

Cricut | Explore
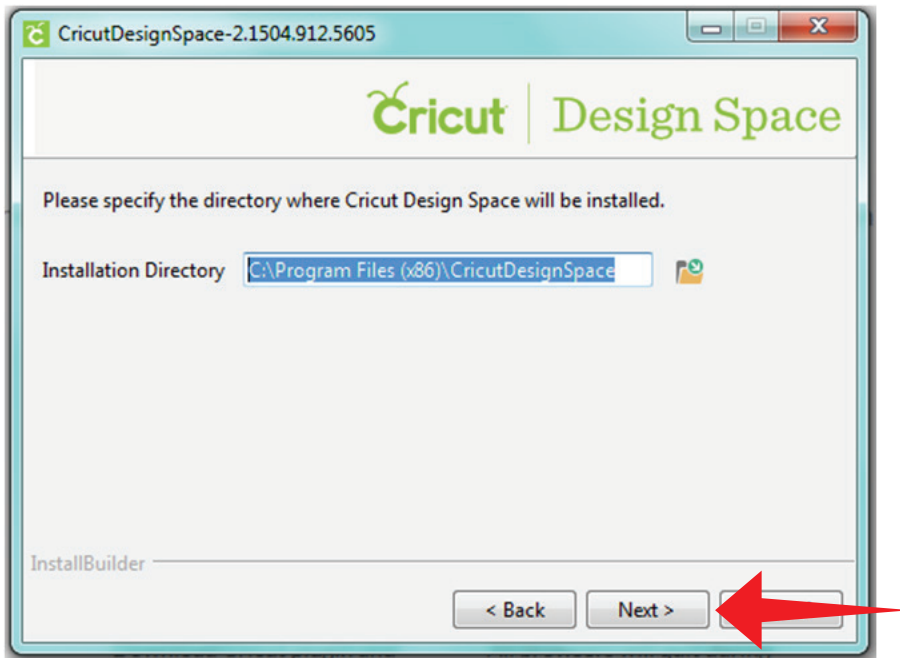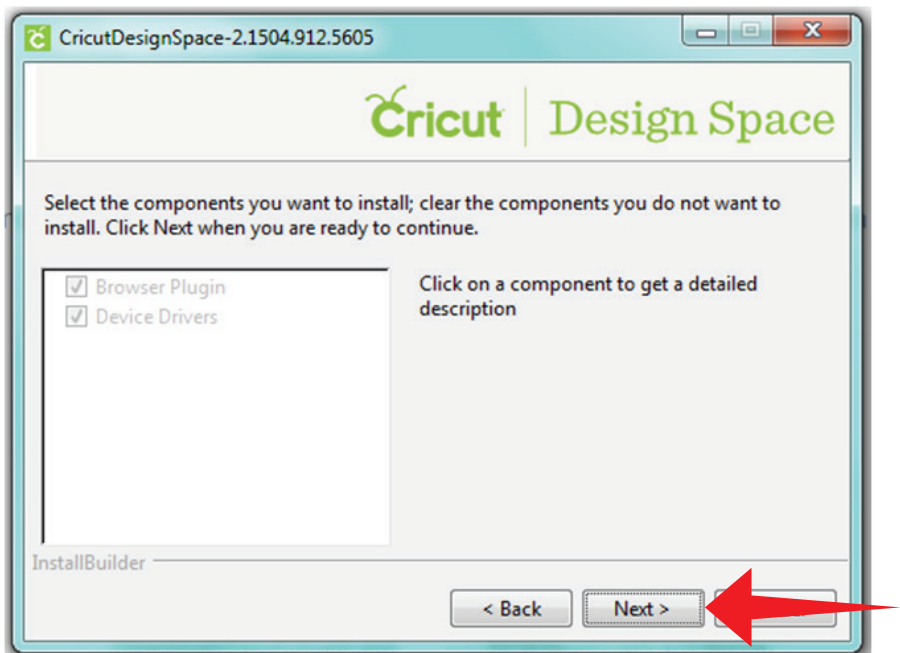
Updating the Cricut® Plugin on a PC with Google Chrome®

Step 8. You will need to close down all browsers in order for the plugin to successfully install. You may be prompted to do so. However, if you are not prompted, you will still have to do this manually. Click on the menu (3 stacked lines in the upper right corner of the browser) and then select "Exit".
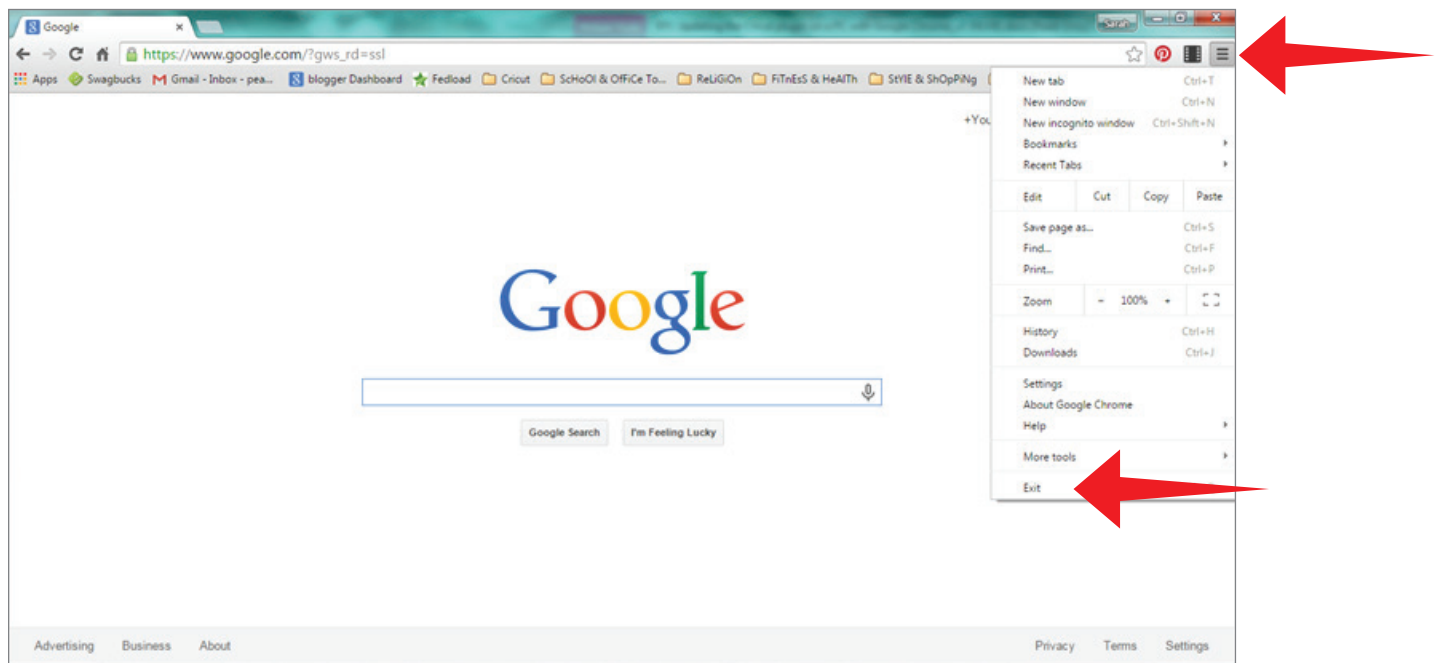
Tip: When you quit, you may lose any unsaved work that is currently open in your browser unless it is saved at this point.

Updating the Cricut® Plugin on a PC with Google Chrome®

Step 9. You are ready to install the plugin. Click "Next" to begin the process.
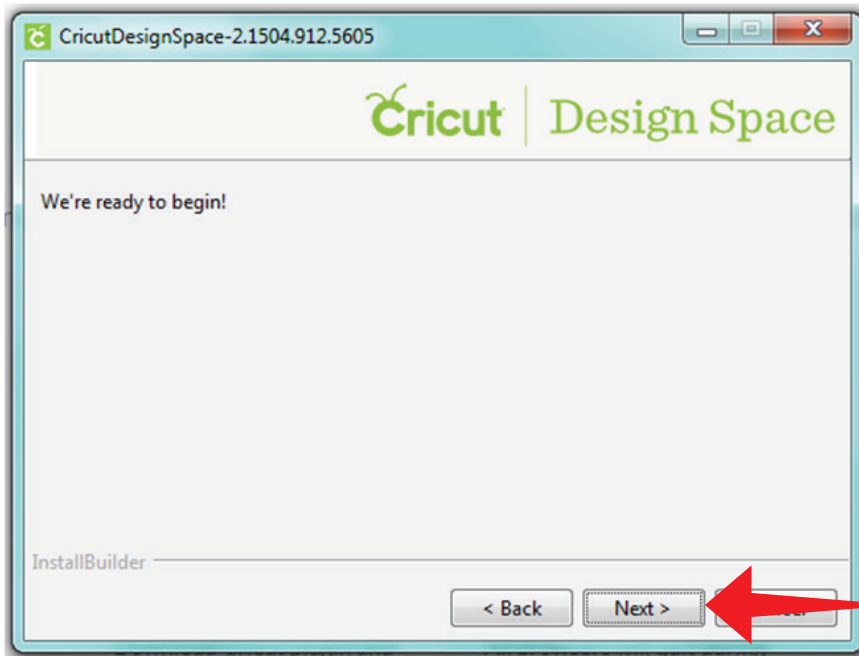
Step 10. Depending on your computer settings, a security question may appear asking if you would like to install the device software from Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc. Click "Install" to continue.
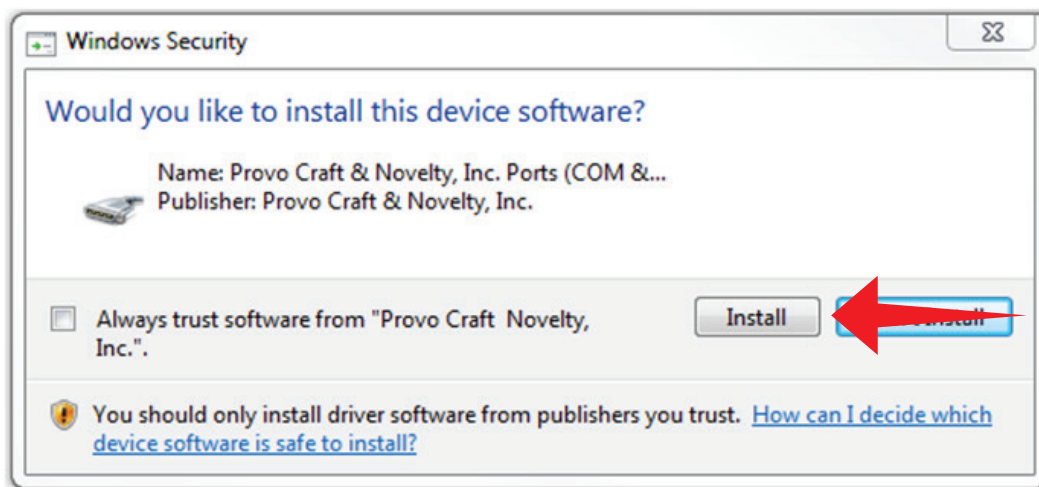
Updating the Cricut® Plugin on a PC with Google Chrome®

Step 11. The installation process will then begin automatically.
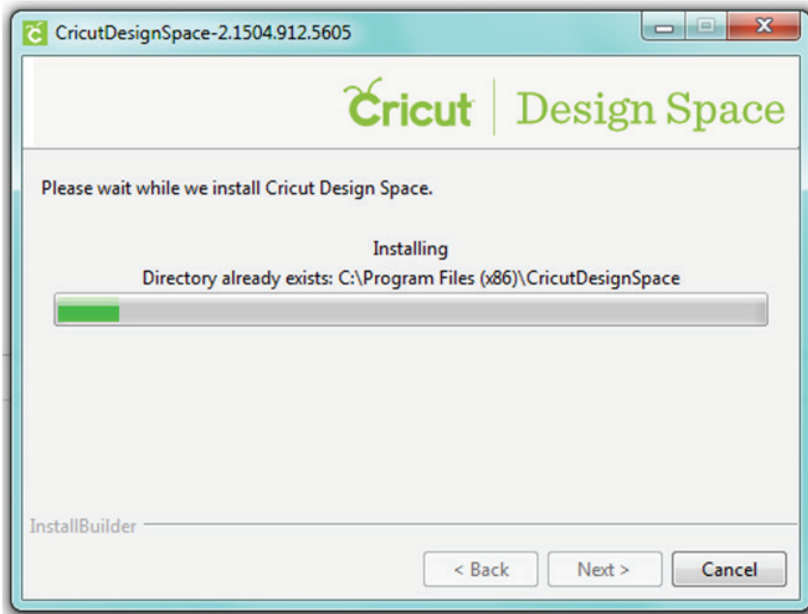
Step 12. The Cricut Design Space plugin has successfully installed. If you would like to automatically launch Cricut Design Space into your default browser, leave the box checked and clicked "Finish."
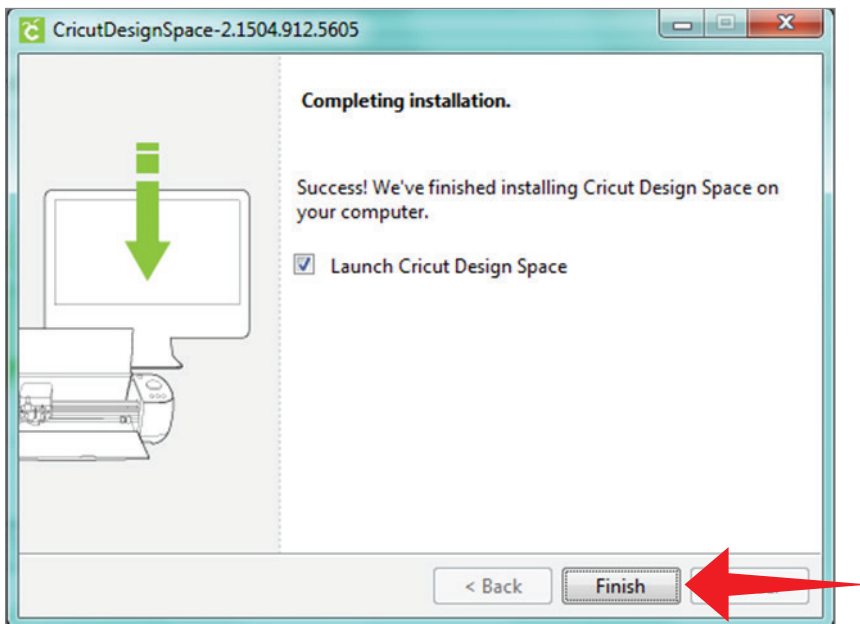
Your Cricut plugin has been updated. If you have checked the "Launch Cricut Design Space" box, you will be taken to Cricut Design Space™ when your browser reopens. You can also open your browser and enter this URL into the address bar to go to Cricut Design Space™: **www.cricut.com/design**

Updating the Cricut® Plugin on a PC with Google Chrome®

Stage 4 – Enable the Cricut® plugin in Google Chrome®

Step 1. In Google Chrome®, open a new browsing window by clicking on a tab at the top of the screen.
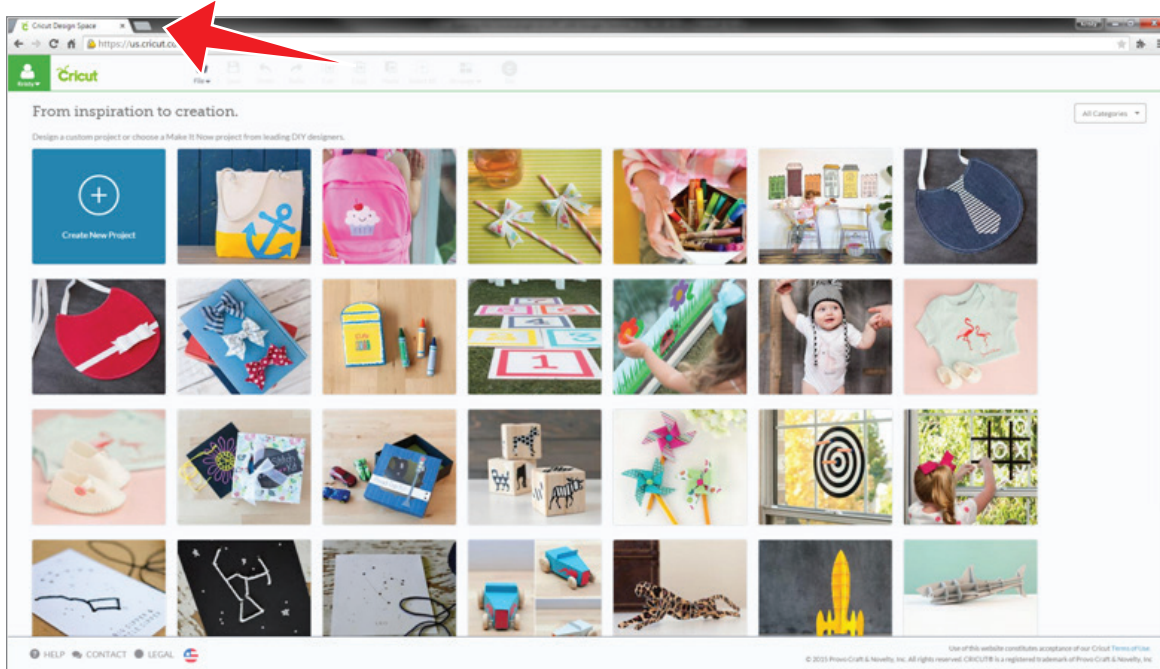
Step 2. Enter this URL into the address bar of your browser:

chrome://plugins/
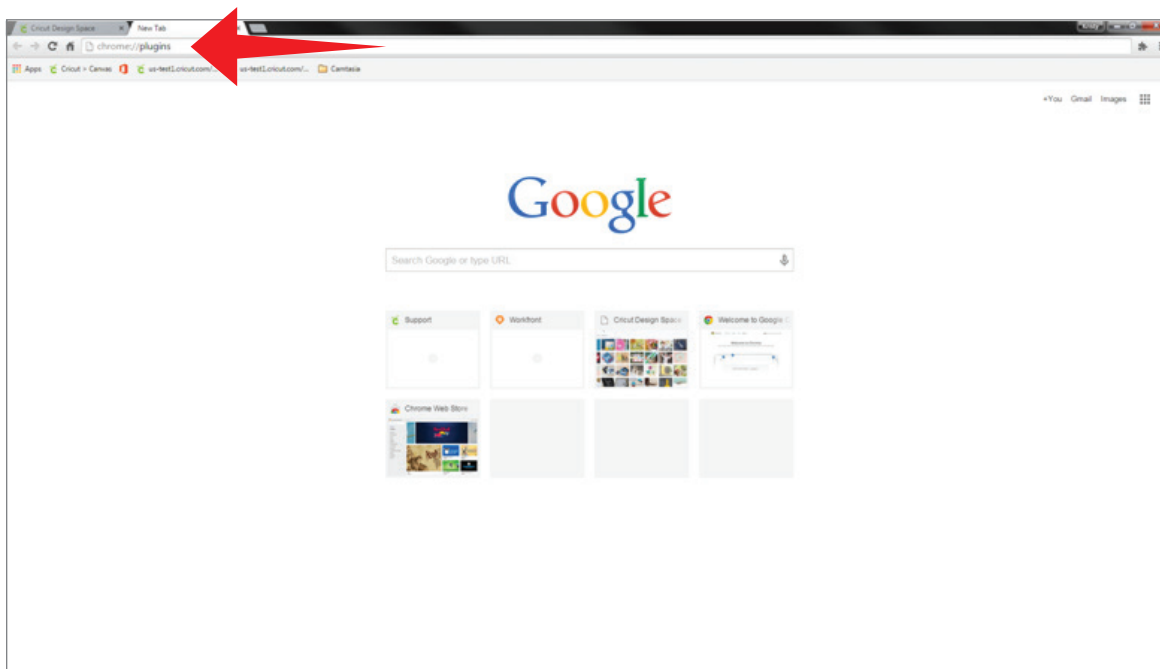
Updating the Cricut® Plugin on a PC with Google Chrome®

Step 3. In the list of plugins, locate Cricut.

a.   If the Cricut plugin bar is highlighted in gray, click on the word "Enable" and check the box "Always allowed to run."

b.   If the Cricut plugin bar shows as "Disable," ensure that the "Always allowed to run" box is checked and proceed to step 4.
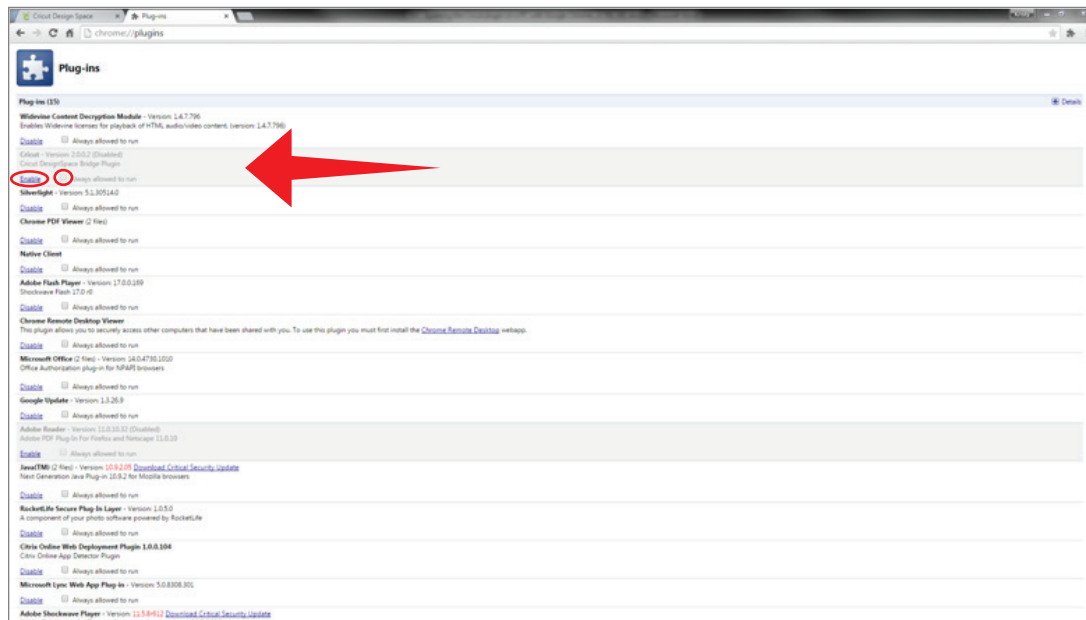
Step 4. Your Cricut plugin is ready to go. Close the browser tab.
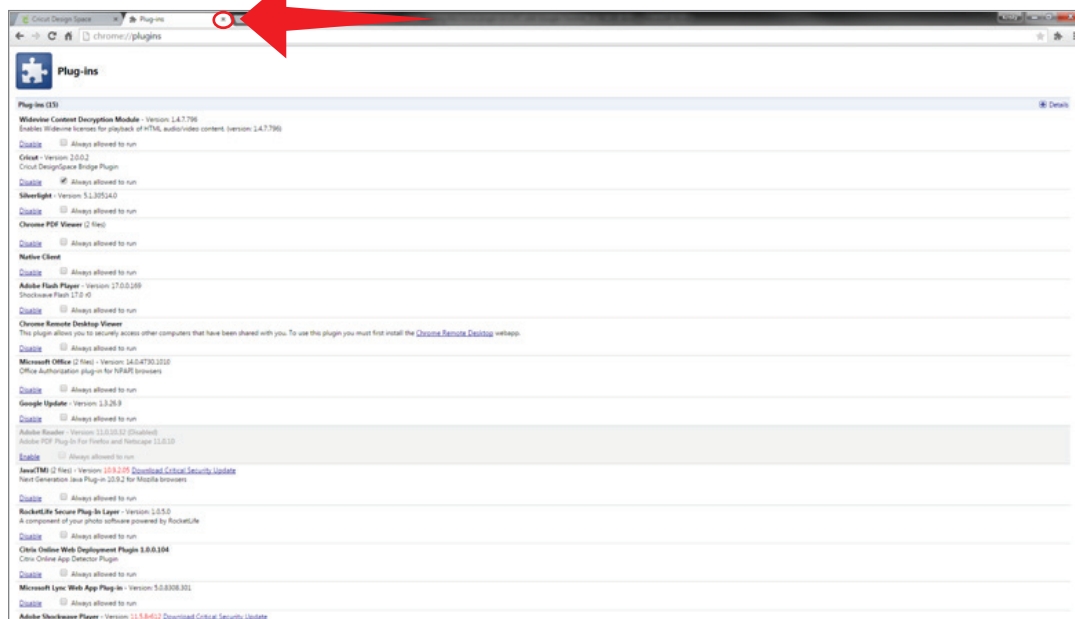
Updating the Cricut® Plugin on a PC with Google Chrome®

Step 5. You have completed the plugin update process. If you need to return to Cricut Design Space™, enter this URL into the address bar of your browser:
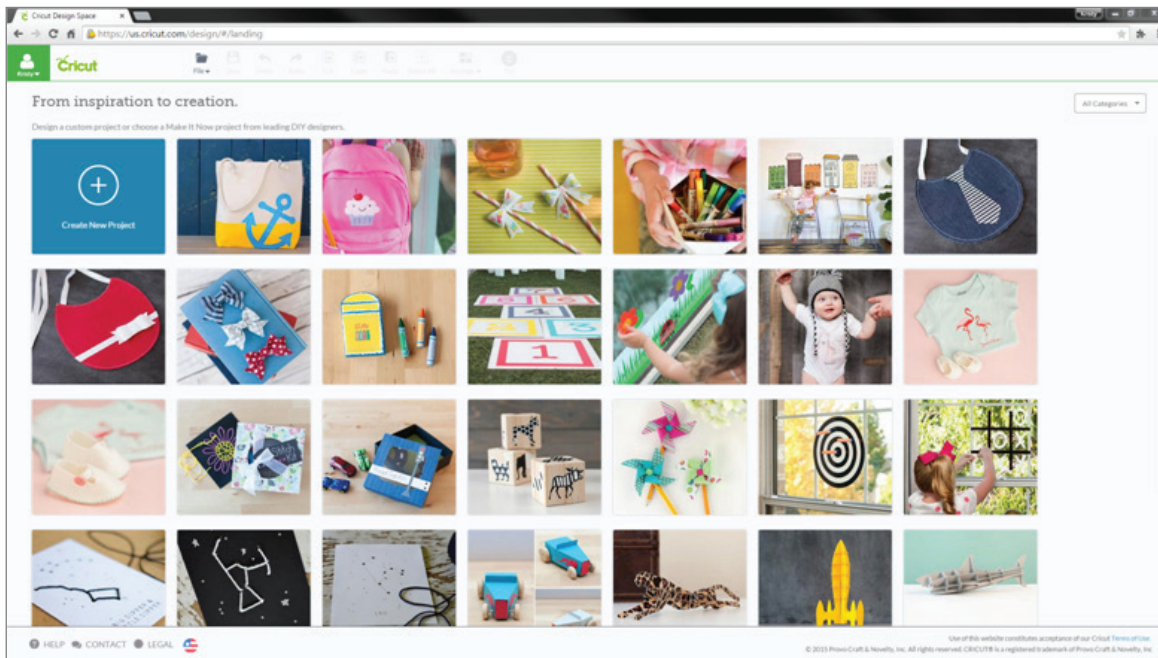
www.cricut.com/design

Have fun creating!

Updating the Cricut® Plugin on a PC with Google Chrome®

Updating the Cricut plugin on a PC with Internet Explorer®

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Updating the plugin is a 3 stage process.

- Stage 1 – Clear browsing history, cache and cookies
- Stage 2 – Download and install the Cricut plugin
- Stage 3 – Enable the Cricut® plugin in Internet Explorer®

Stage 1 – Clear browsing history, cache and cookies

Step 1. Open Internet Explorer® and open the Tools menu by clicking on the gear icon in the upper right corner.
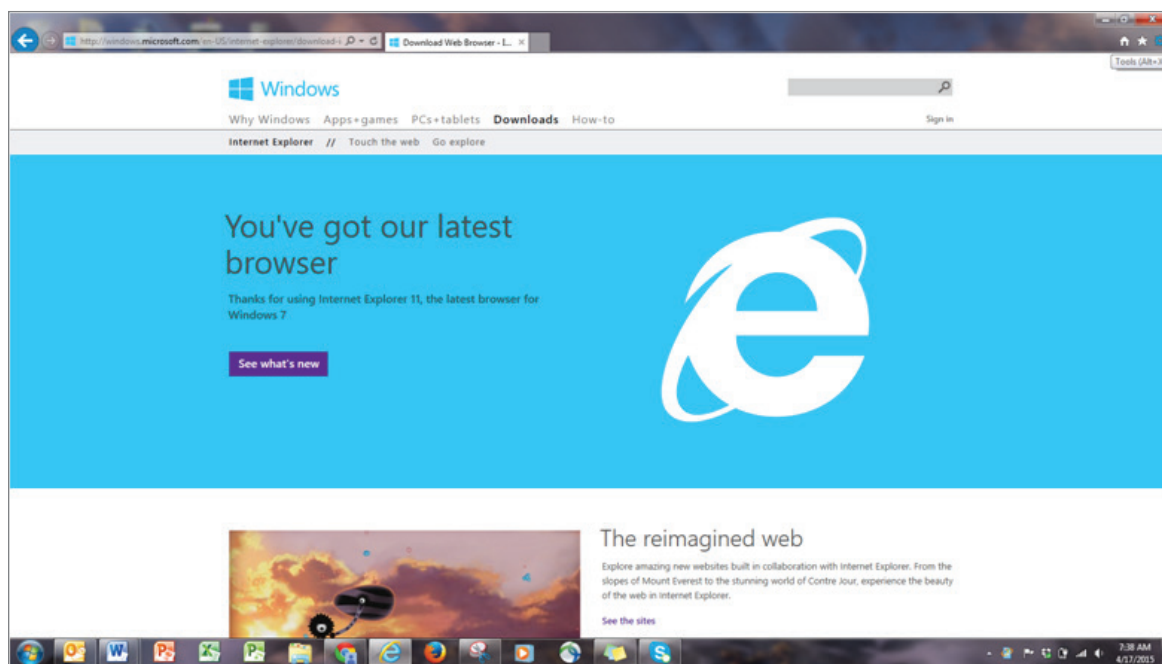
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with Internet Explorer®

Step 2. From the menu, select "Internet Options."
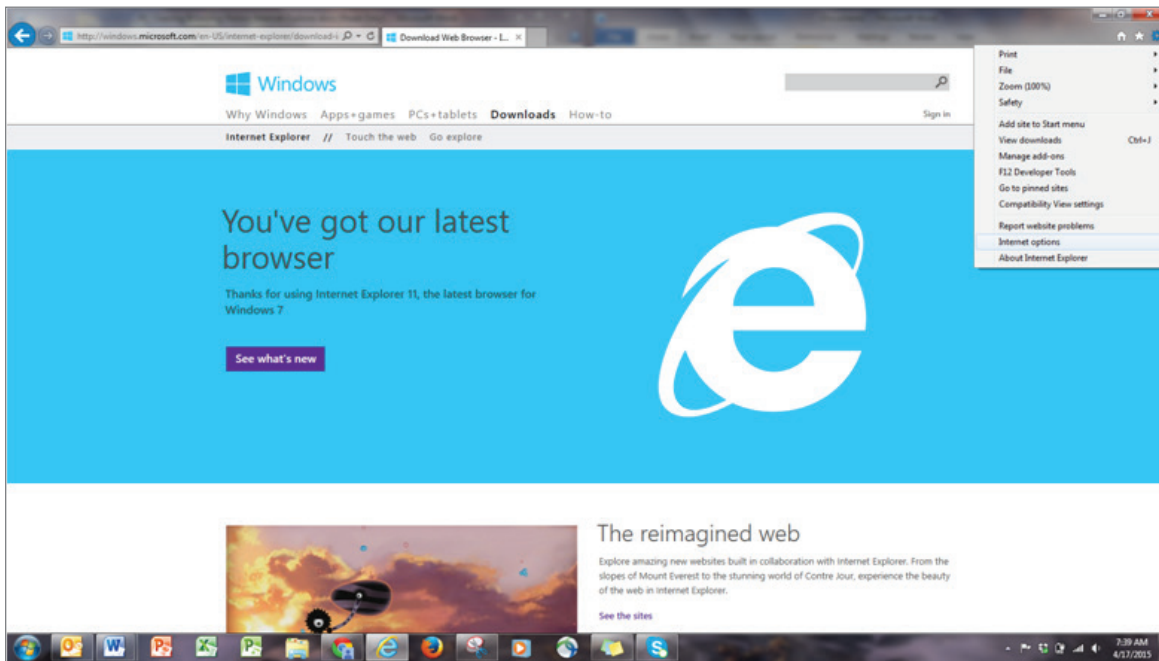
Step 3. An "Internet Options" pop-up window will open. Under "Browsing history," click the "Delete…" button.
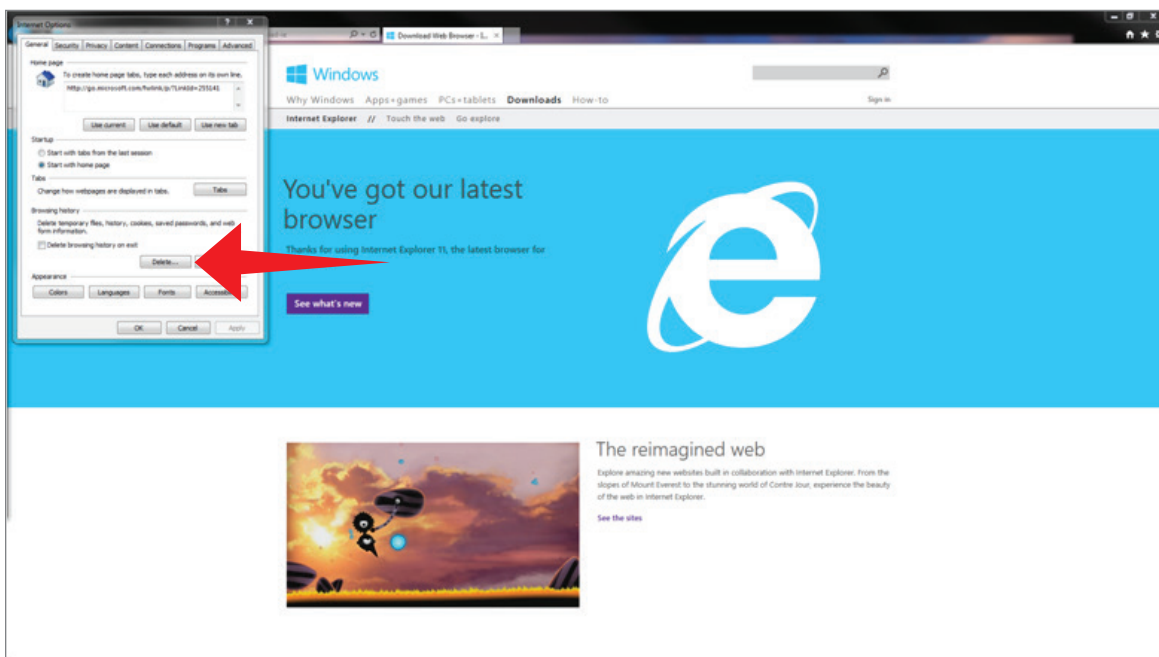
Updating the Cricut plugin on a PC
with Internet Explorer®

Step 4. On the "Delete Browsing History" pop-up window, make sure at least the following boxes are checked:

- Preserve Favorites website data
- Temporary Internet files and website files
- Cookies and website data
- History
- Download History
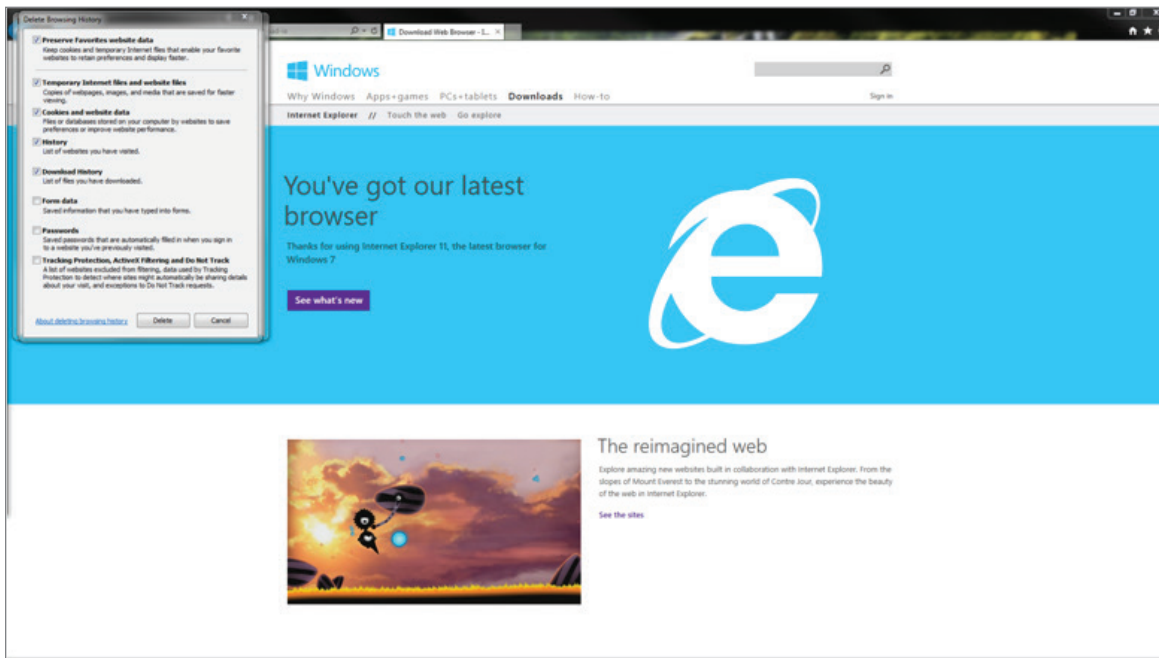
Updating the Cricut plugin on a PC
with Internet Explorer®

Step 5. Click the "Delete" button. Don't worry, this process won't hurt your computer—it simply helps Internet Explorer® work from a clean slate.
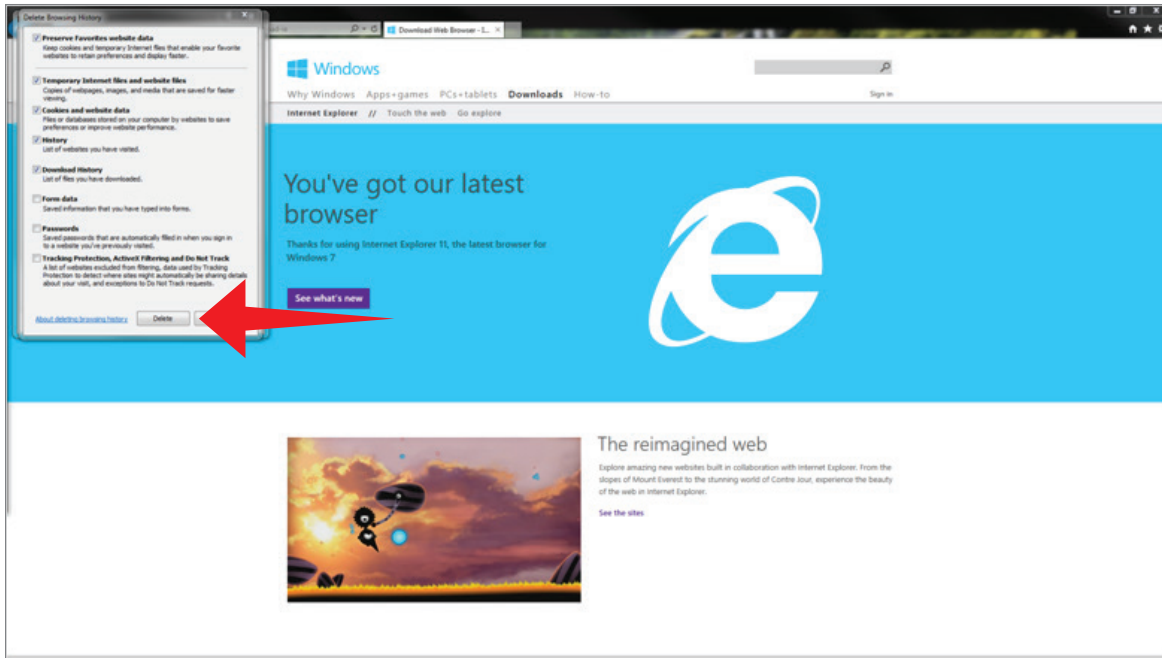
Step 6. Click "Okay" to close the "Internet Options" pop up window.
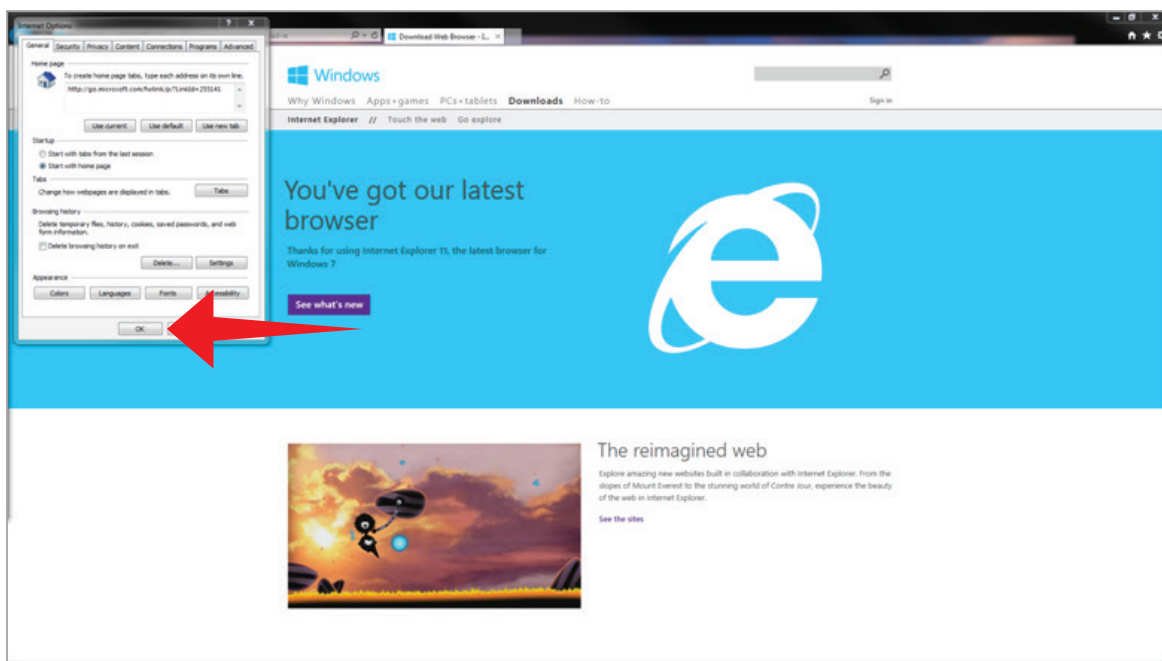
Updating the Cricut plugin on a PC with Internet Explorer®

Step 7. Once the browsing data has been cleared, a message will appear at the bottom of the screen indicating Internet Explorer® has finished deleting the selected browsing history. Quit Internet Explorer by clicking the "X" in the upper right hand corner.
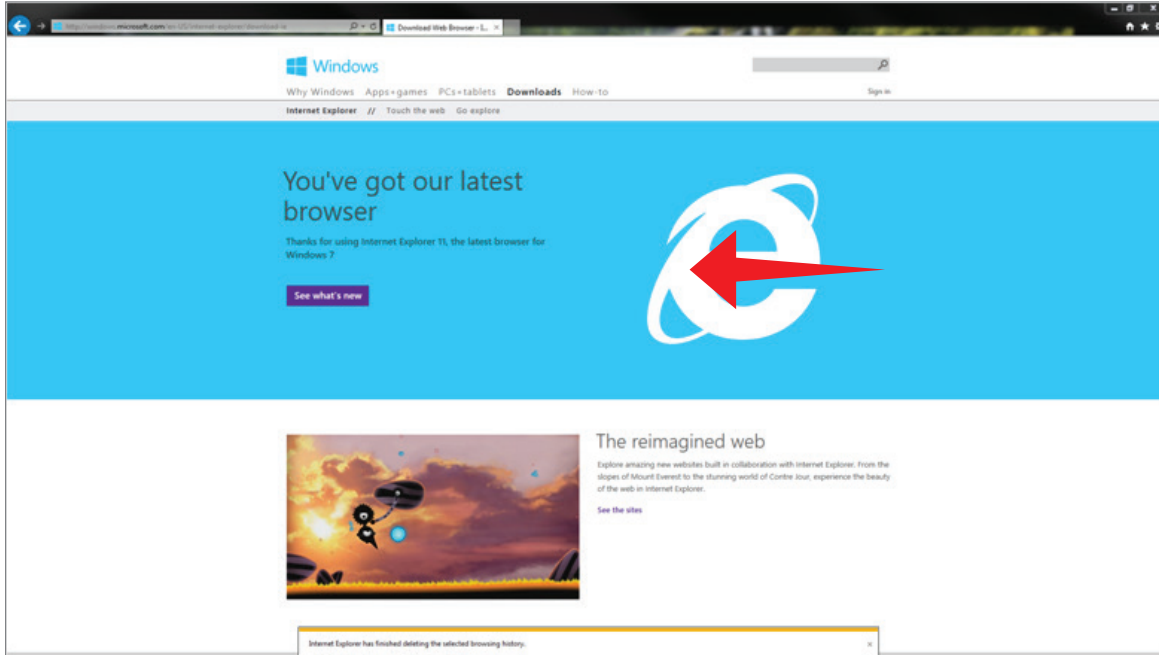
Updating the Cricut plugin on a PC with Internet Explorer®

Phase 2 – Download and install the Cricut® plugin

Step 1. Open Internet Explorer® and enter this URL into the address bar of your browser:

https://us.cricut.com/Design/Data/Software/Plugin/CricutDesignSpace.exe
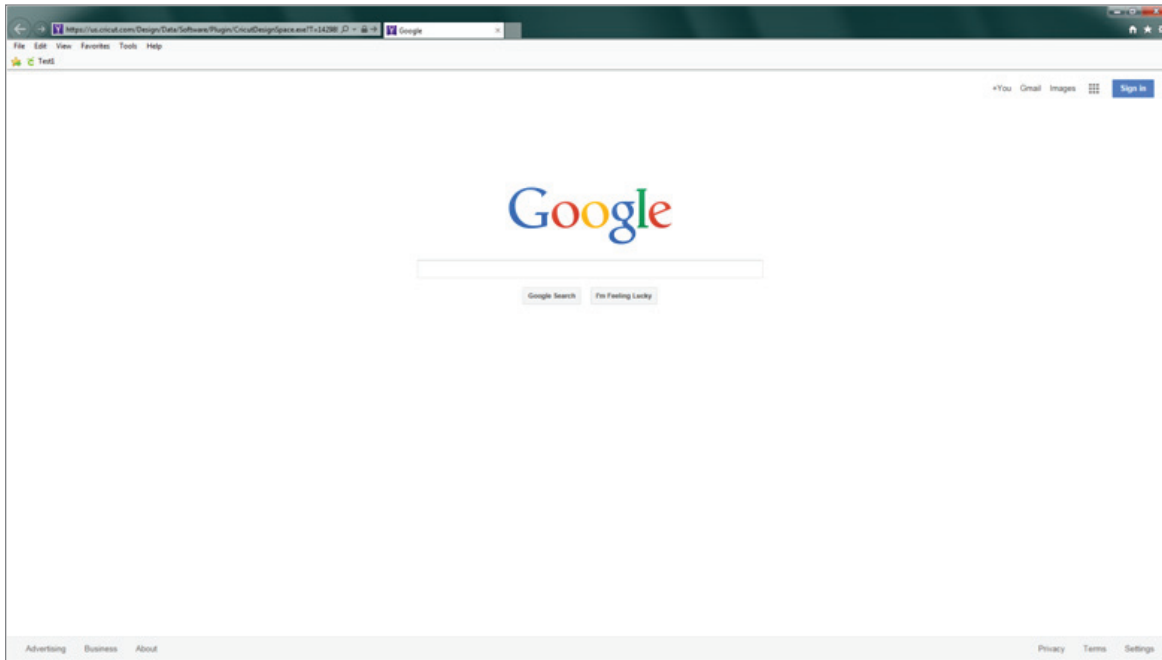
Step 2. A prompt will appear at the bottom of the screen. Click "Run" to continue.
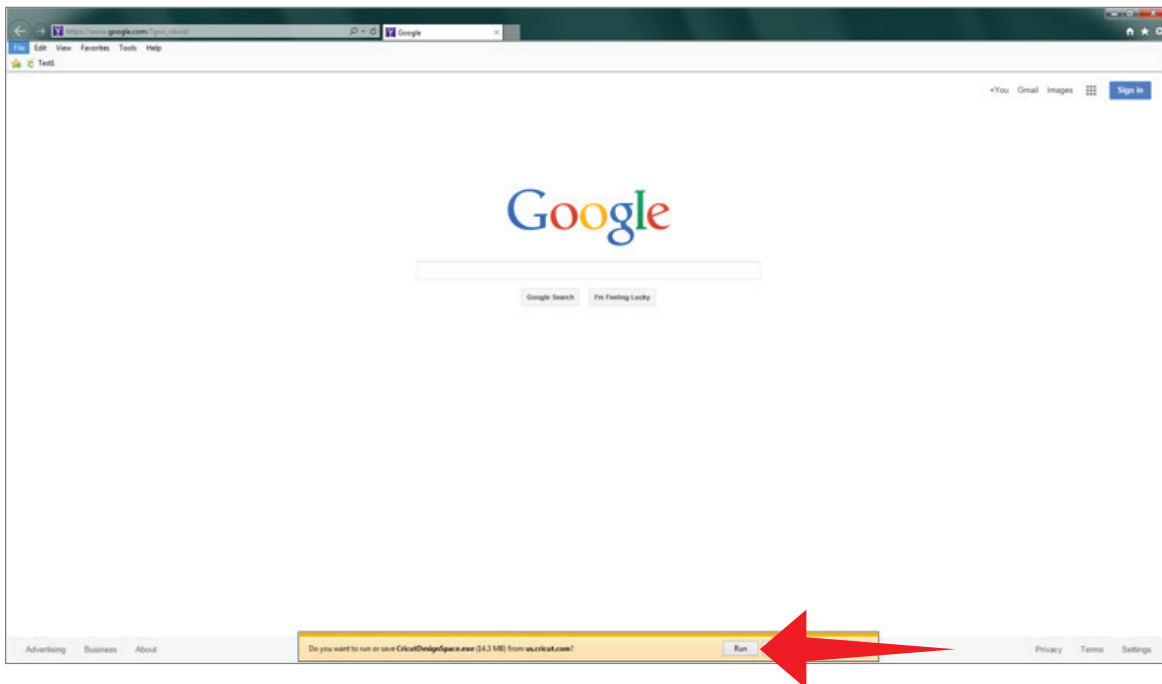
Updating the Cricut plugin on a PC with Internet Explorer®

Step 3. You may be asked if you would like to allow Cricut Design Space to be downloaded from the internet. If so, click "Yes".

Step 4. The plugin installer will open. To set up Cricut Design Space™, continue by clicking "Next ."
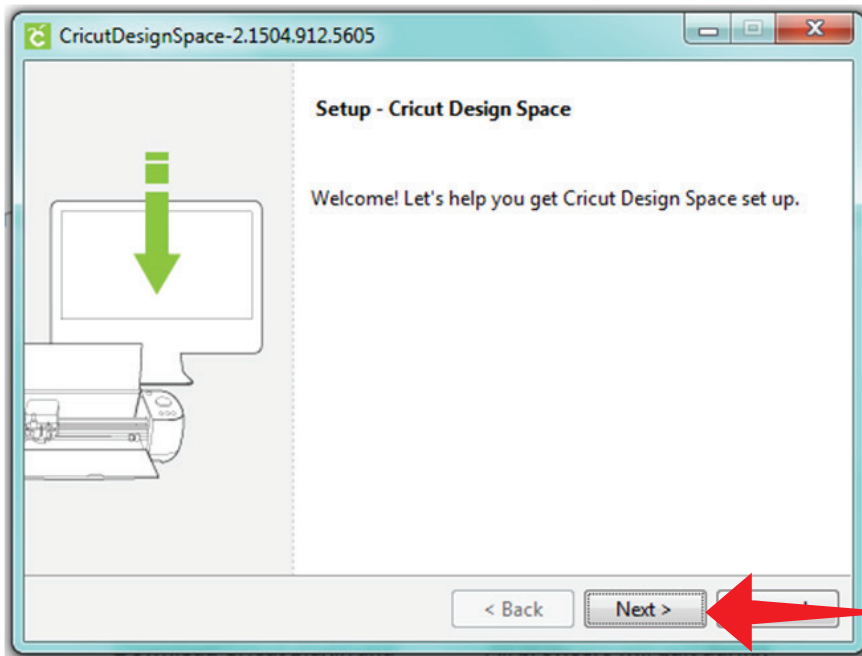
Step 5. Review and accept the Terms of Use. Click "Next" to continue.
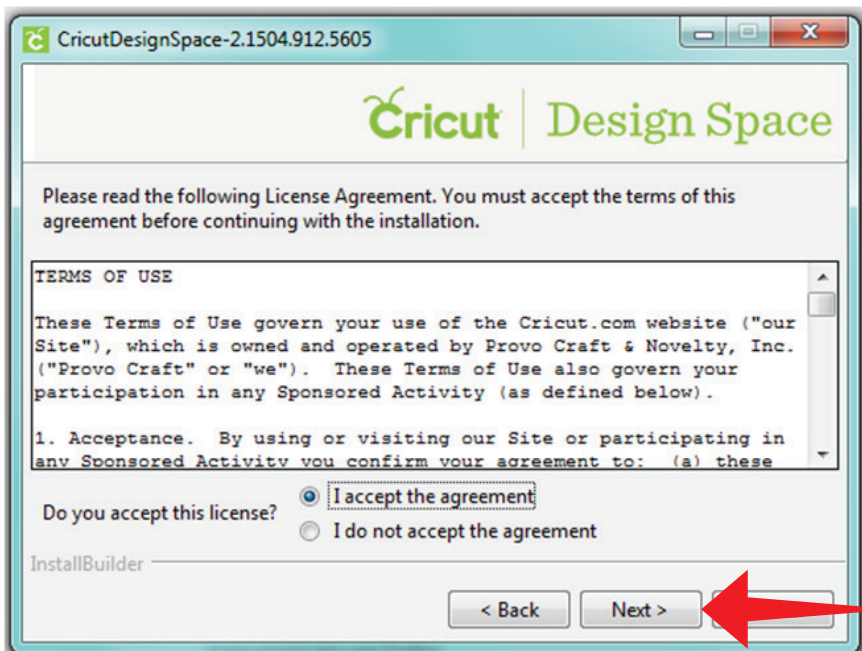
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Step 6. If you are asked to specify the directory where Cricut Design Space® will be installed, choose a directory or use the default and click "Next."
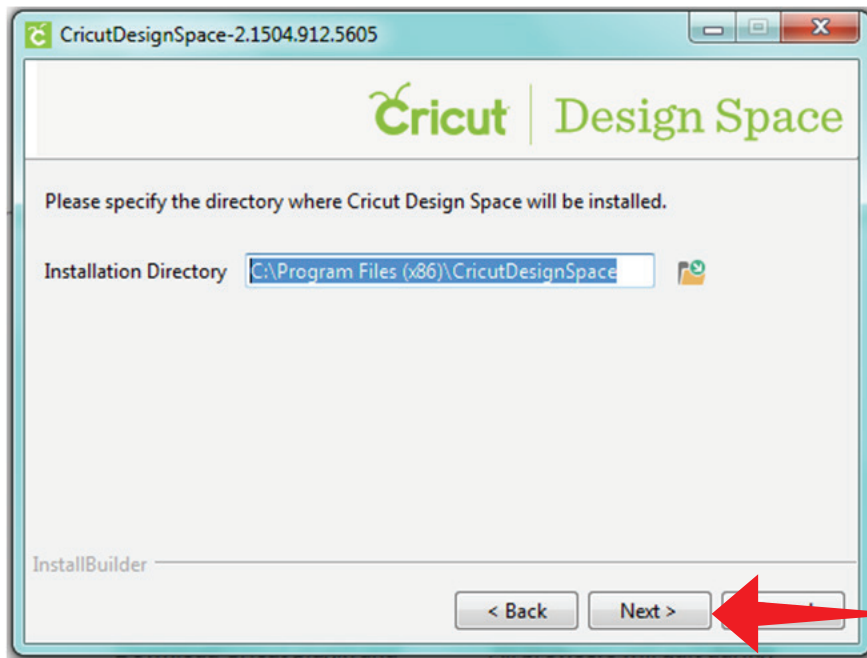
Step 7. The components you want to install have been preselected. Click "Next" to continue.
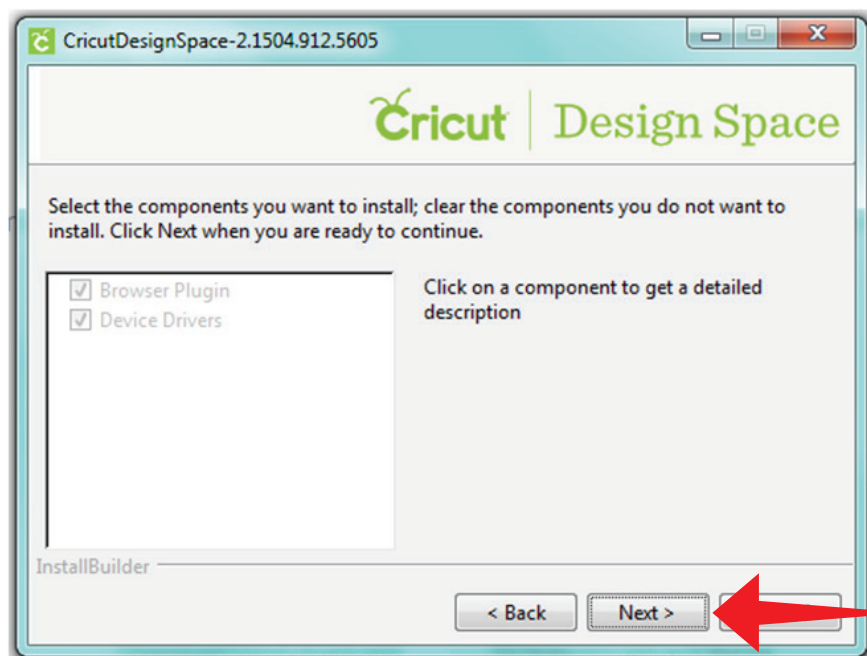
Updating the Cricut plugin on a PC
with Internet Explorer®

Step 8. You will need to close down all browsers in order for the plugin to successfully install. You may be prompted to do so. However, if you are not prompted, you will still have to do this manually. Quit all open browsers by clicking the "X" in the upper right hand corner.
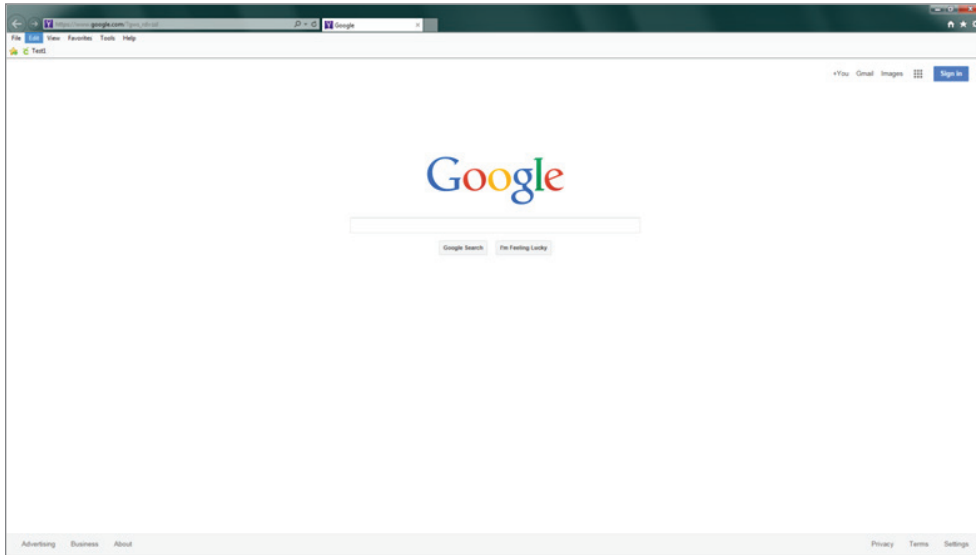
Tip: When you quit, you may lose any unsaved work that is currently open in your browser unless it is saved at this point.

Step 9. You are ready to install the plugin. Click "Next" to begin the process.
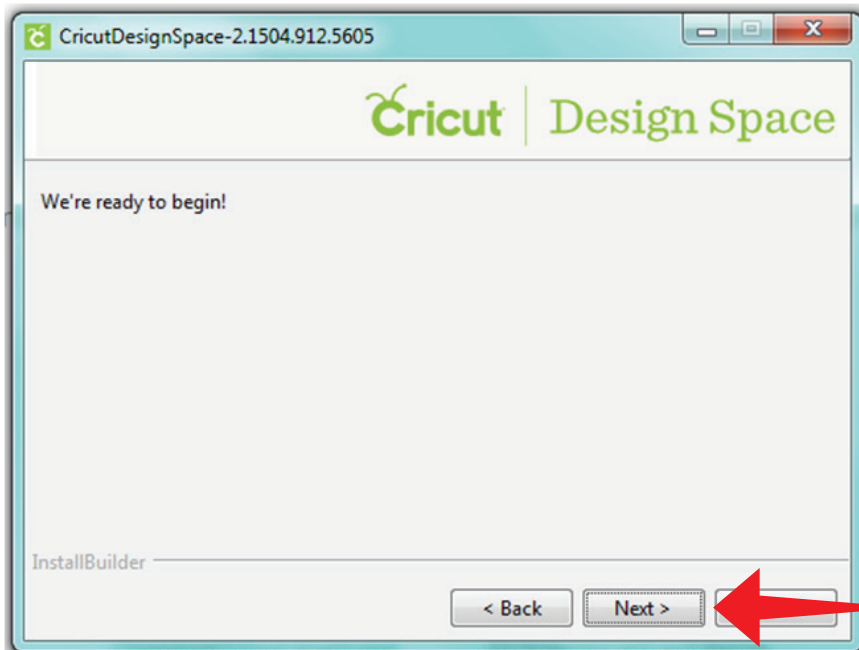
Updating the Cricut plugin on a PC
with Internet Explorer®

Step 10. Depending on your computer settings, a security question may appear asking if you would like to install the device software from Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc. Click "Install" to continue.
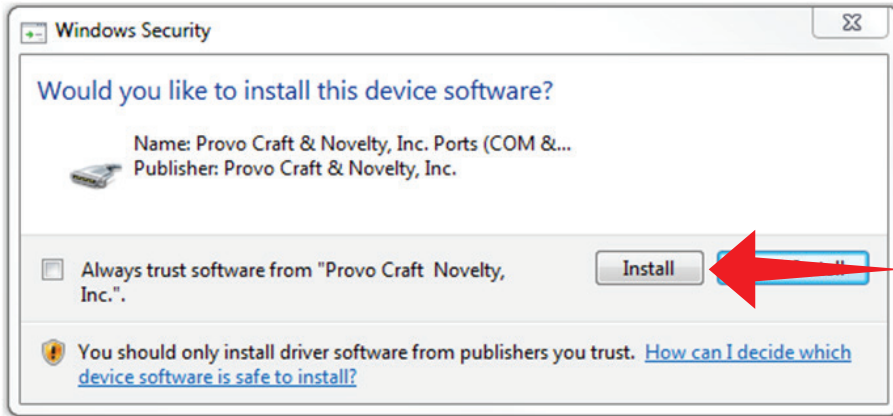
Step 11. The installation process will then begin automatically.
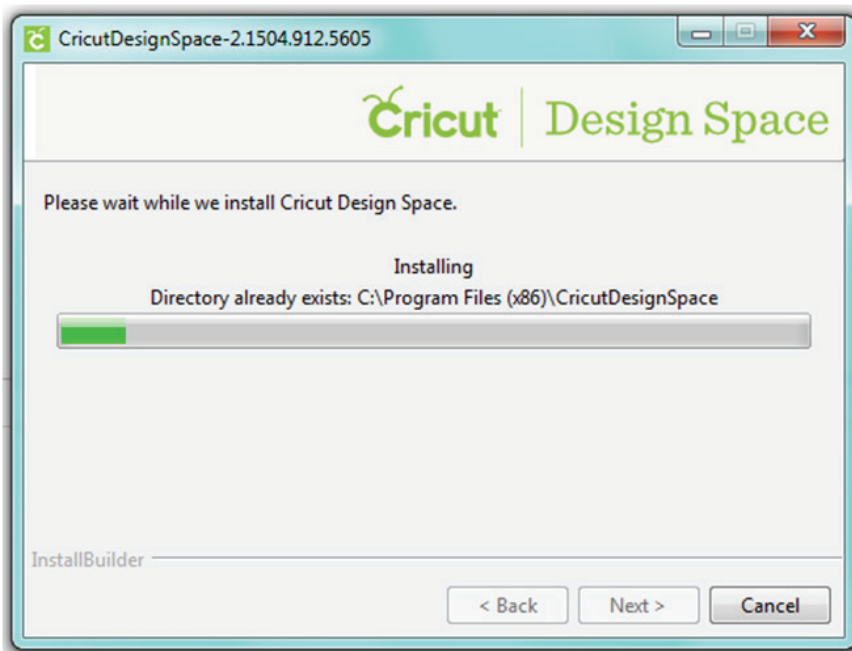
Updating the Cricut plugin on a PC
with Internet Explorer®

Step 12. The Cricut Design Space plugin has successfully installed. If you would like to automatically launch Cricut Design Space into your default browser, leave the box checked and clicked "Finish."
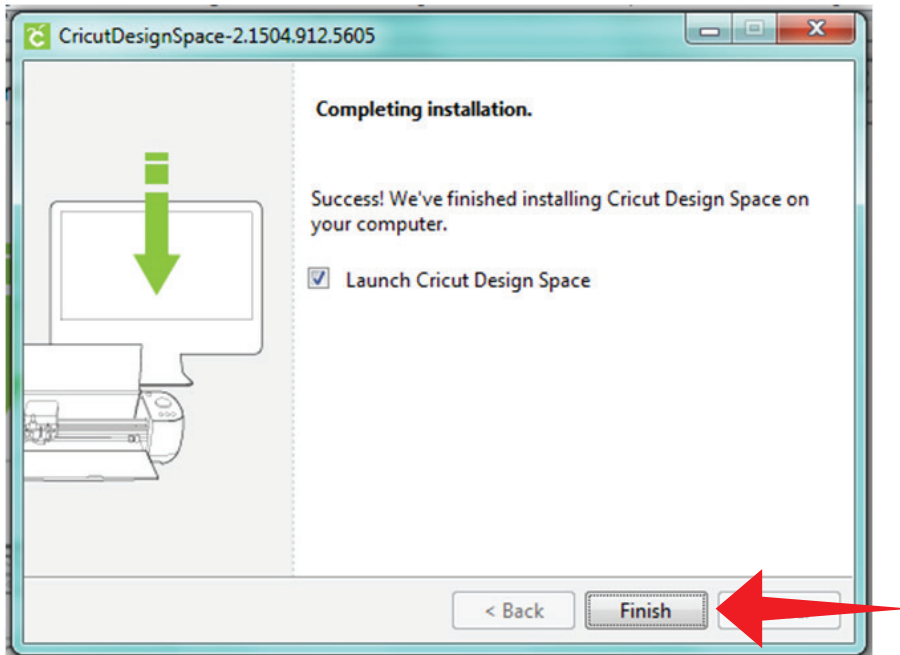
Your Cricut plugin has been updated. When your browser reopens, you will be taken to Cricut Design Space™. You can also enter this URL into the address bar of your browser to go to Cricut Design Space™:

www.cricut.com/design

Updating the Cricut plugin on a PC with Internet Explorer®

Stage 3 – Enable the Cricut® plugin in Internet Explorer®

Step 1. In Internet Explorer®, open the Tools menu by clicking on the gear icon in the upper right corner.
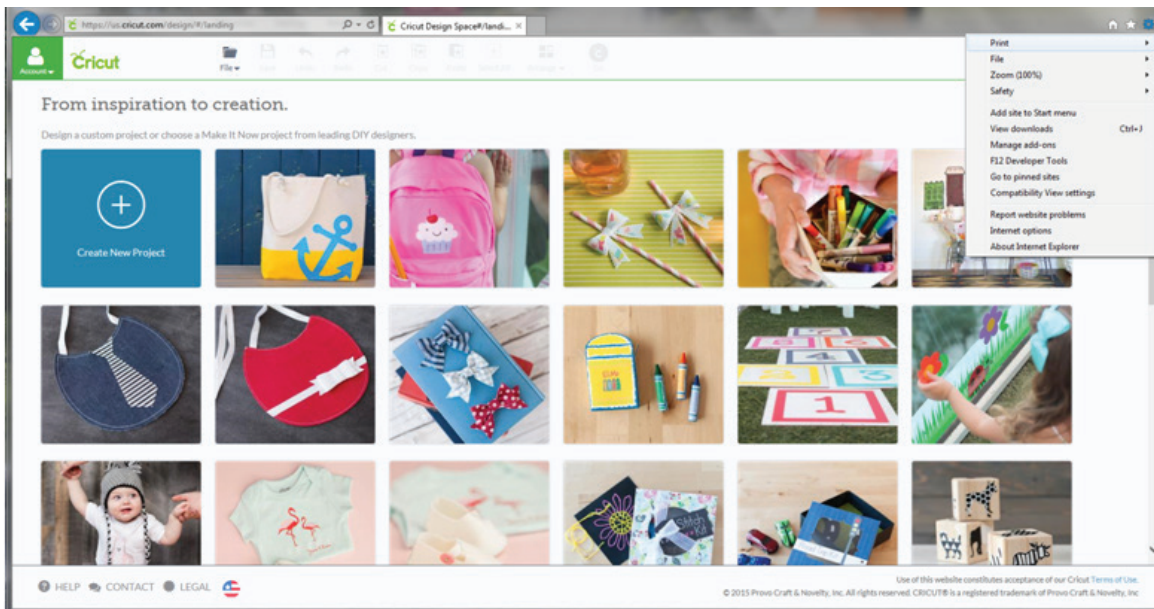
Step 2. From the menu, select "Manage add-ons."
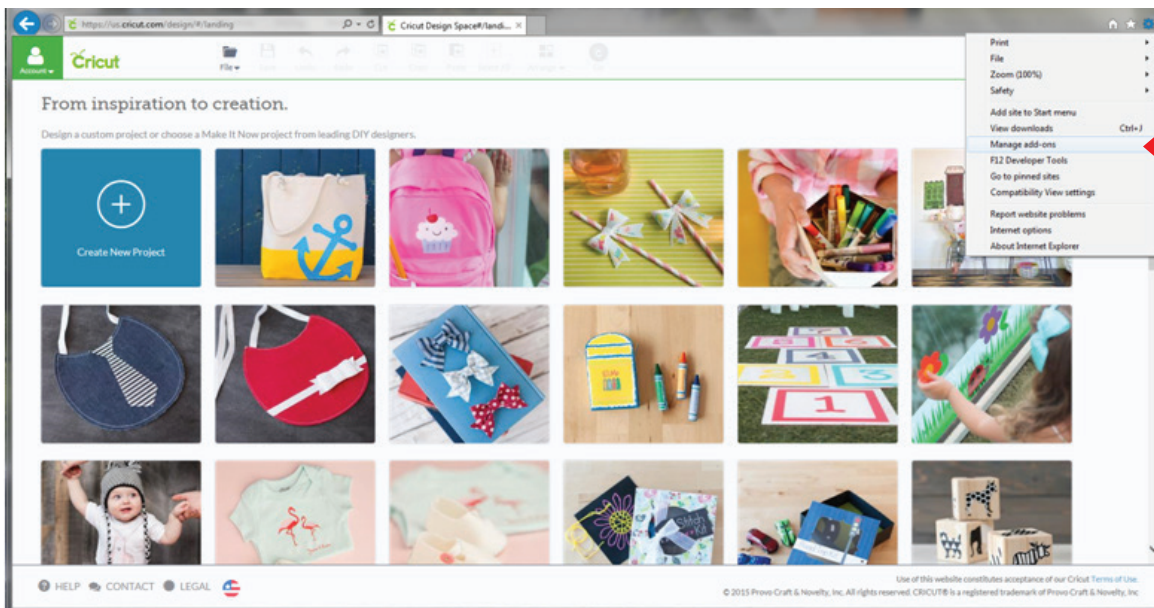
Updating the Cricut plugin on a PC
with Internet Explorer®

Step 3. A Manage Add-ons pop up window will open. In the list of plugins, locate Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc.

a. If the status of the Cricut Design Space Bridge Plugin is "Enabled," proceed to step 4.
b. If the status of the Cricut Design Space Bridge Plugin is "Disabled," click on the plugin to select it and then click on "Enable" in the bottom right corner of the pop up window.
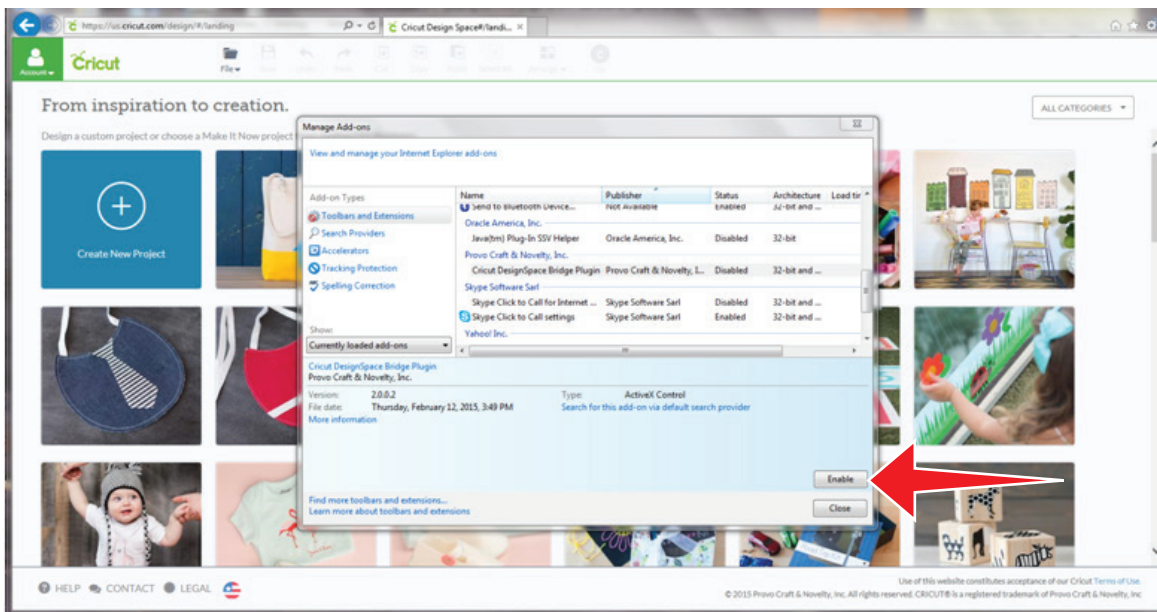
Step 4. Your Cricut® plugin is ready to go. Exit the Manage Add-ons pop up window by clicking "Close."

Updating the Cricut plugin on a PC
with Internet Explorer®

Step 5. You have completed the plugin process. If you need to return to Cricut Design Space™ enter this URL into the address bar of your browser: **www.cricut.com/design**

Have fun creating!

Updating the Cricut Plugin on a PC with Mozilla® Firefox®

In order to access all the creative features of Cricut Design Space™, you'll need to install the Design Space® plugin. As new features become available, from time to time you'll be prompted to update the plugin. It's installed on your computer and executed by your browser, so if you use Design Space® on more than one computer, you'll need to install it on each device. However, it is not necessary to install the plugin in order to use the Cricut Design Space™ app on iPad®.

Updating the plugin is a 3 stage process.

- Stage 1 – Clear browsing history, cache and cookies
- Stage 2 – Download and install the Cricut plugin
- Stage 3 – Enable the Cricut® plugin in Mozilla® Firefox®

Stage 1 – Clear browsing history, cache and cookies

Step 1. Step 1. Open Mozilla® Firefox® and click on the menu (3 stacked lines located in the upper right corner of the browser).

Updating the Cricut Plugin on a PC with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 2. From the menu, select "History."

Step 3. Your browsing history will be displayed. Click "Clear Recent History..."
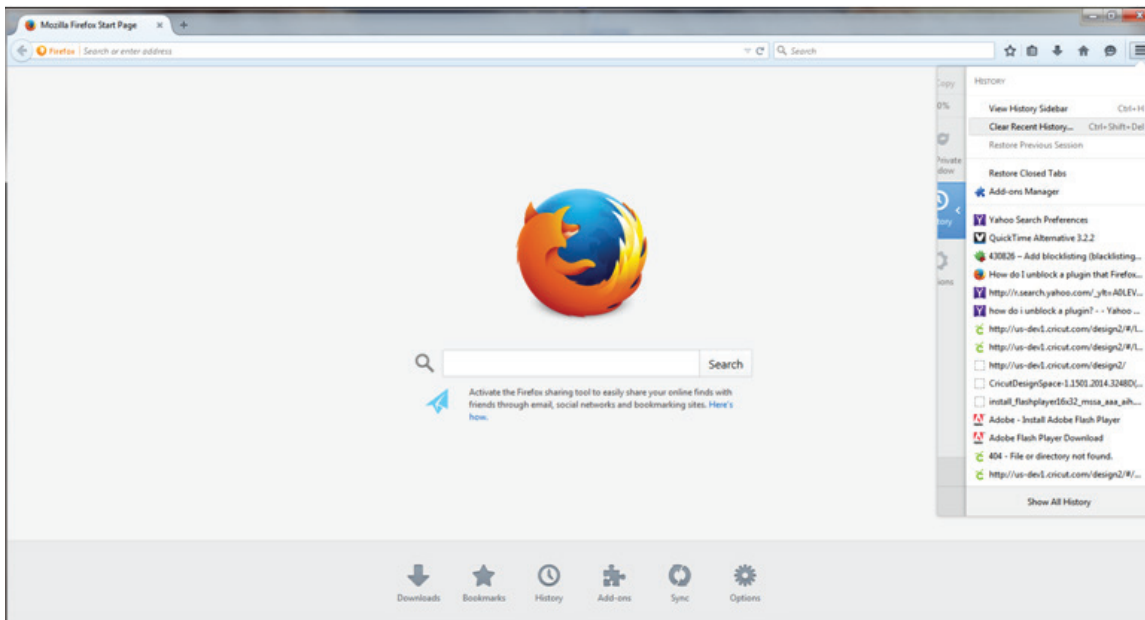
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a PC with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 4. A "Clear All History" pop-up window will open. In the "Time range to clear" drop-down menu, select "Everything." Don't worry, this process won't hurt your computer—it simply helps Firefox® work from a clean slate. Make sure at least the following boxes are checked:

- Browsing & Download History
- Form & Search History
- Cookies
- Cache
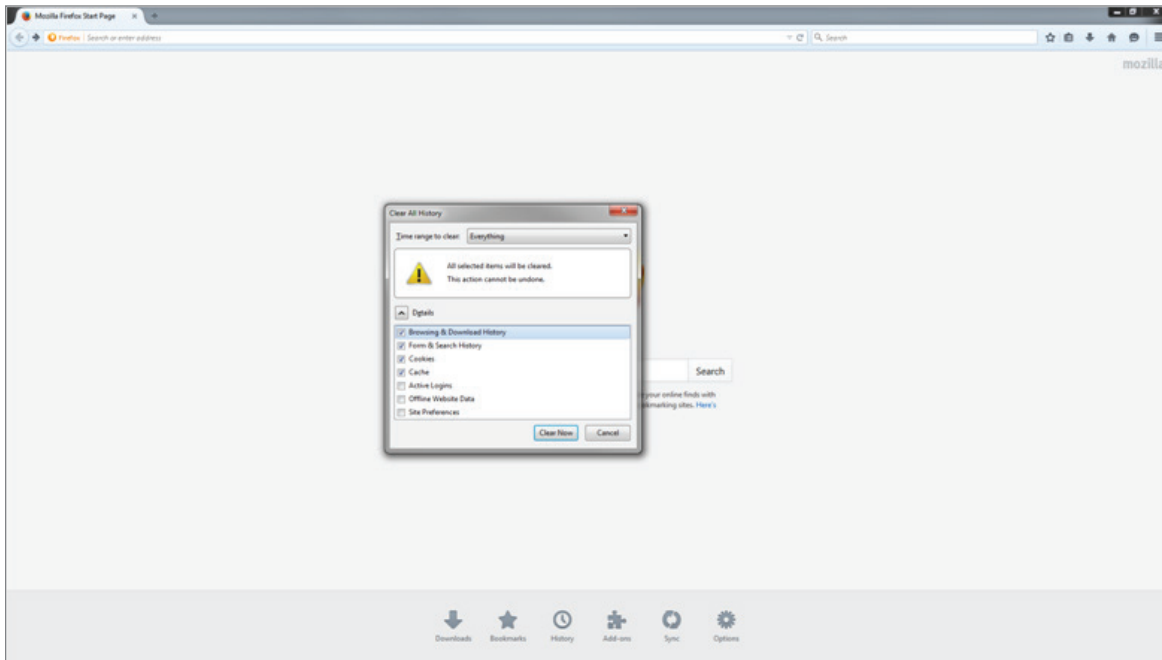
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a PC with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 5. Click the "Clear Now" button.
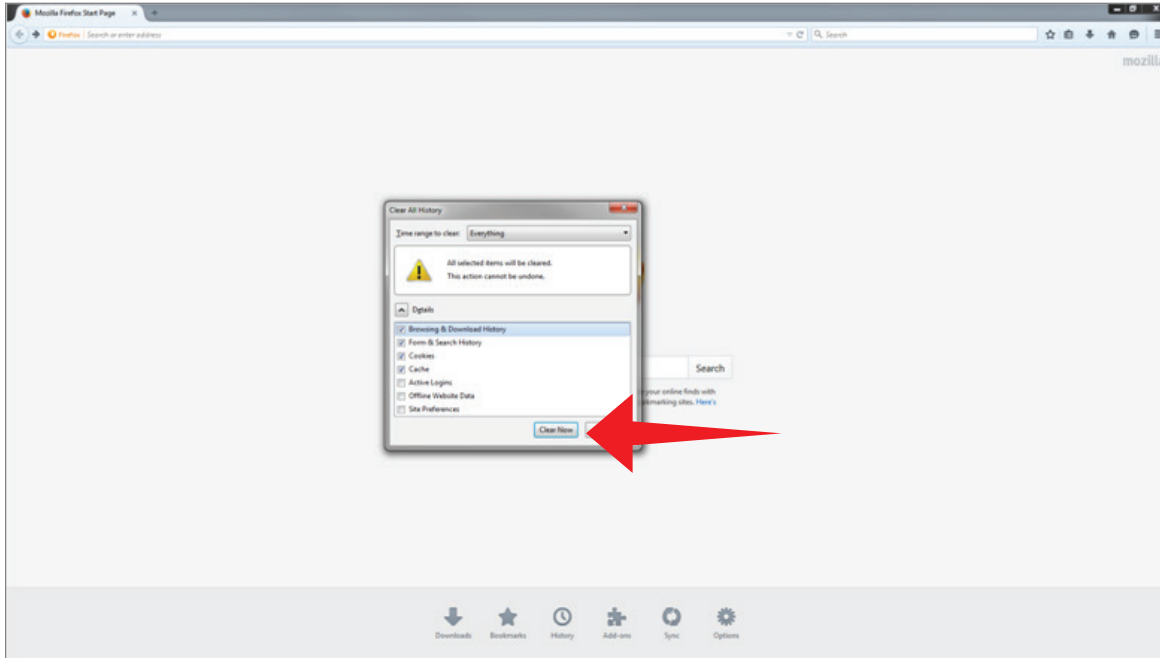
Step 6. Once the browsing data has been cleared, the pop-up window will dismiss. Quit Mozilla® Firefox® by clicking the "X" in the upper right hand corner.
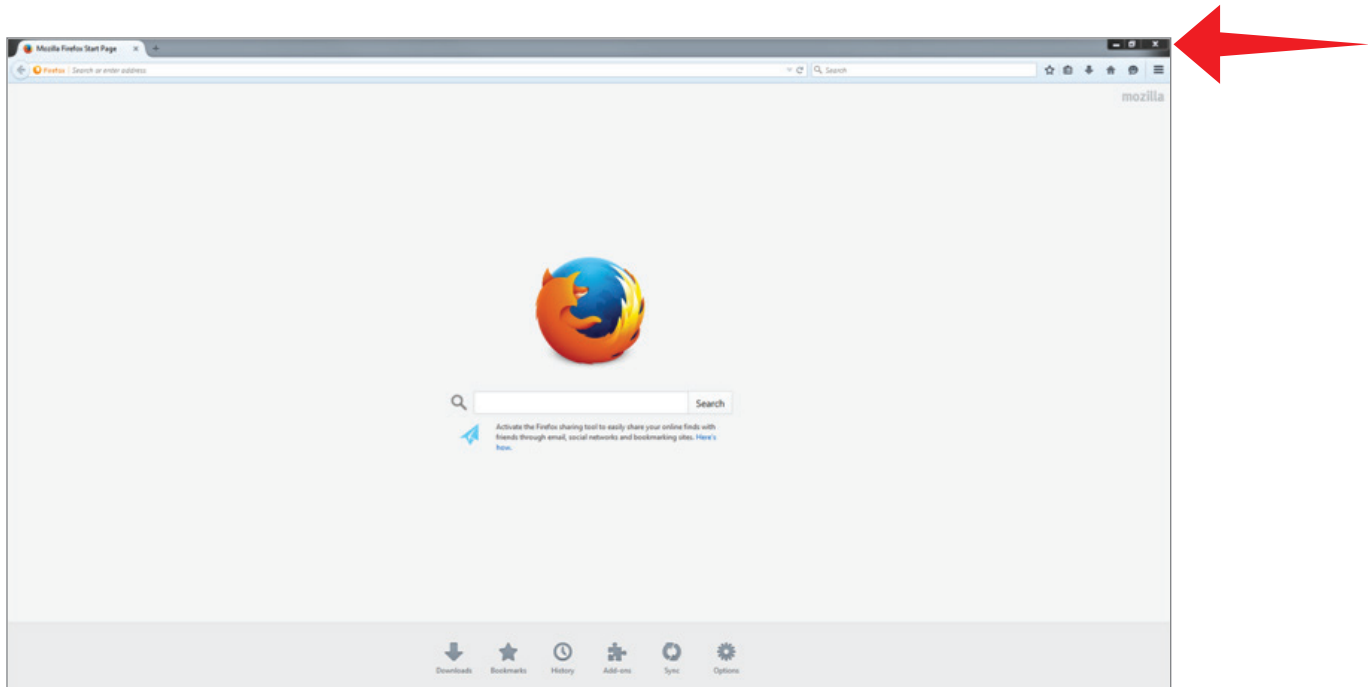
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a PC with Mozilla® Firefox®

Phase 2 – Download and install the Cricut® plugin

Step 1. Enter this URL into the address bar of your browser:
https://us.cricut.com/Design/Data/Software/Plugin/CricutDesignSpace.exe
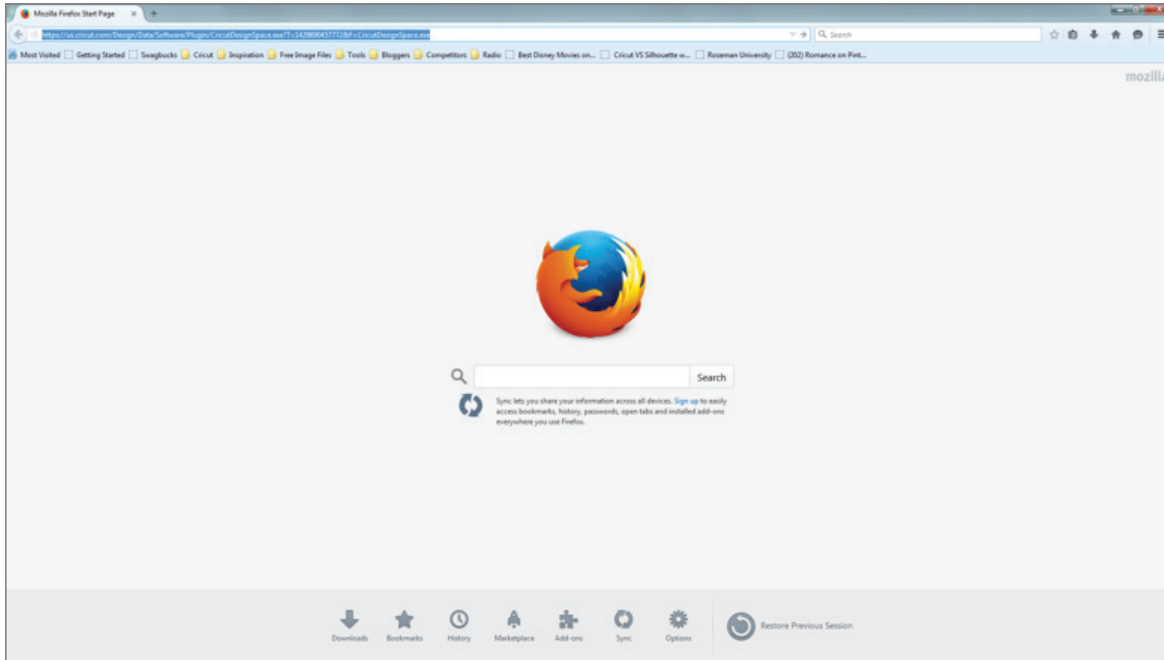
Step 2. You will be prompted to save the file. Click "Save File."
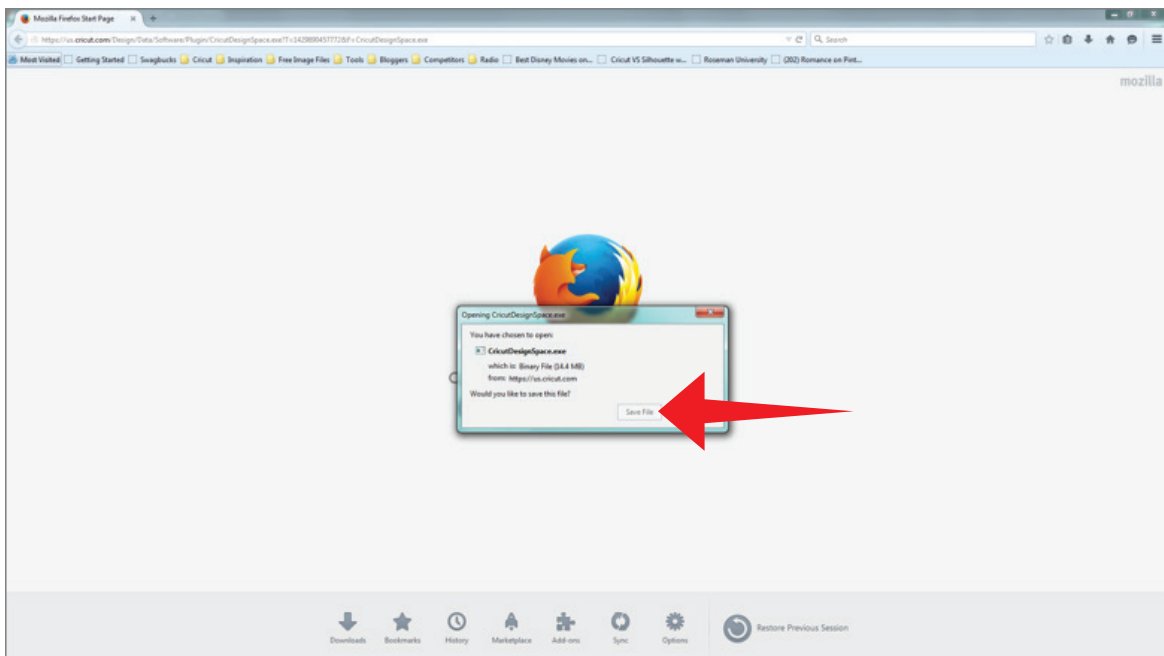
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a PC
with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 3. The file will download and can be accessed by clicking on the arrow on the top right of your screen and then clicking on the file.
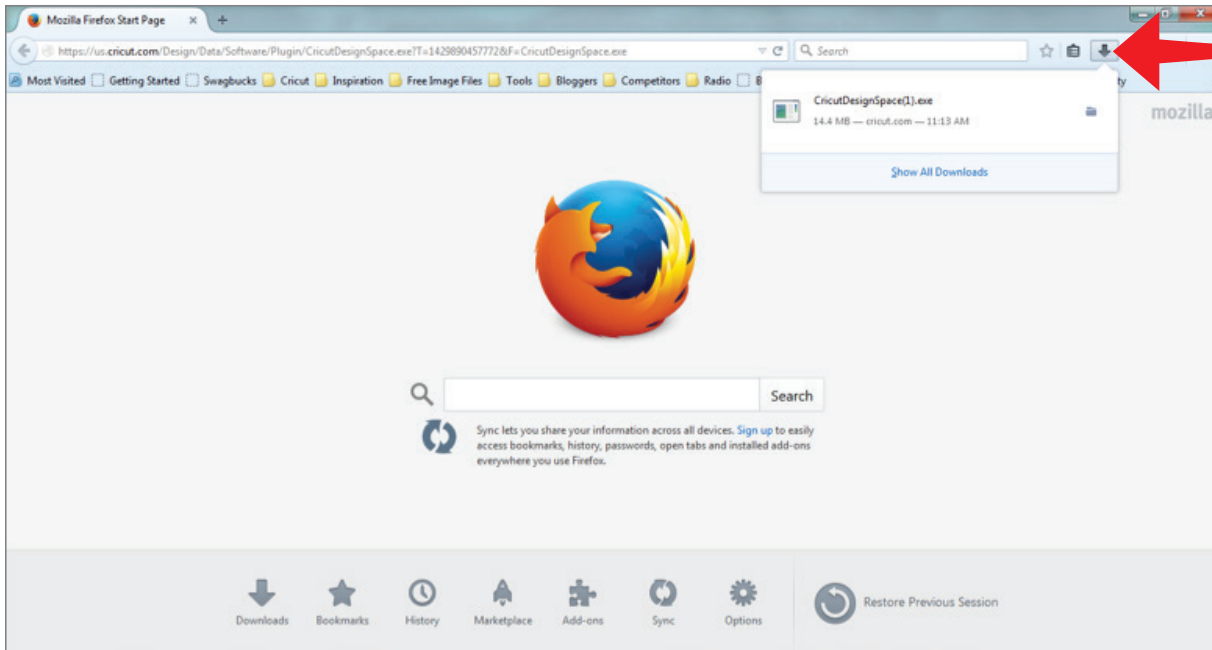
Step 4. You may be asked if you would like to allow Cricut Design Space to be downloaded from the internet. If so, click "Yes".

Updating the Cricut Plugin on a PC with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 5. The plugin installer will open. To set up Cricut Design Space™, continue by clicking "Next."
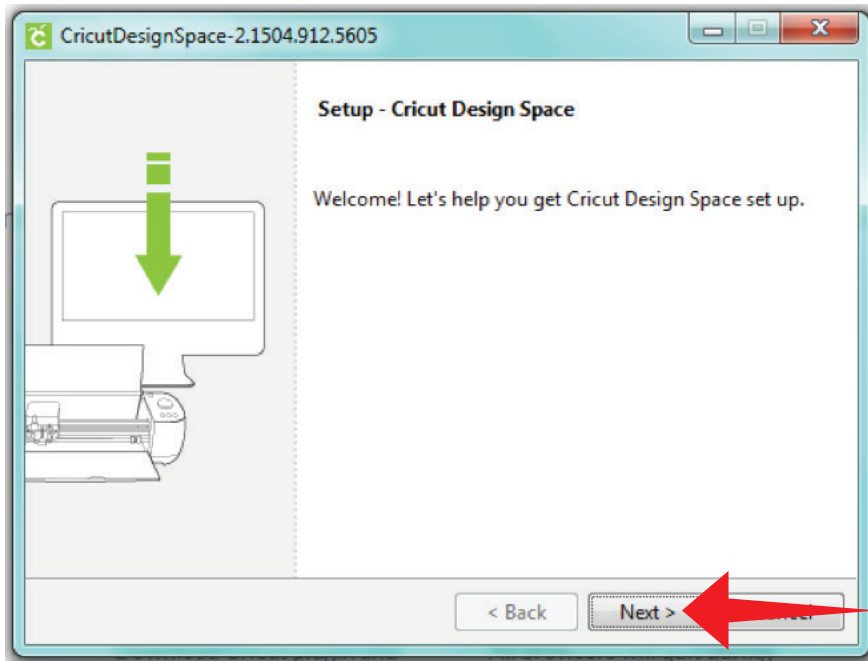
Step 6. Review and accept the Terms of Use. Click "Next" to continue.
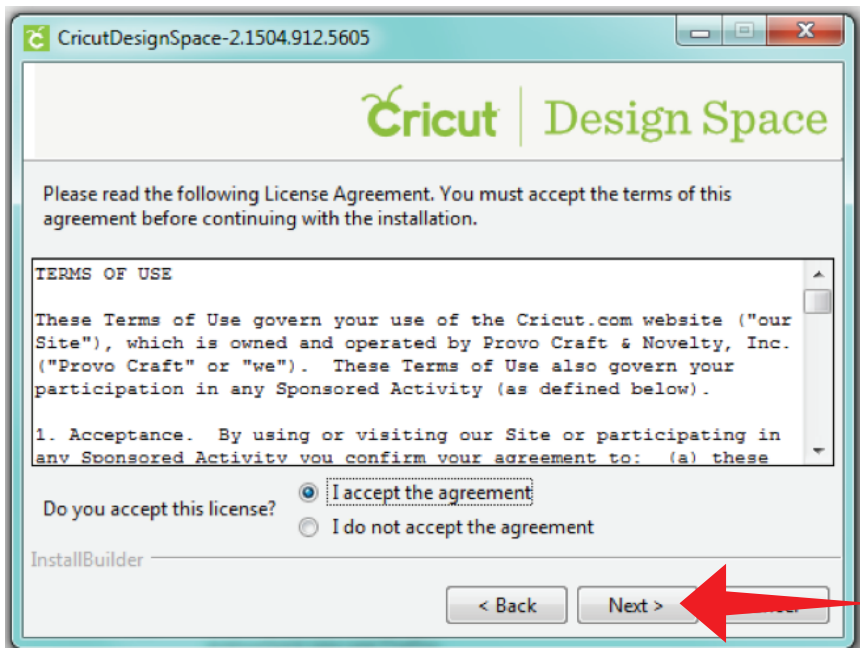
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a PC with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 7. If you are asked to specify the directory where Cricut Design Space® will be installed, choose a directory or use the default and click "Next."
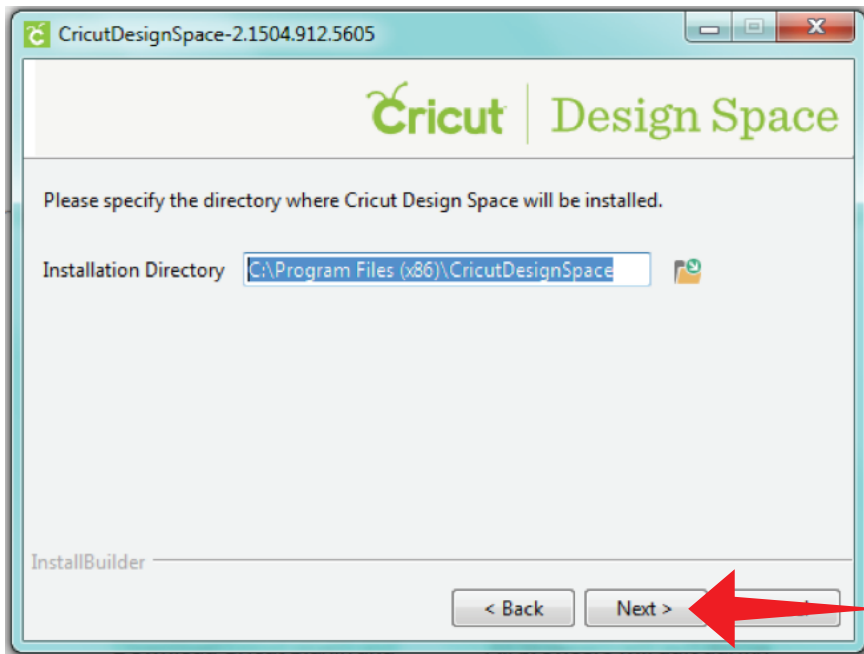
Step 8. The components you want to install have been preselected. Click "Next" to continue.
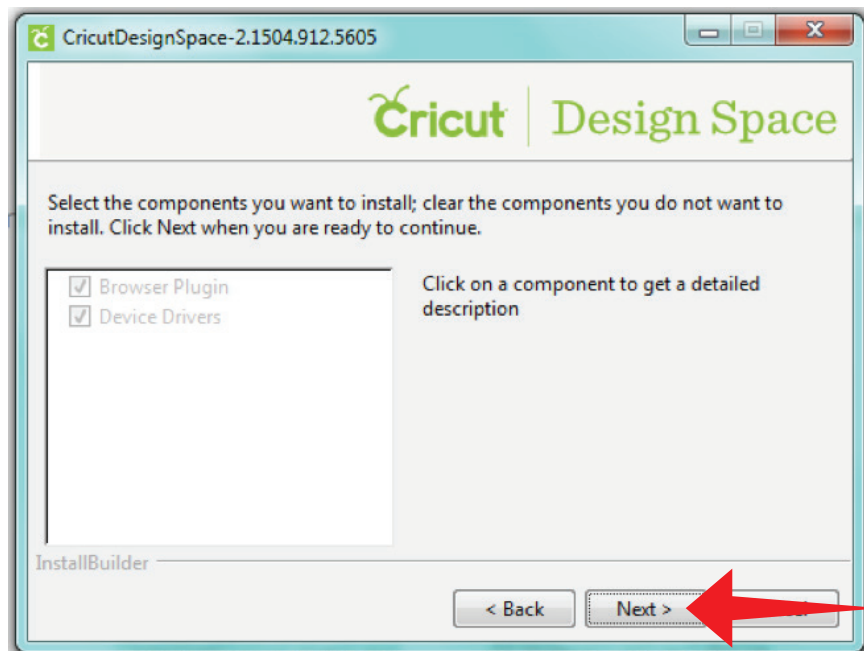
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a PC with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 9. You will need to close down all browsers in order for the plugin to successfully install. You may be prompted to do so. However, if you are not prompted, you will still have to do this manually. Quit all open browsers by clicking the "X" in the upper right hand corner.

Tip: When you quit, you may lose any unsaved work that is currently open in your browser unless it is saved at this point.

Step 10. You are ready to install the plugin. Click "Next" to begin the process.
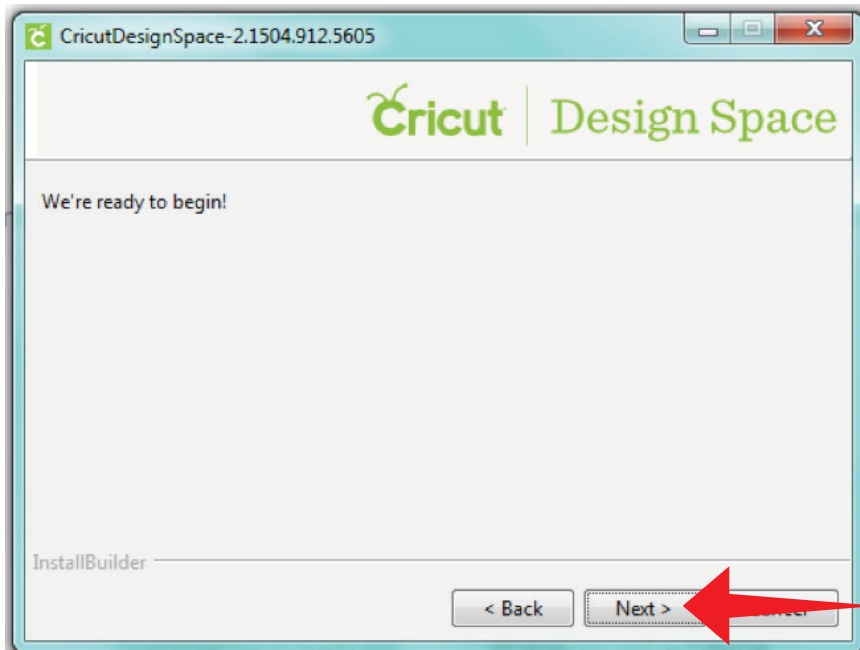
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a PC
with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 11. Depending on your computer settings, a security question may appear asking if you would like to install the device software from Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc. Click "Install" to continue.
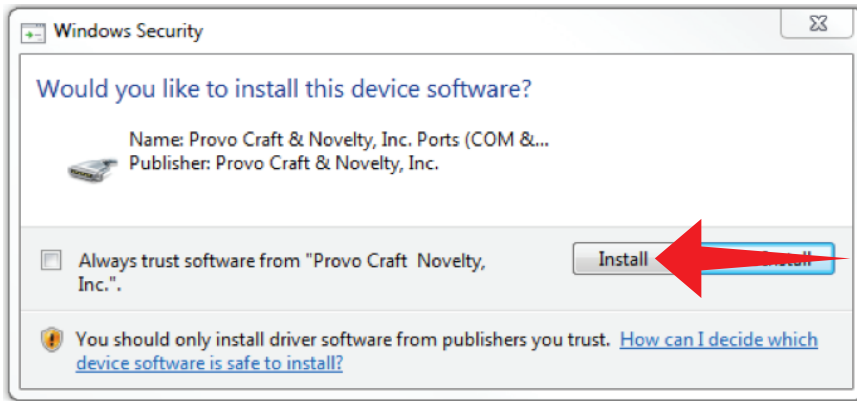
Step 12. The installation process will then begin automatically.
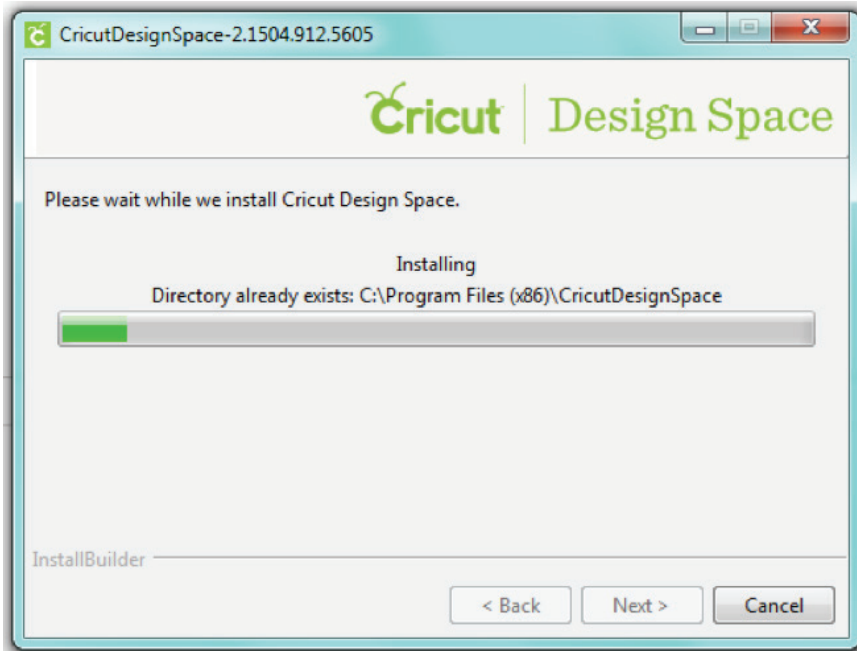
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a PC with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 13. The Cricut Design Space plugin has successfully installed. If you would like to automatically launch Cricut Design Space into your default browser, leave the box checked and clicked "Finish."

Your Cricut plugin has been updated. When your browser reopens, you will be taken to Cricut Design Space™. You can also enter this URL into the address bar of your browser to go to Cricut Design Space™:

www.cricut.com/design

Updating the Cricut Plugin on a PC with Mozilla® Firefox®

Stage 3 – Enable the Cricut® plugin in Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 1. In Mozilla® Firefox®, click on the menu (3 stacked lines located in the upper right corner of the browser).

Updating the Cricut Plugin on a PC with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 2. From the menu, select "Add-ons."

Step 3. In the list of plugins, locate Cricut. The horizontal tile for the Cricut plugin has a drop-down menu on the right side. From this menu, select "Always Activate."
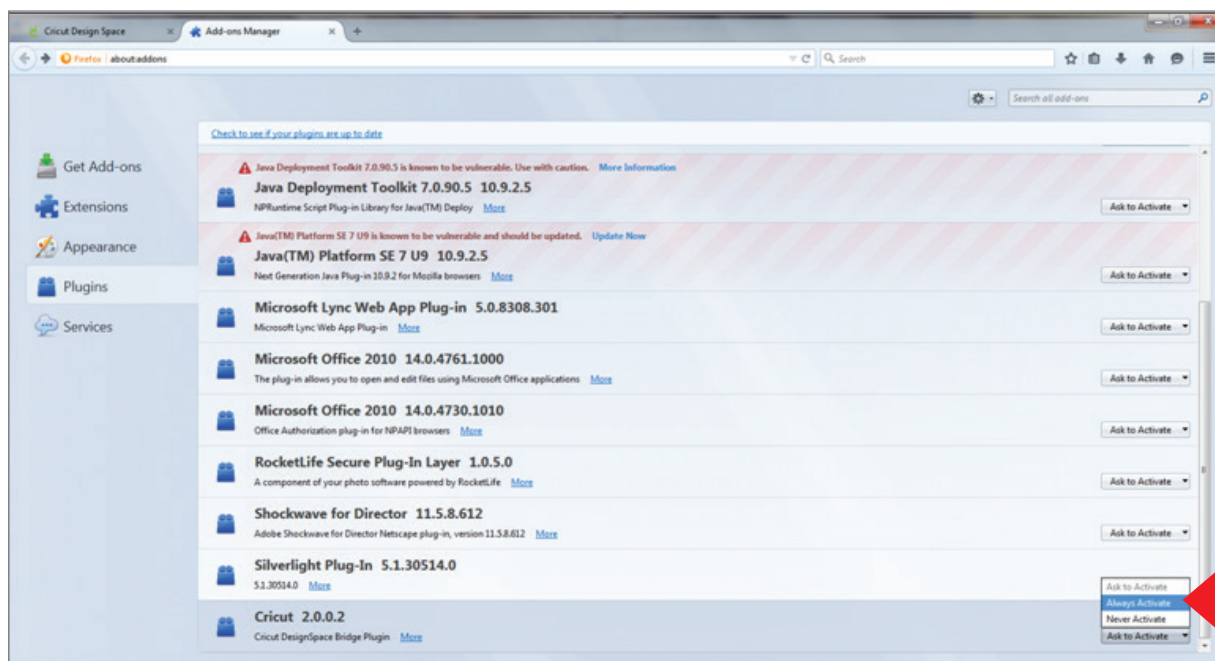
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a PC
with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 4. Your Cricut® plugin is ready to go., Close the browser tab.
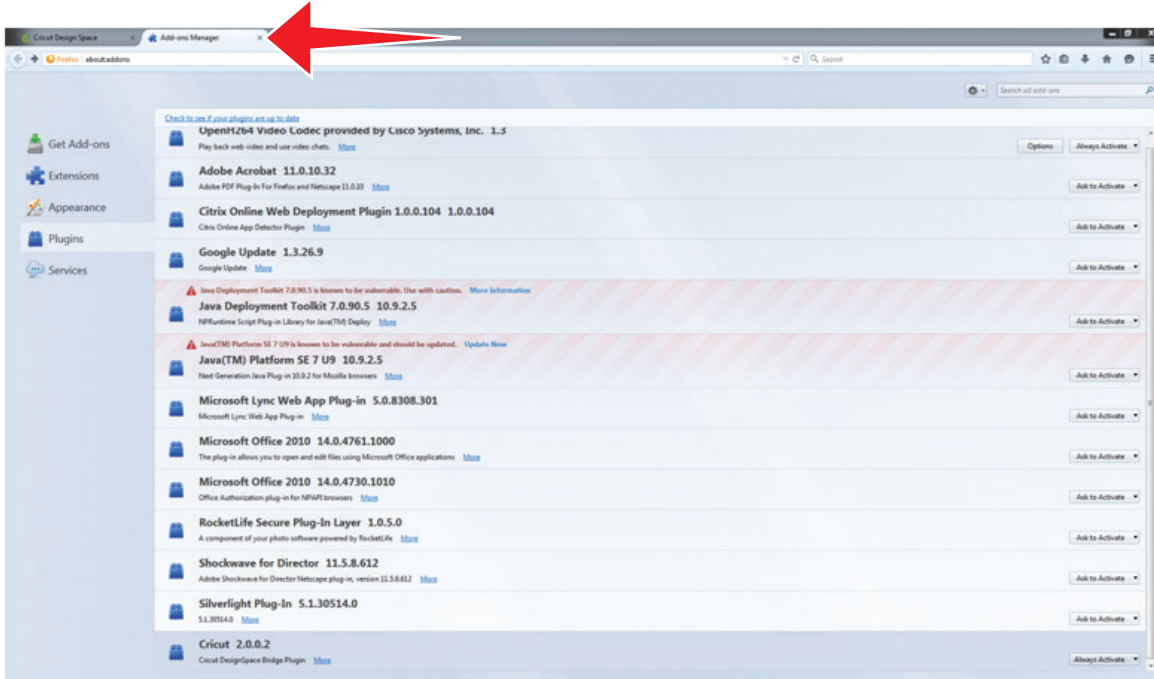
Step 5. You have completed the plugin process. If you need to return to Cricut Design Space™ enter this URL into the address bar of your browser: **www.cricut.com/design** . Have fun creating!
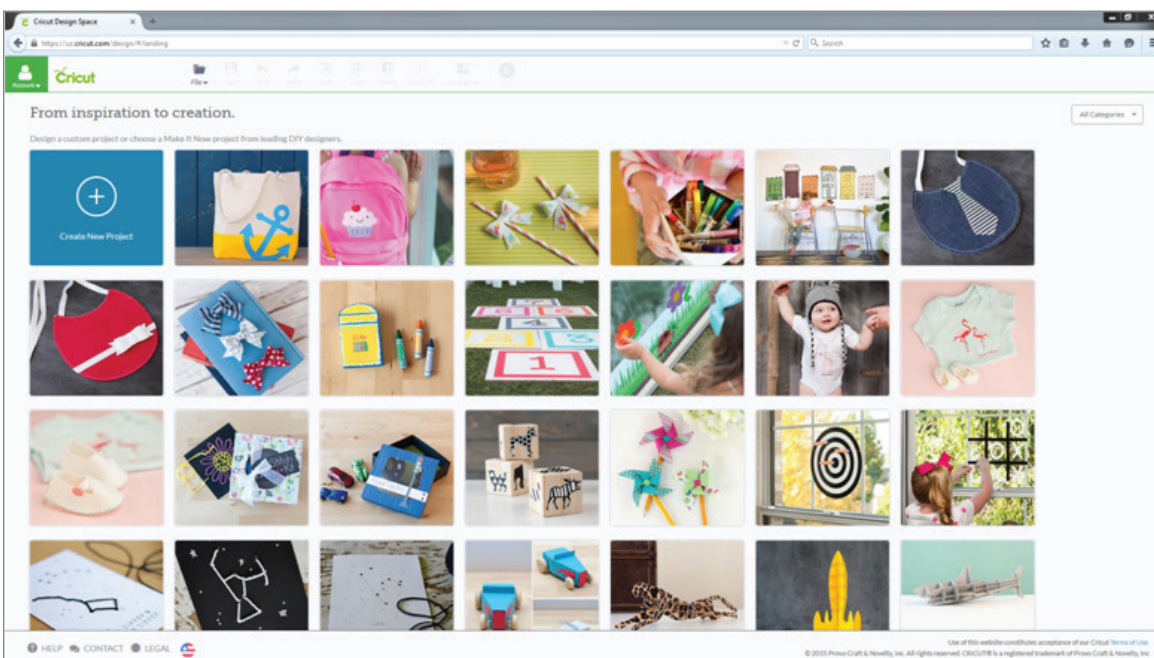
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Safari

In order to access all the creative features of Cricut Design Space™, you'll need to install the Design Space® plugin. As new features become available, from time to time you'll be prompted to update the plugin. It's installed on your computer and executed by your browser, so if you use Design Space® on more than one computer, you'll need to install it on each device. However, it is not necessary to install the plugin in order to use the Cricut Design Space™ app on iPad®.

Updating the plugin is a 3 stage process.

- • Stage 1 – Clear browsing history, cache and cookies
- • Stage 2 – Download and install the Cricut plugin
- • Stage 3 – Enable the Cricut® plugin in Safari

Stage 1 – Clear browsing history, cache and cookies

Step 1. Open Safari and click History from the top menu bar. Then, click Clear History and Website Data...
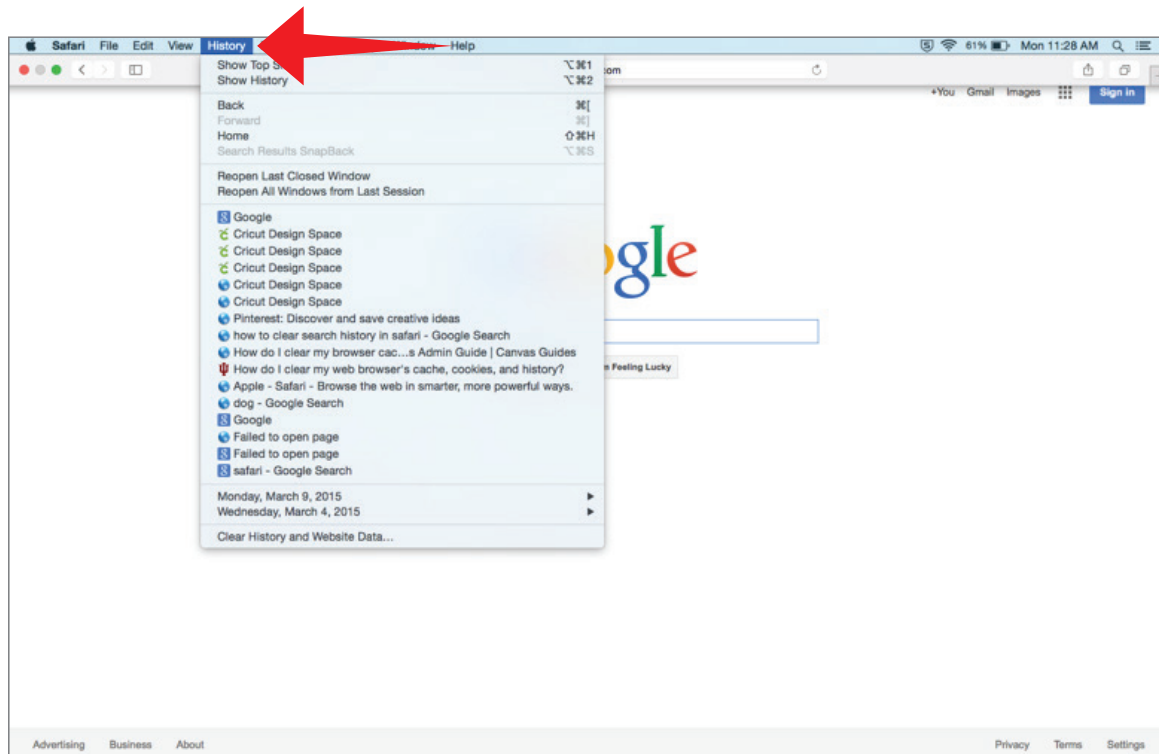
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Safari

Step 2. A new pop up window will open. In the "Clear" drop down menu, select "all history". Don't worry, this process won't hurt your computer—it simply helps Firefox® work from a clean slate.
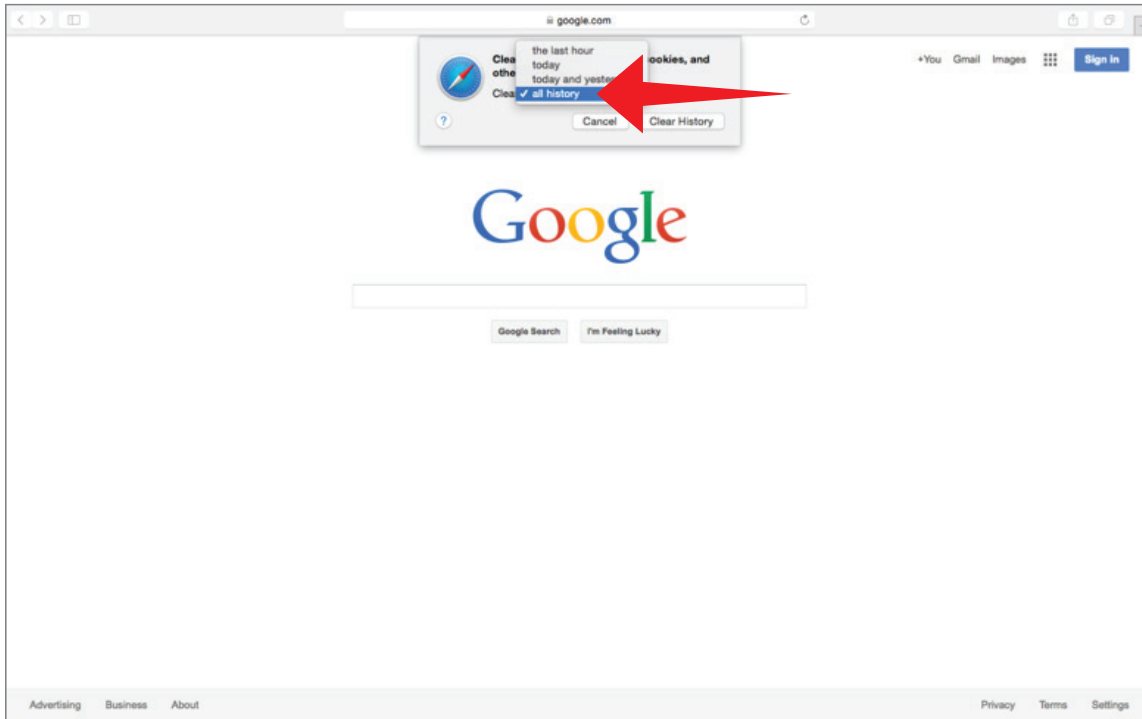
Step 3. Click the "Clear History" button.
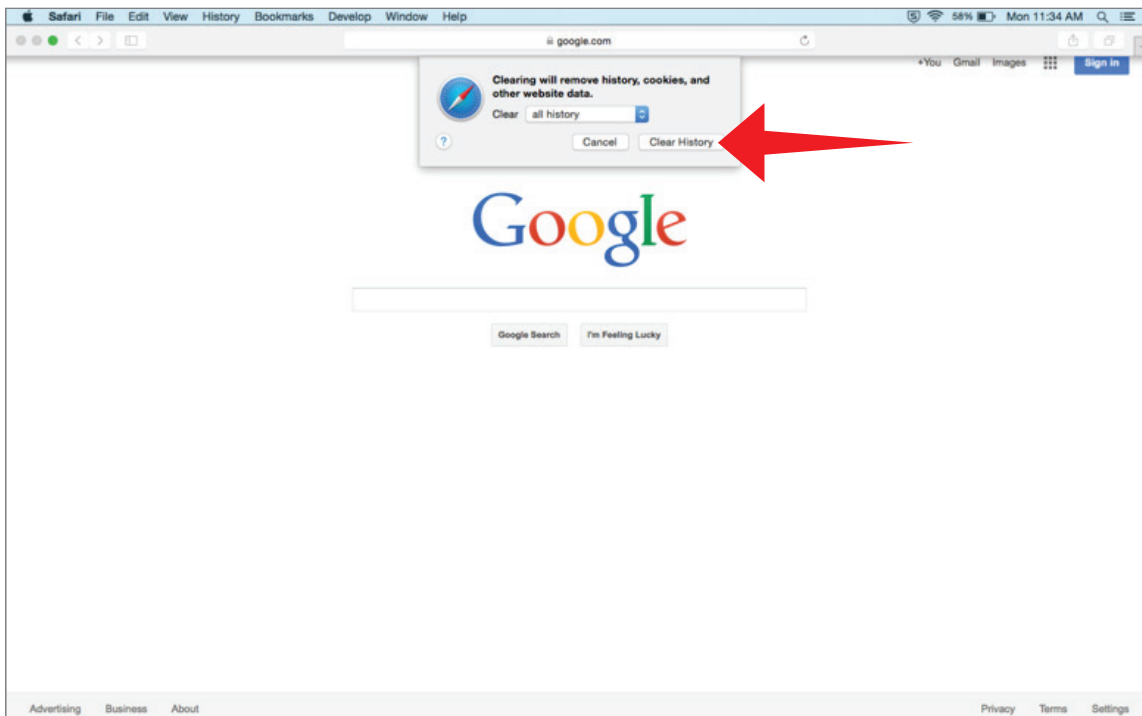
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Safari

Step 4. Once the browsing data has been cleared, the pop-up window will dismiss. Quit Safari by clicking "Safari" in the upper left hand corner. Then click "Quit Safari" from the menu.
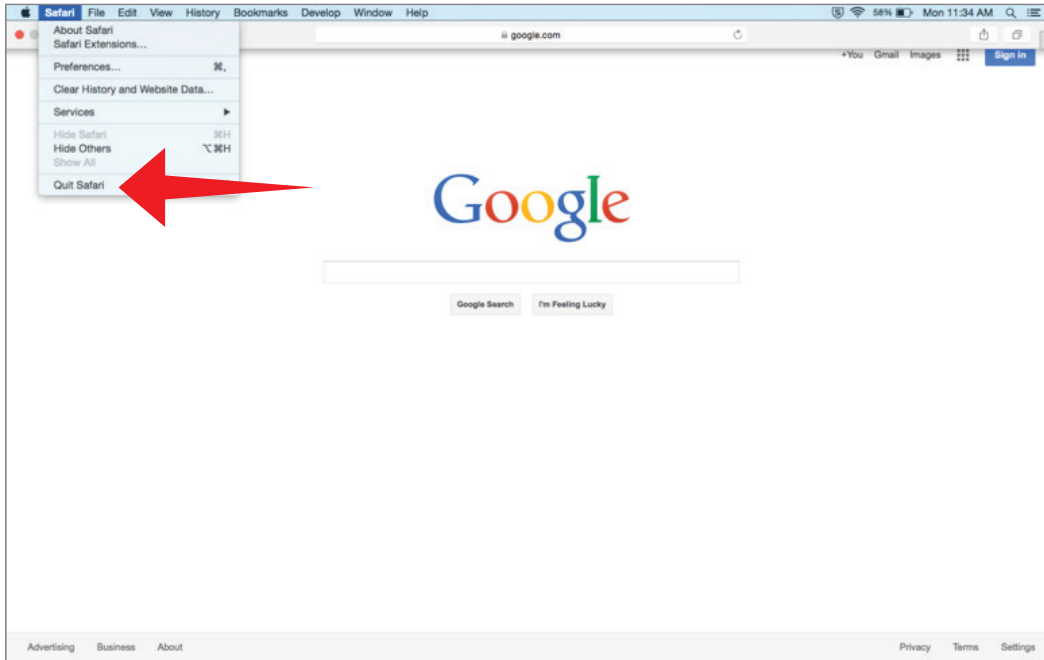
Stage 2 – Download and install the Cricut® plugin

Step 1. Enter this URL into the address bar of your browser:

https://us.cricut.com/Design/Data/Software/Plugin/CricutDesignSpace-2.0.0.2R.zip
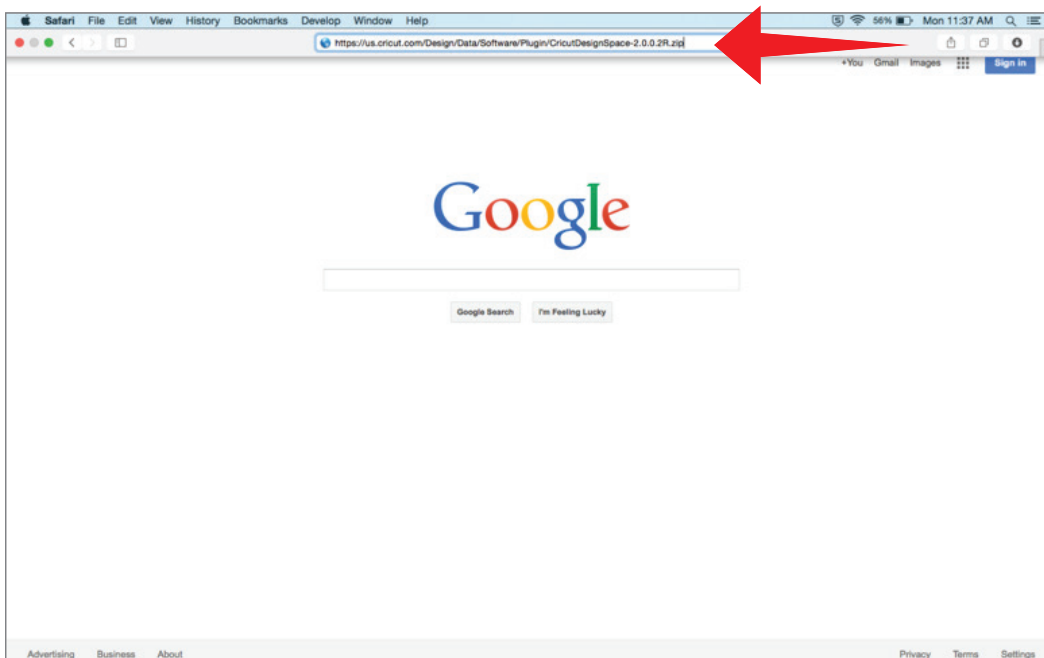
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Safari

Step 2. From your computers desktop, click on the downloads folder.

Step 3. Click the Cricut Design Space file to open.
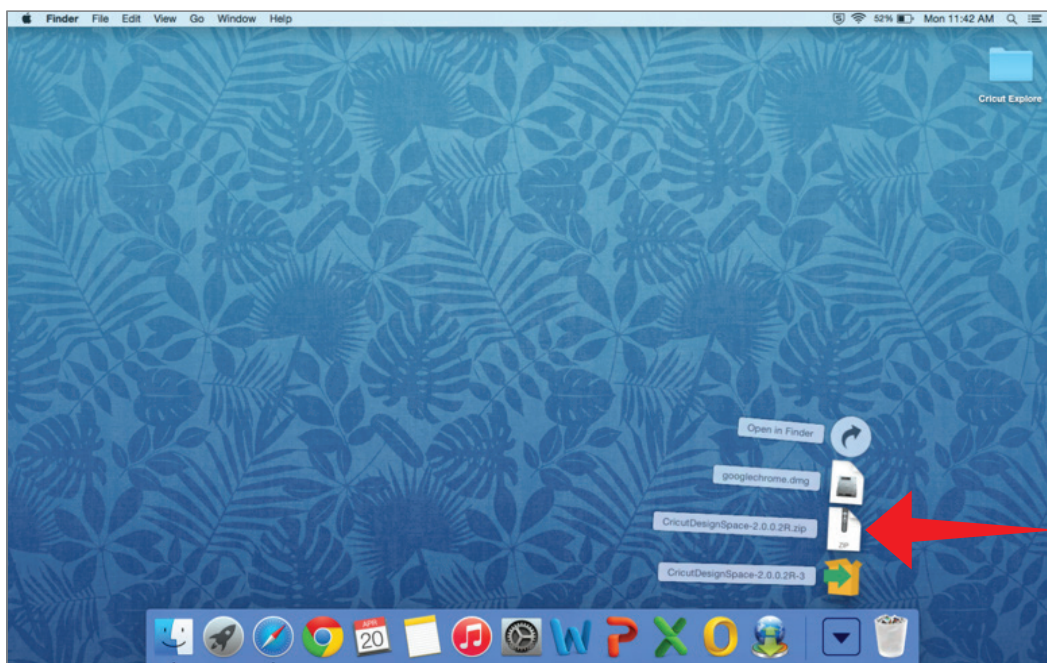
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Safari

Tip: Depending on your computers settings, you may be asked if you are sure you want to open this application. If so, click "Open".
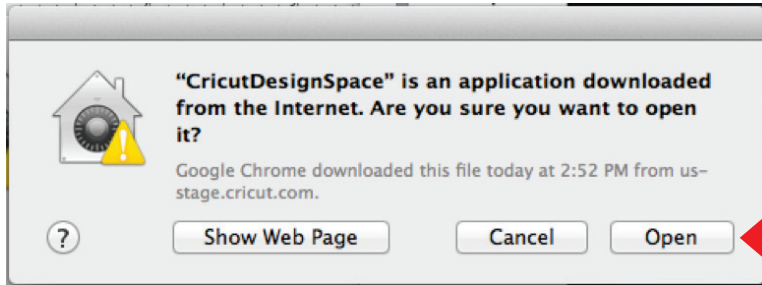
Enter your password if prompted.
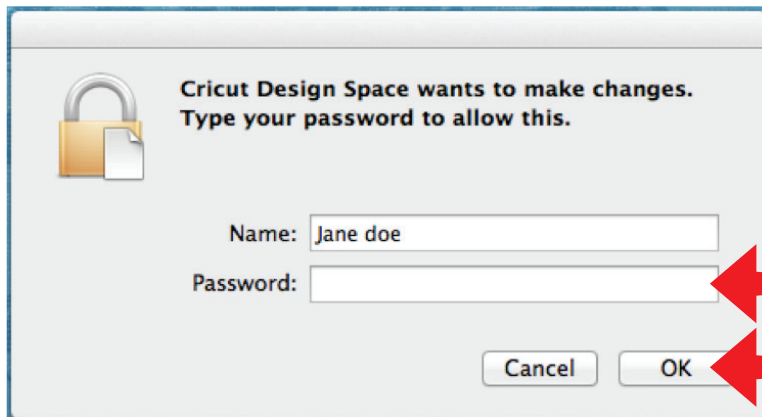
Step 4. The plugin installer will open. To set up Cricut Design Space™, continue by clicking "Next."
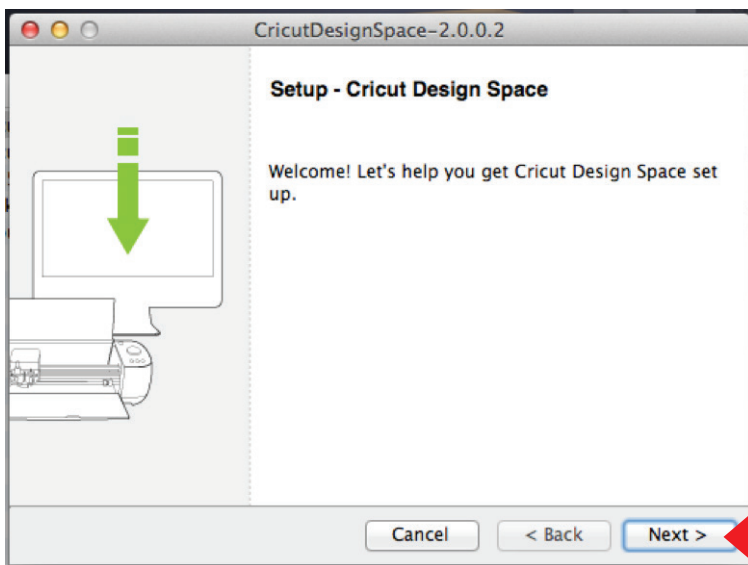
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Safari

Step 5. Review and accept the Terms of Use. Click "Next" to continue.
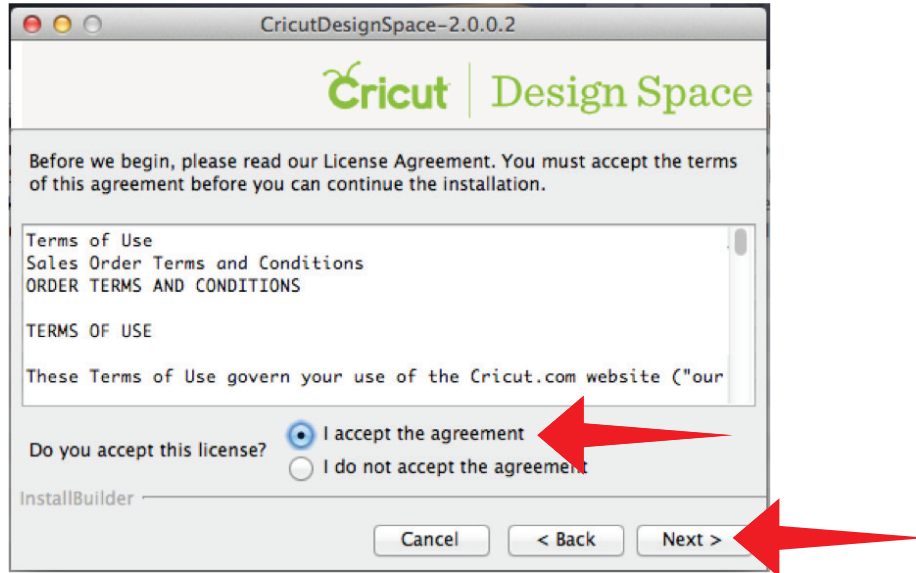
Step 6. If you are asked to specify the directory where Cricut Design Space® will be installed, choose a directory or use the default and click "Next."
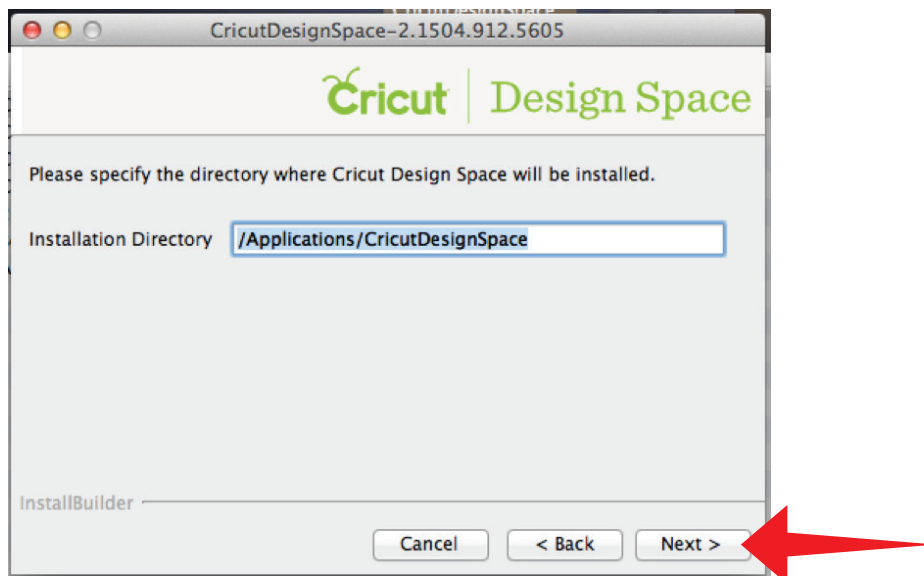
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Safari

Step 7. To confirm you want to install the Cricut Design Space browser plugin, click "Next."
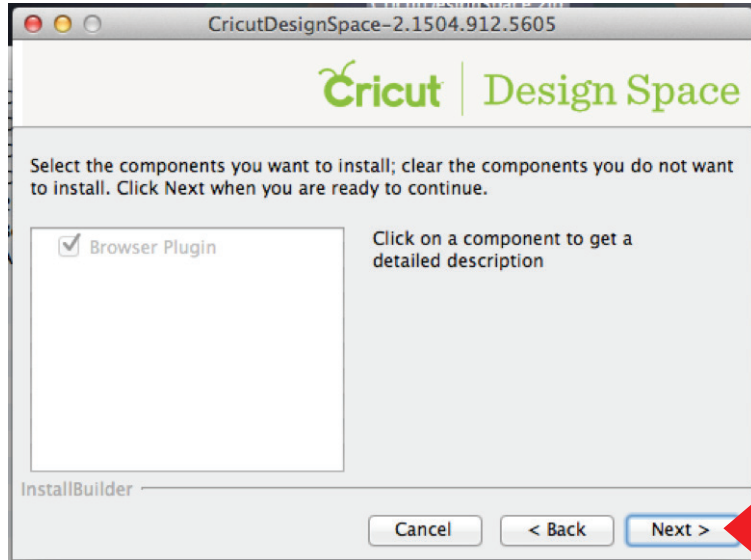
Step 8. You will need to close down all browsers. To proceed, click "Next."
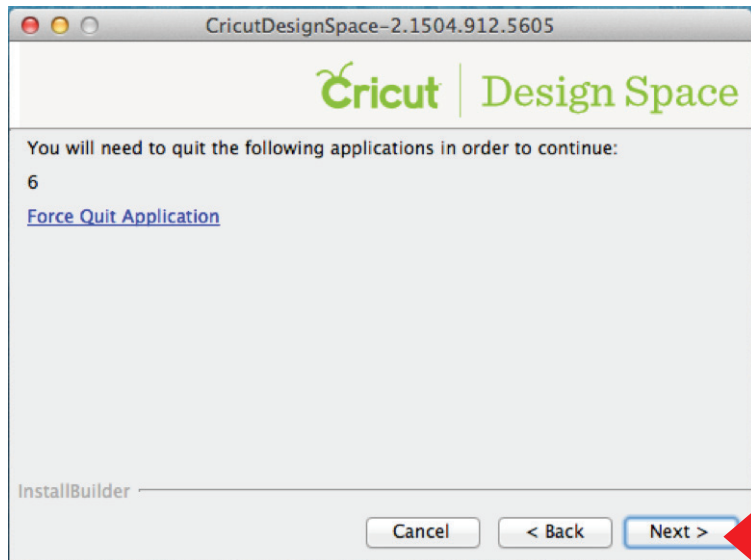
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Safari

Tip: When you quit, you may lose any unsaved work that is currently open in your browser unless it is saved at this point. When you are ready to continue, click "Yes."
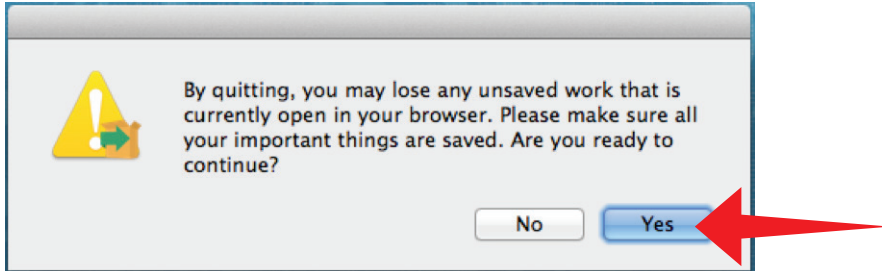
Step 9. The installation process will then begin automatically.
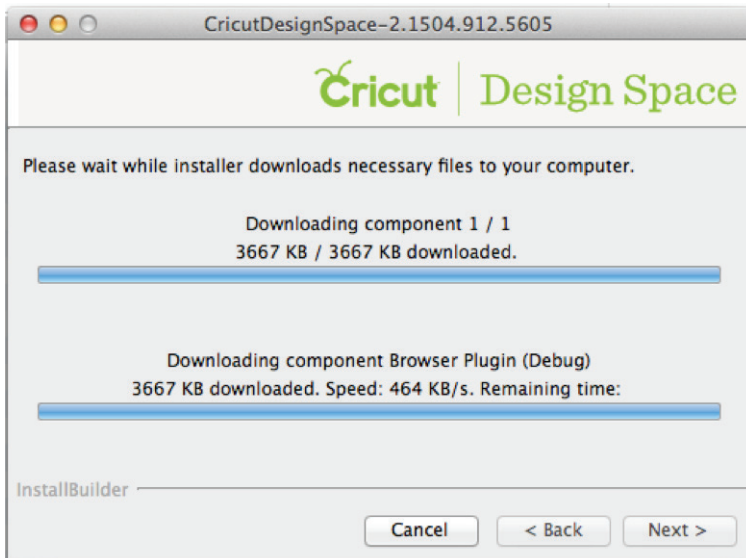
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Safari

Step 10. The Cricut Design Space plugin has successfully installed. If you would like to automatically launch Cricut Design Space into your default browser, leave the box checked and clicked "Finish."
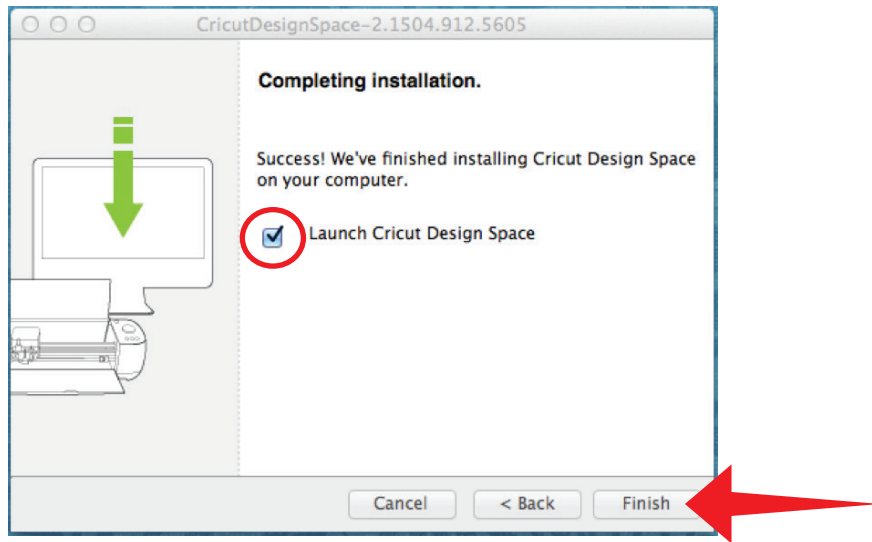
Your Cricut plugin has been updated. When your browser reopens, you will be taken to Cricut Design Space™. You can also enter this URL into the address bar of your browser to go to Cricut Design Space™:

www.cricut.com/design

Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Safari

Stage 3 – Enable the Cricut® plugin in Safari

Step 1. In Safari, click Safari from the top menu bar. Then click Preferences.
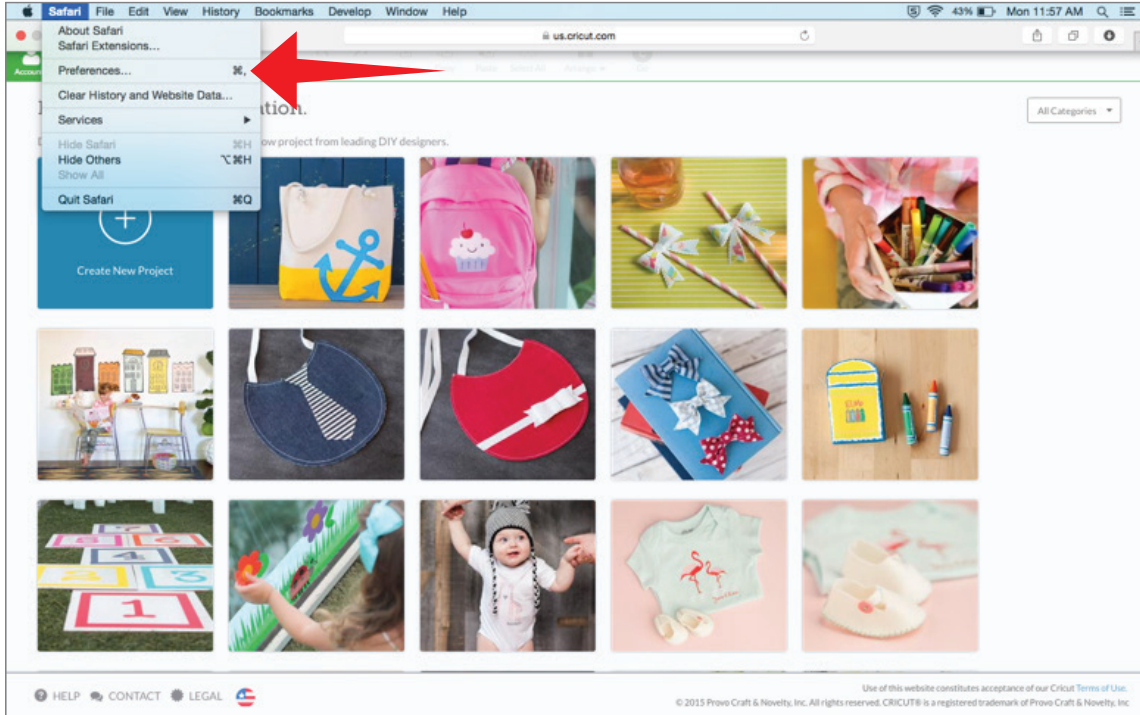
Step 2. A new pop up window will open. Select the "Security" tab from the top menu.
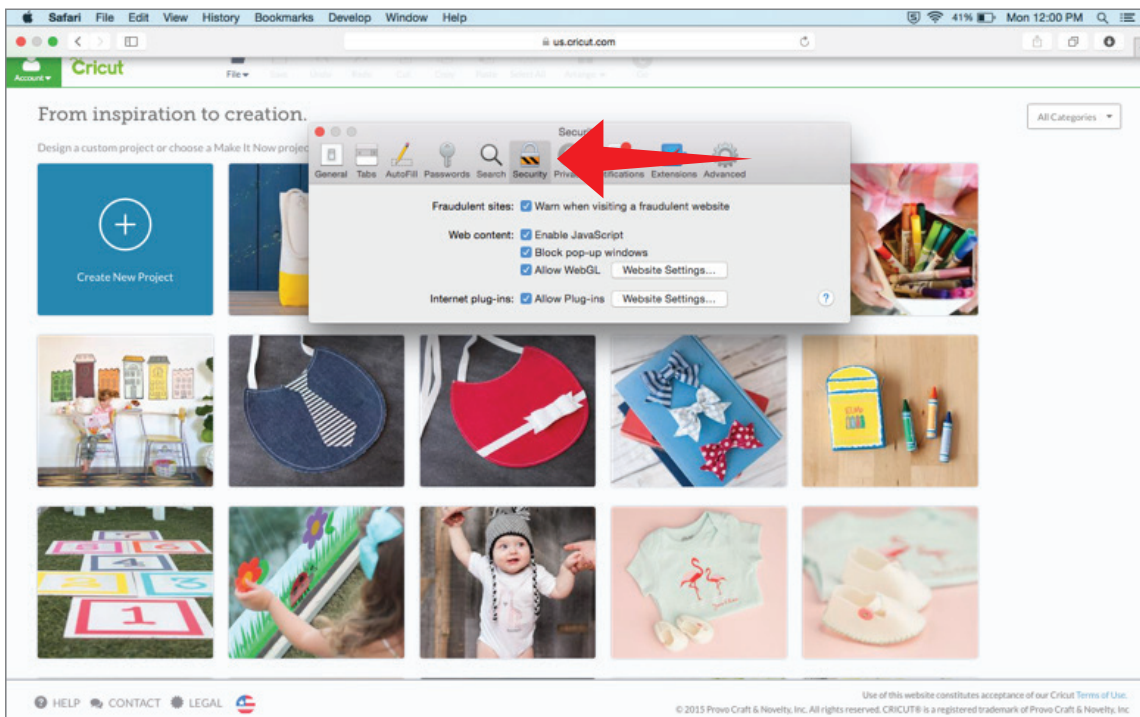
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Safari

Step 3. Next to the "Internet Plug-ins" option, make sure the "Allow Plug-ins box is checked. Then, click "Website Settings…"
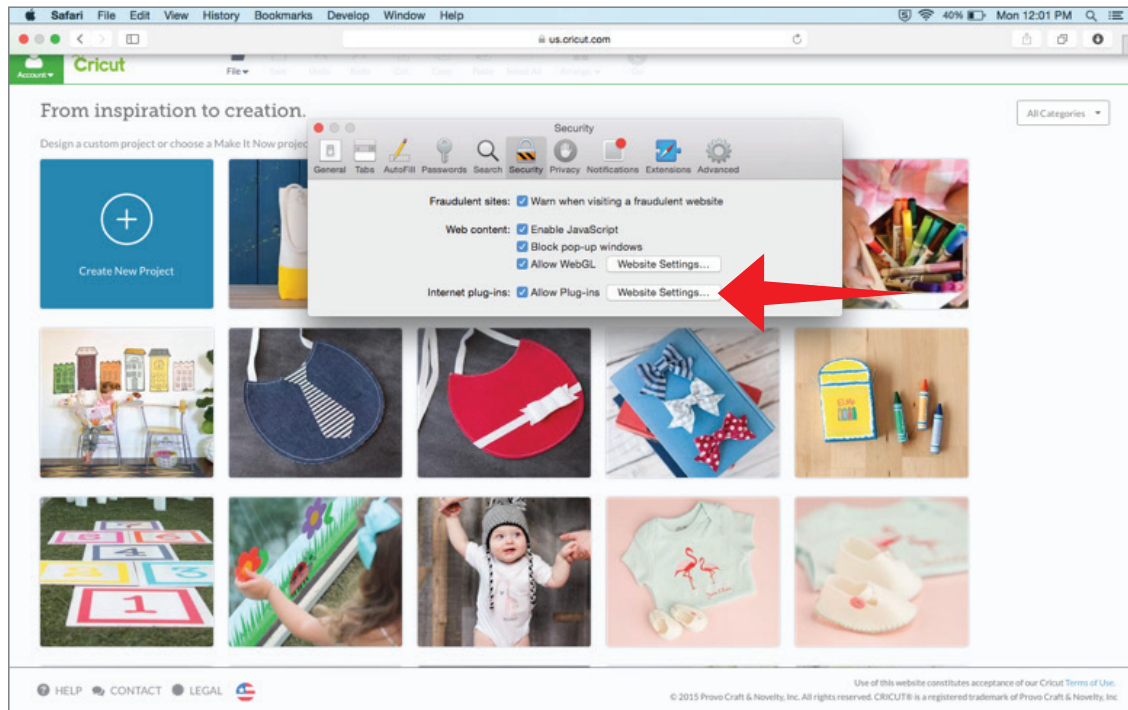
Step 4. In the list of Plug-ins, select "Cricut". In the dropdown menu on the right side of the window, select "Allow Always."
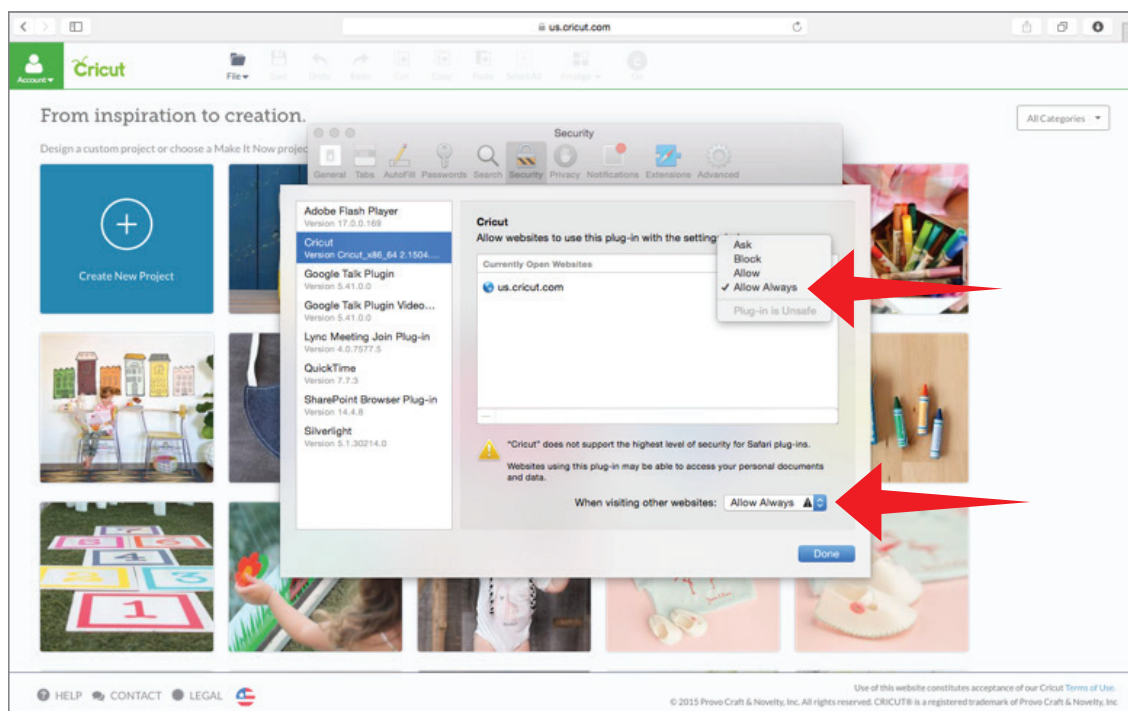
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Safari

Step 5. Your Cricut plugin is ready to go, click "Done".
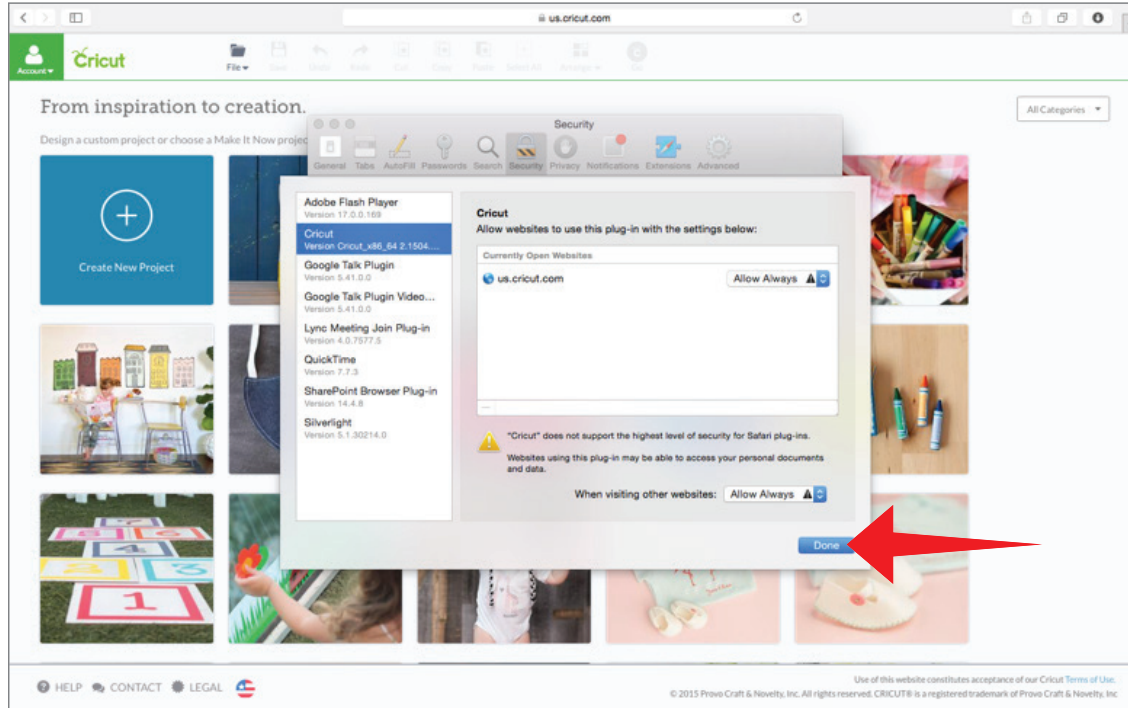
Step 6. Now you can close the Preferences pop up window by clicking the X in the top left corner of the window.
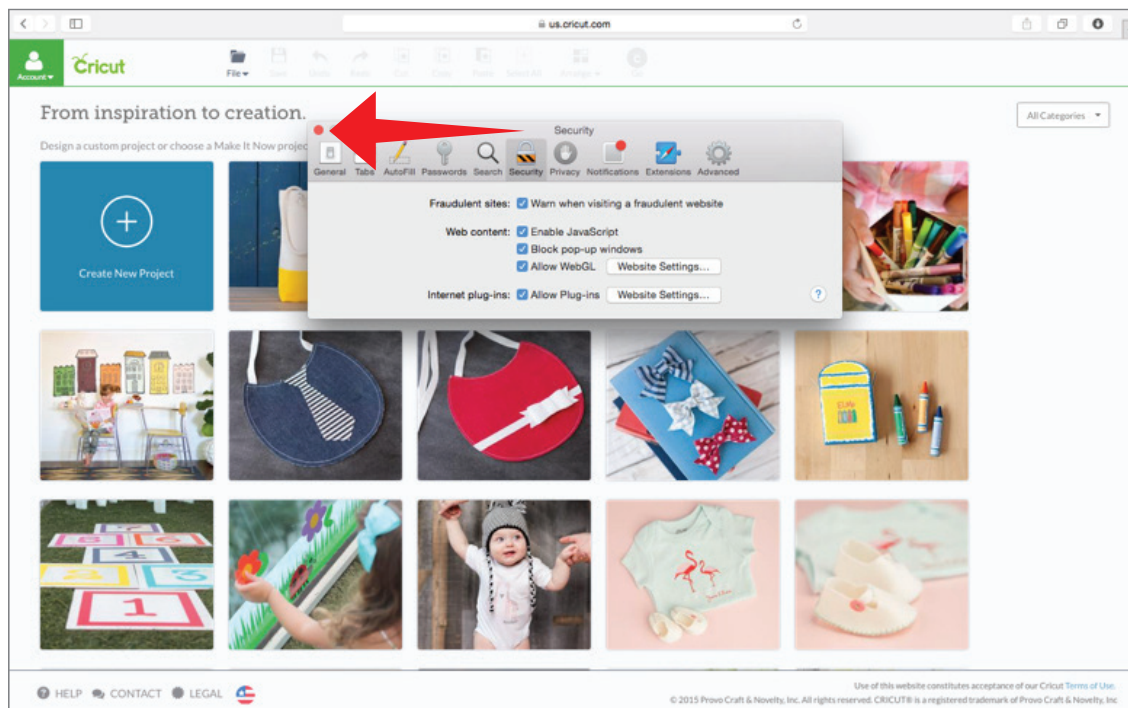
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Safari

Step 7. You have completed the plugin process. If you need to return to Cricut Design Space™ enter this URL into the address bar of your browser: **www.cricut.com/design** . Have fun creating!

Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Mozilla® Firefox®

In order to access all the creative features of Cricut Design Space™, you'll need to install the Design Space® plugin. As new features become available, from time to time you'll be prompted to update the plugin. It's installed on your computer and executed by your browser, so if you use Design Space® on more than one computer, you'll need to install it on each device. However, it is not necessary to install the plugin in order to use the Cricut Design Space™ app on iPad®.

Updating the plugin is a 3 stage process.

- Stage 1 – Clear browsing history, cache and cookies
- Stage 2 – Download and install the Cricut plugin
- Stage 3 – Enable the Cricut® plugin in Mozilla® Firefox®

Stage 1 – Clear browsing history, cache and cookies

Step 1. Open Mozilla® Firefox® and click on the menu (3 stacked lines located in the upper right corner of the browser).

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with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 2. From the menu, select "History."

Step 3. Your browsing history will be displayed. Click "Clear Recent History..."

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with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 4. A "Clear All History" pop up window will open. In the "Time range to clear:" drop down menu, select "Everything." Don't worry, this process won't hurt your computer—it simply helps Firefox® work from a clean slate. Make sure at least the following boxes are checked if they are active:

- **Browsing & Download History**
- **Form & Search History**
- **Cookies**
- **Cache**
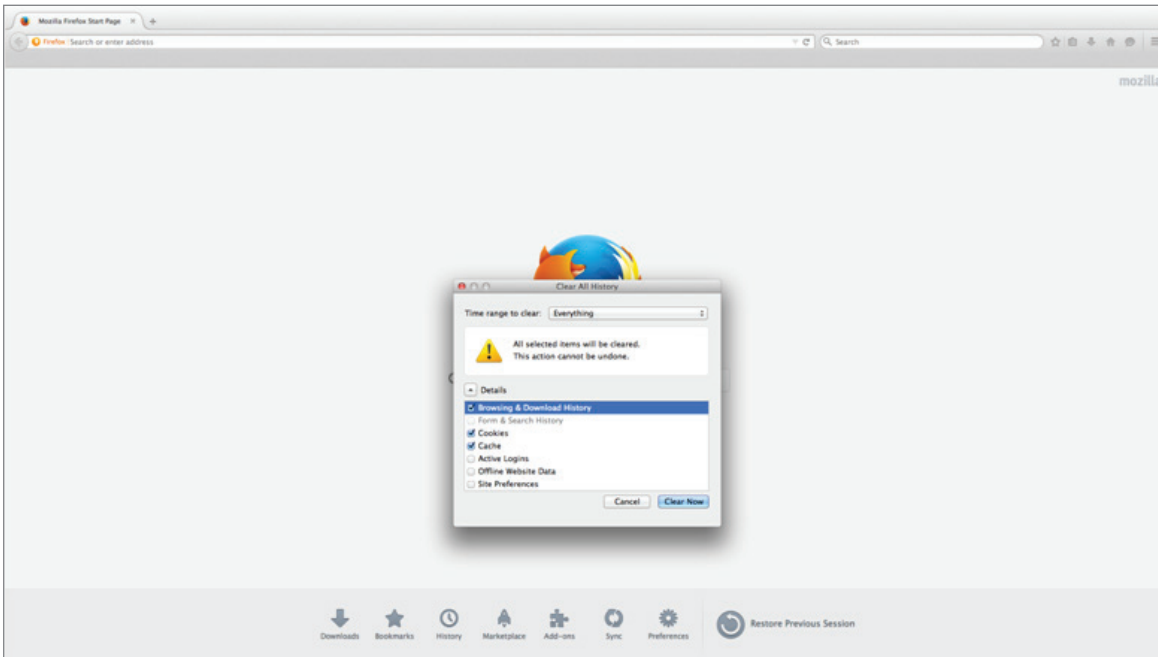
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 5. Click the "Clear Now" button.
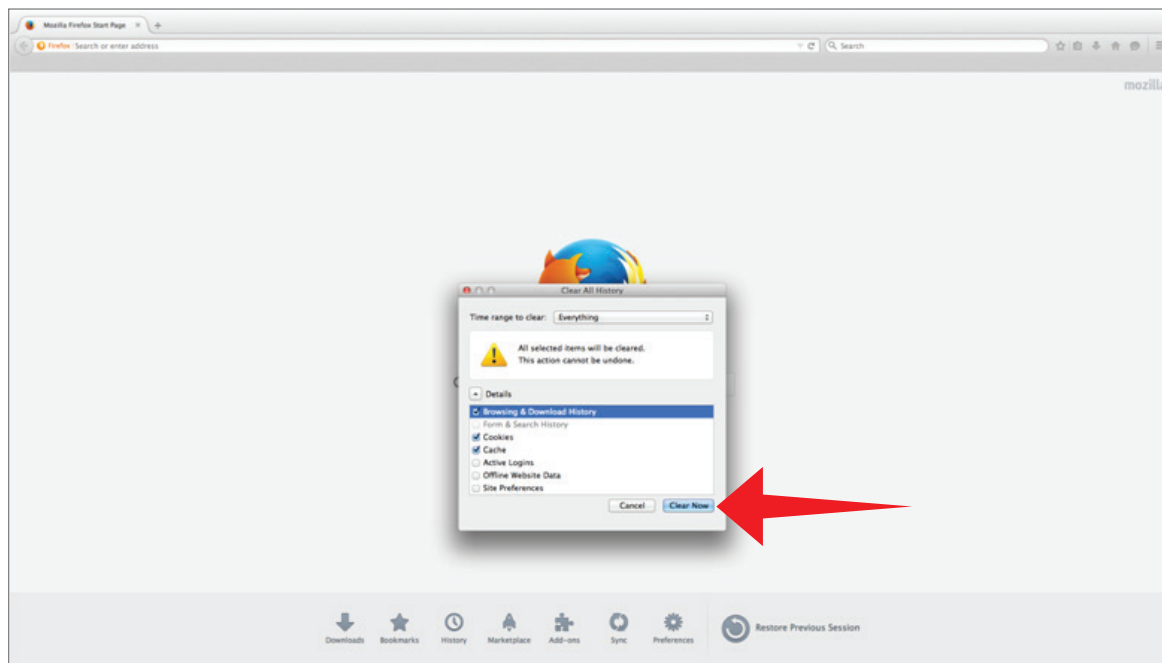
Step 6. Once the browsing data has been cleared, the pop-up window will dismiss. Quit Quit Mozilla® Firefox® by clicking "Firefox" in the upper left hand corner. Then click "Quit Firefox" from the menu.
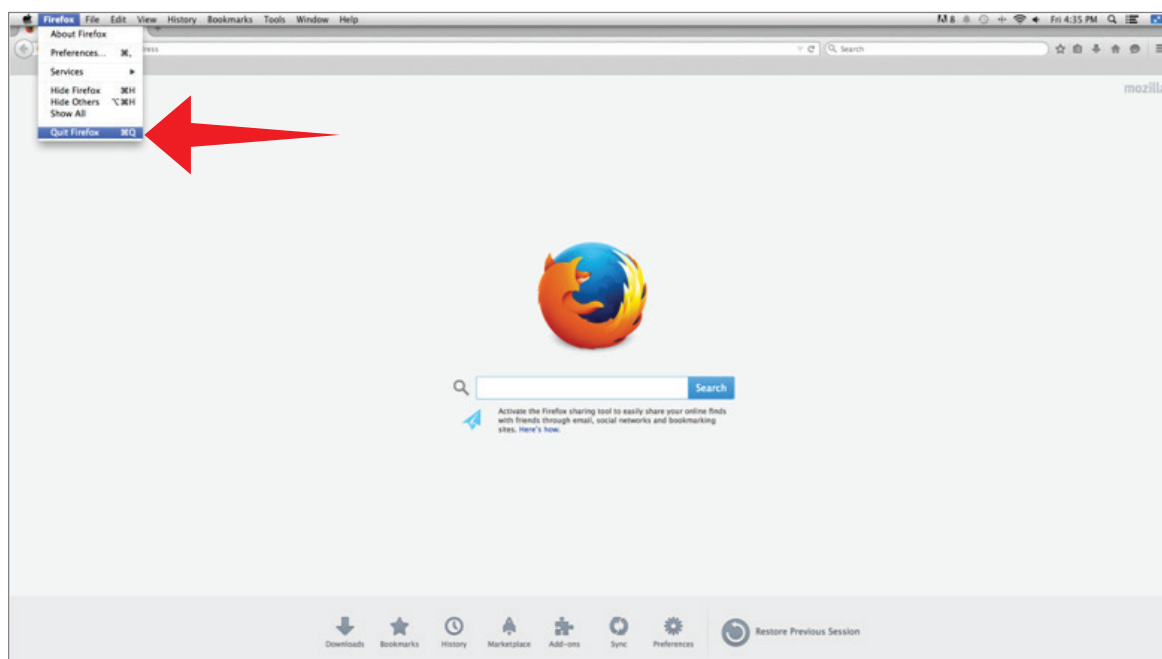
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Phase 2 – Download and install the Cricut® plugin

Step 1. Enter this URL into the address bar of your browser:
https://us.cricut.com/Design/Data/Software/Plugin/CricutDesignSpace-2.0.0.2R.zip
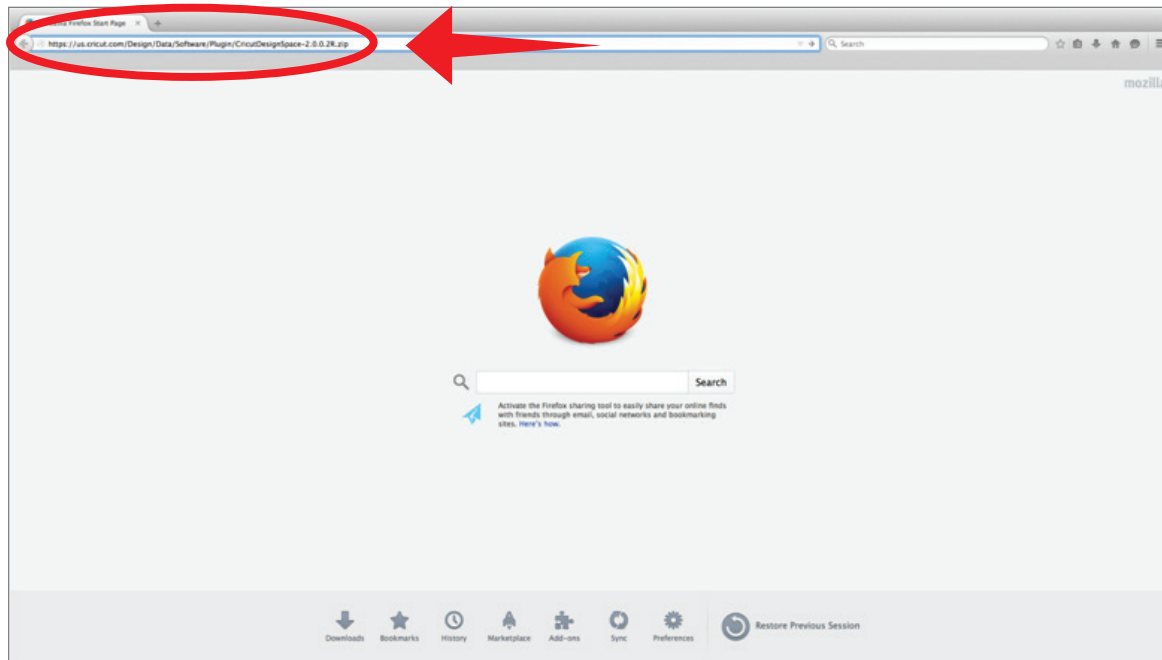
Step 2. You will be prompted to save the file, click "Save File."
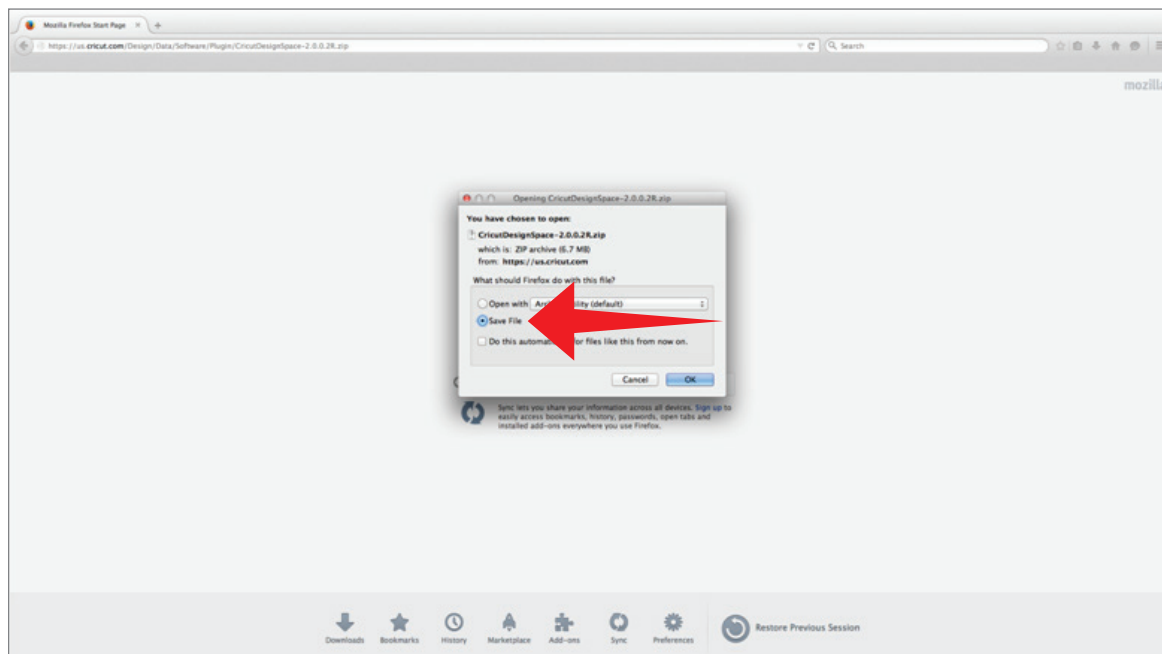
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 3. The file will download and can be accessed by clicking on the arrow on the top right of your screen and then clicking on the file.
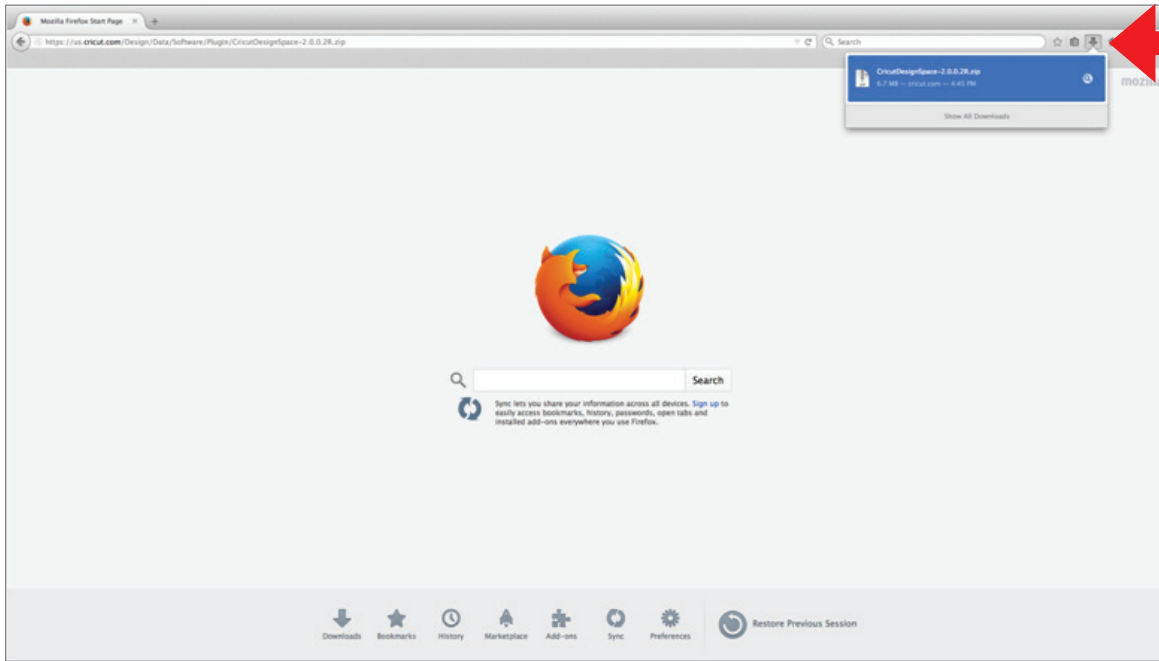
Step 4. This will open your downloads folder on your computer. Click the Cricut Design Space file to open.
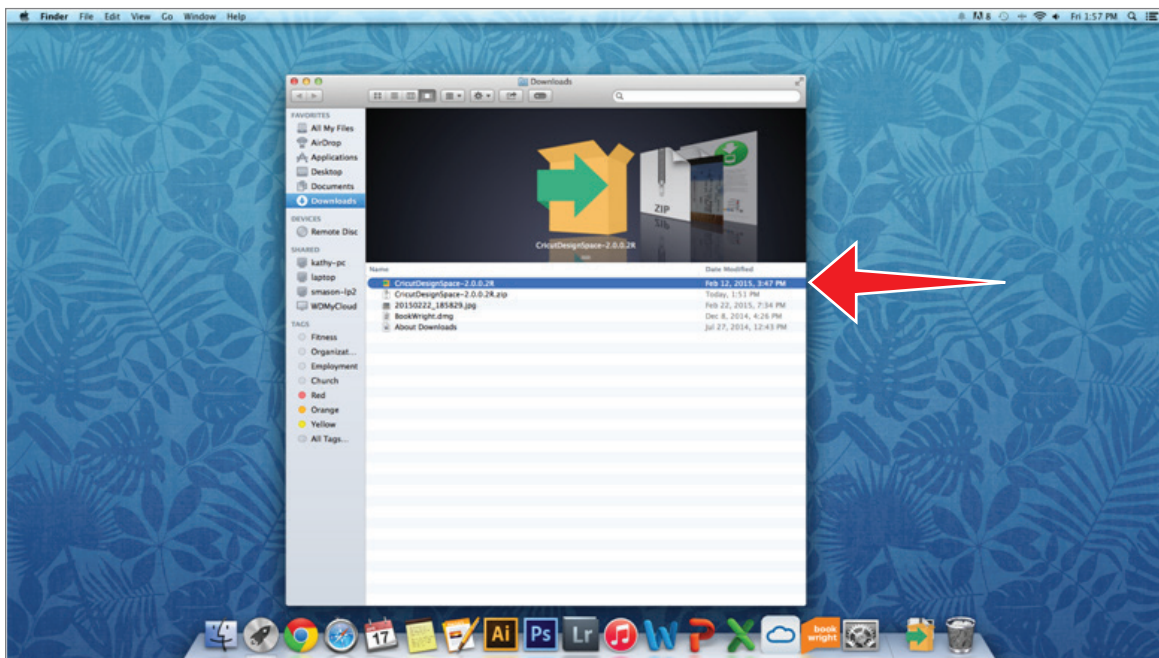
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with Mozilla® Firefox®

Tip: Depending on your computers settings, you may be asked if you are sure you want to open this application. If so, click "Open".
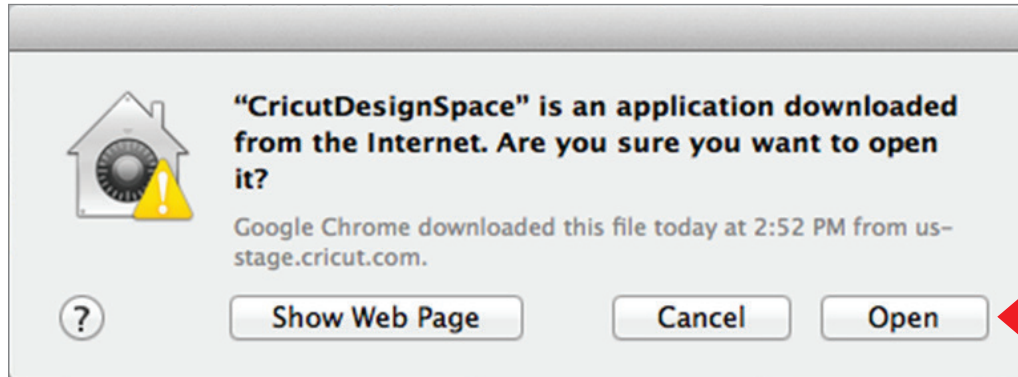
Enter your password if prompted.

Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 5. The plugin installer will open. To set up Cricut Design Space™, continue by clicking "Next."
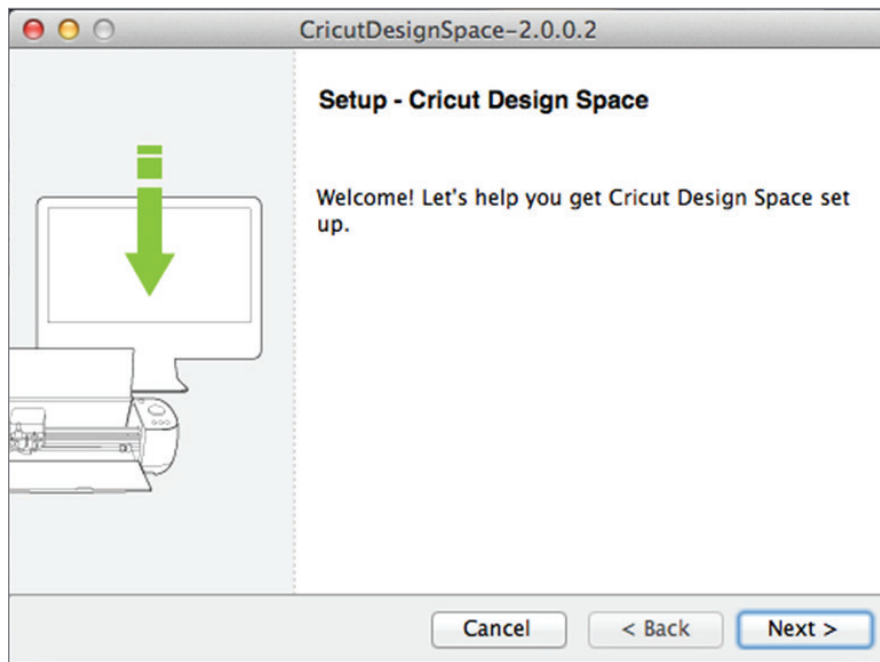
Step 6. Review and accept the Terms of Use. Click "Next" to continue.
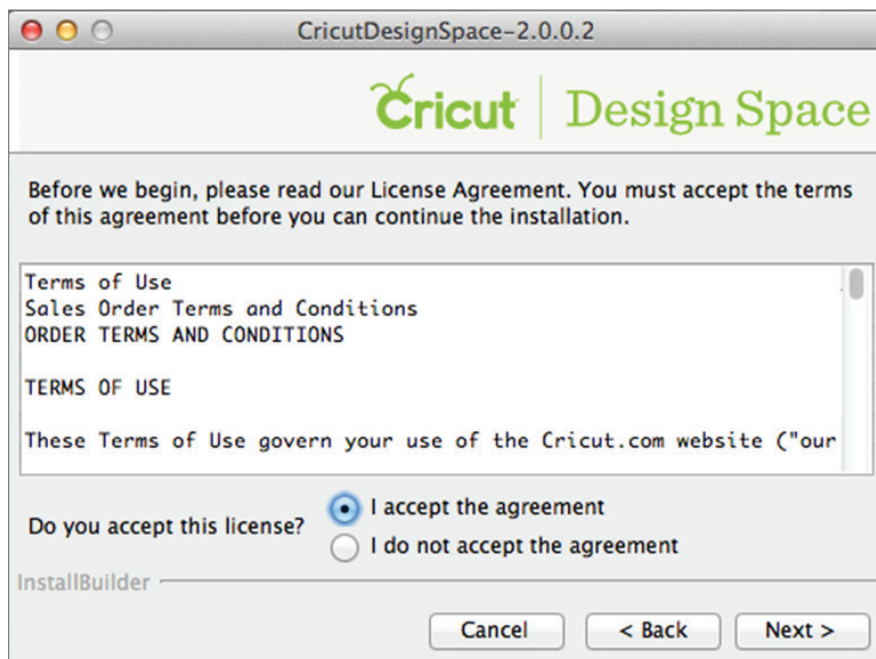
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 7. If you are asked to specific the directory where Cricut Design Space® will be installed, choose a directory or use the default and click "Next."
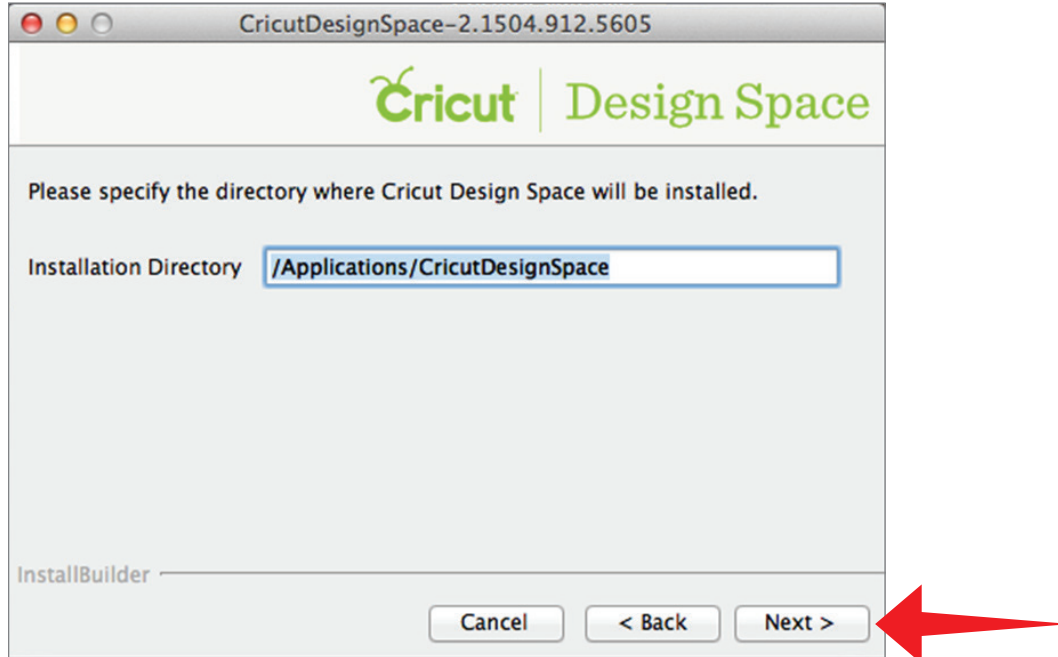
Step 8. To confirm you want to install the Cricut Design Space browser plugin, click "Next."
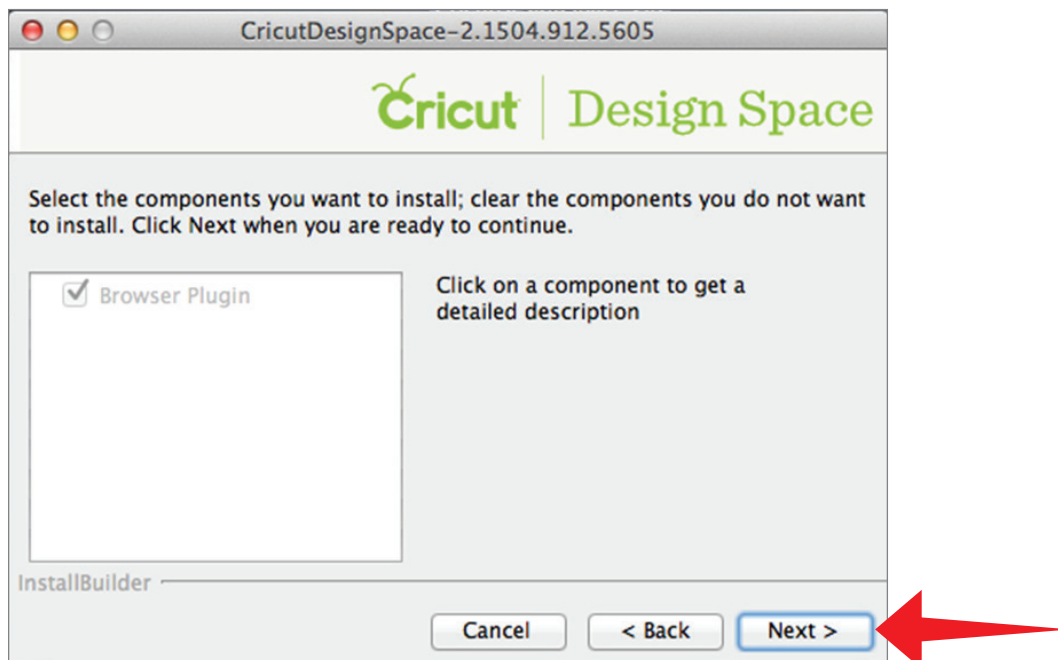
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 9. You will need to close down all browsers. To proceed, click "Next."
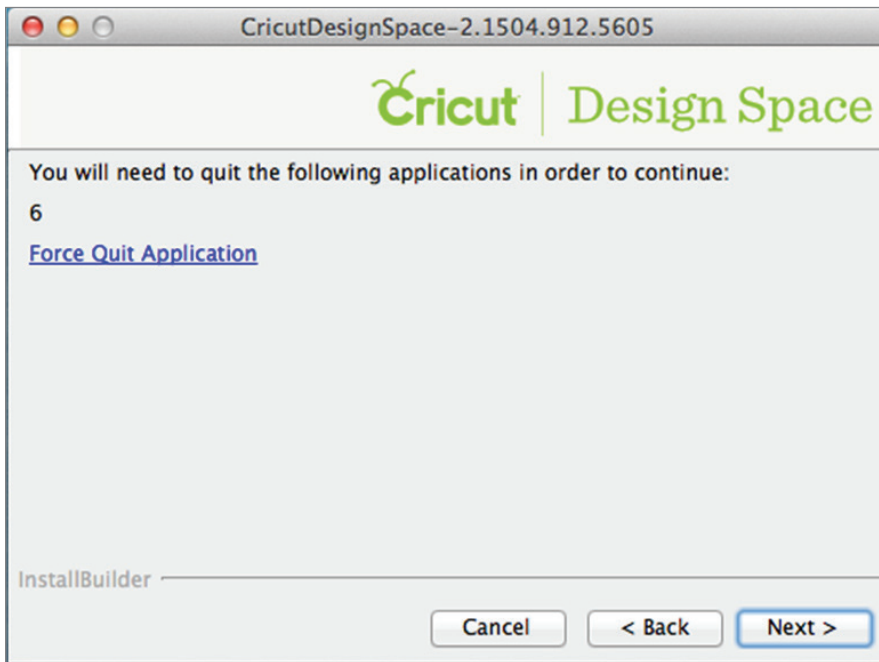
Tip: When you quit, you may lose any unsaved work that is currently open in your browser unless it is saved at this point. When you are ready to continue, click "Yes."
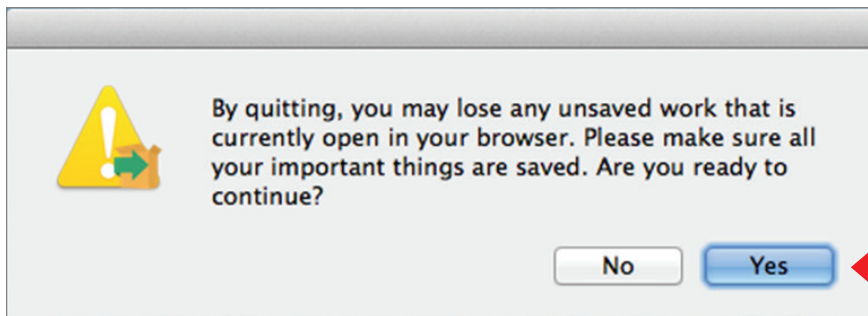
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 10. The installation process will then begin automatically.
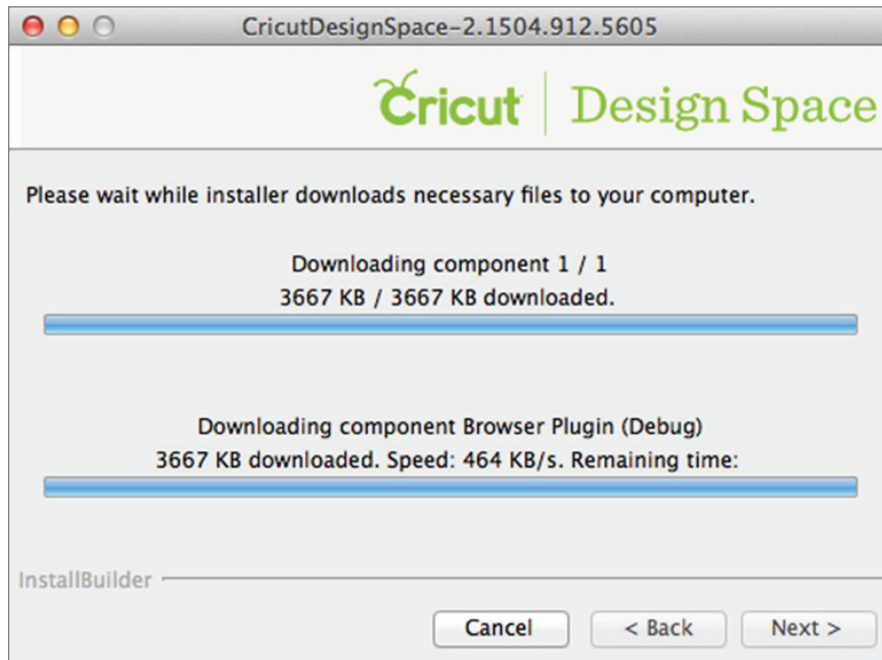
Step 11. The Cricut Design Space plugin has successfully installed. If you would like to automatically launch Cricut Design Space into your default browser, leave the box checked and clicked "Finish."

Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Mozilla® Firefox®

Your Cricut plugin has been updated. When your browser reopens, you will be taken to Cricut Design Space™. You can also enter this URL into the address bar of your browser to go to Cricut Design Space™:

www.cricut.com/design
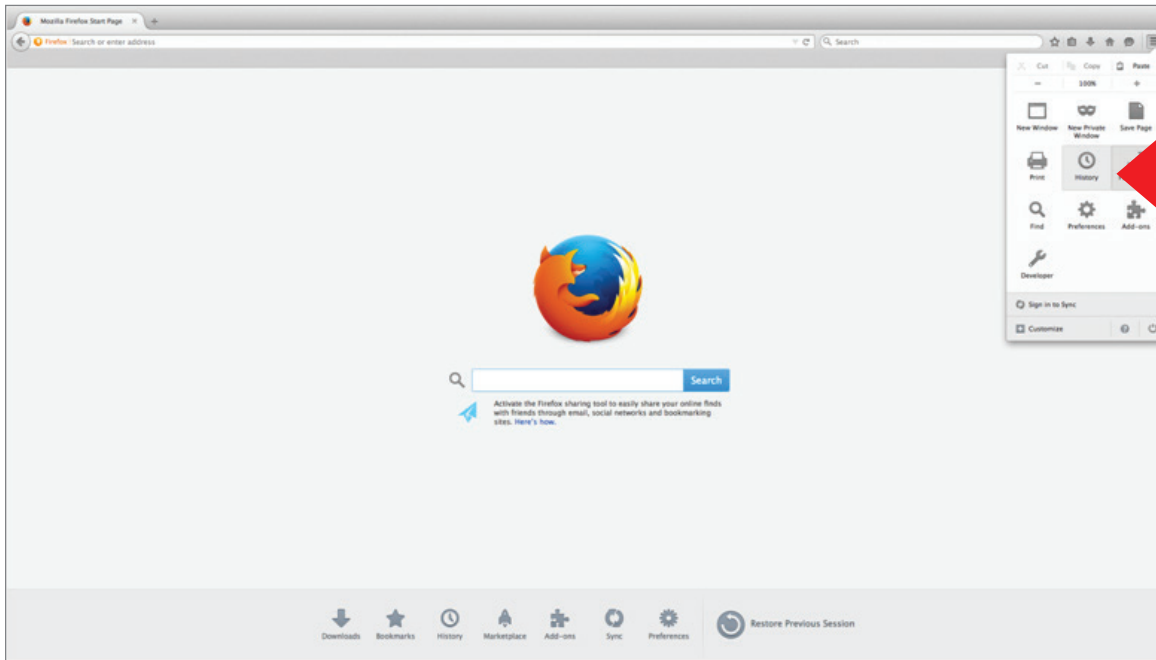
Stage 3 – Enable the Cricut® plugin in Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 1. In Mozilla® Firefox®, click on the menu (3 stacked lines located in the upper right corner of the browser).
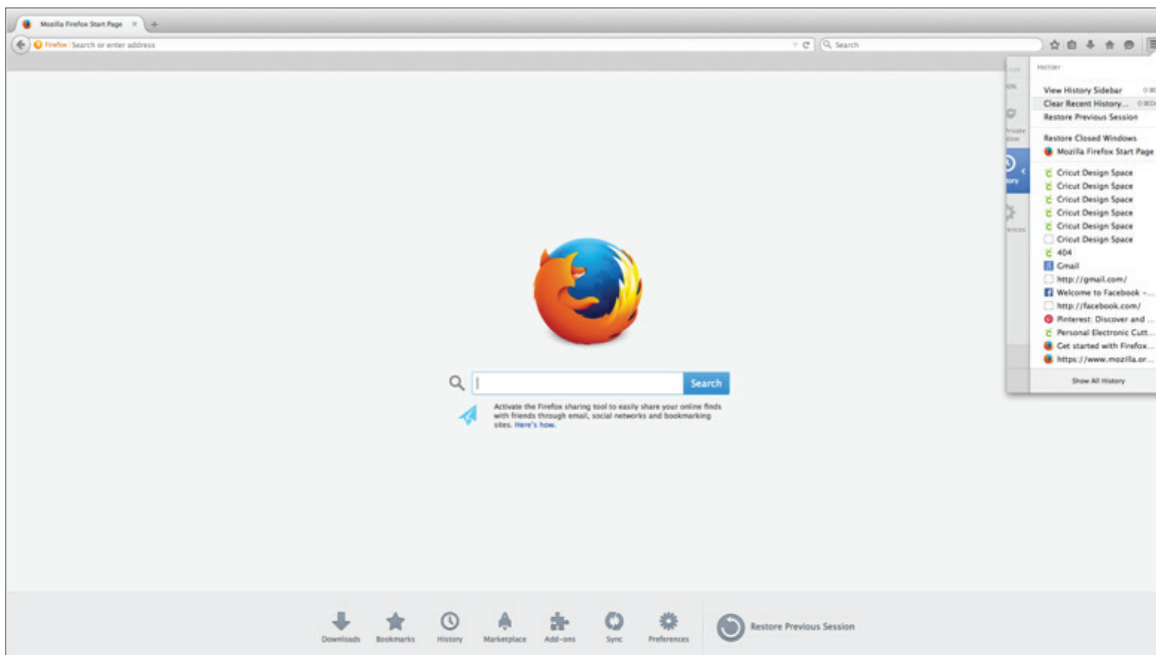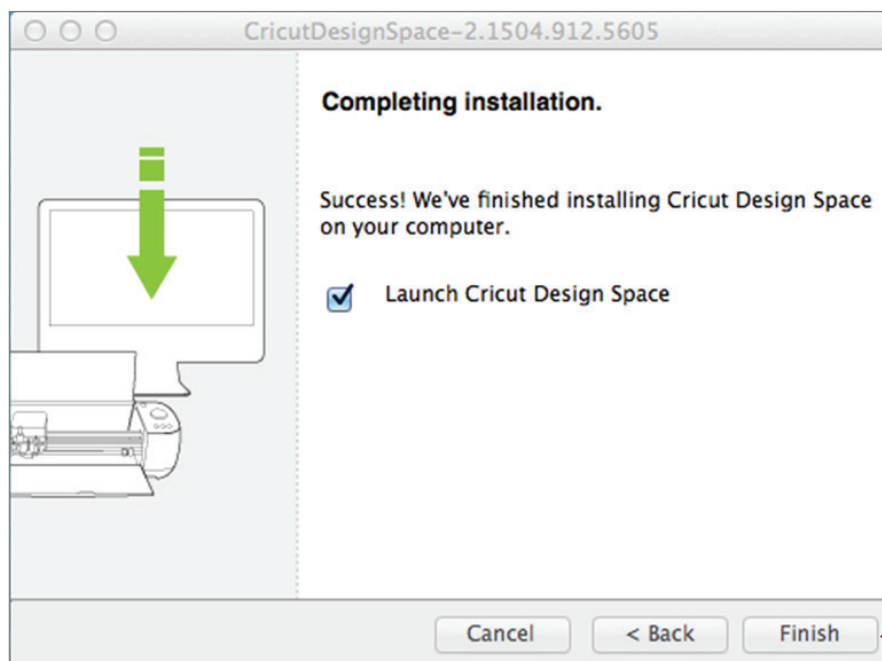
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 2. From the menu, select "Add-ons."
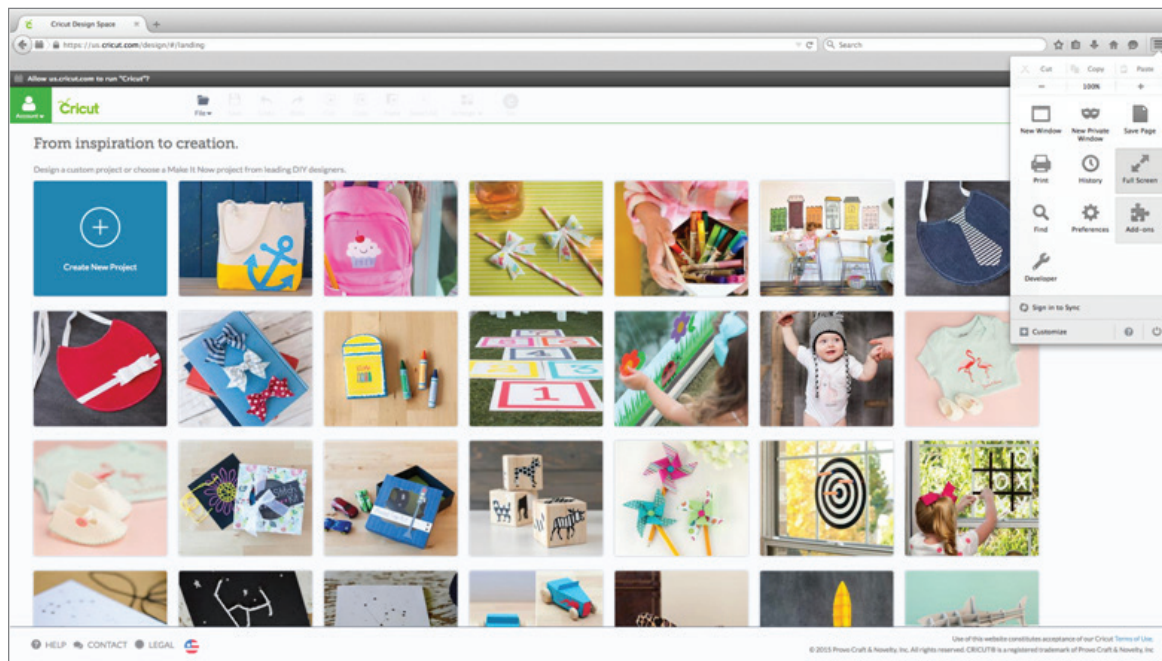
Step 3. In the list of Plug-ins, locate Cricut. In the dropdown menu on the left side of the screen, select "Always Activate."
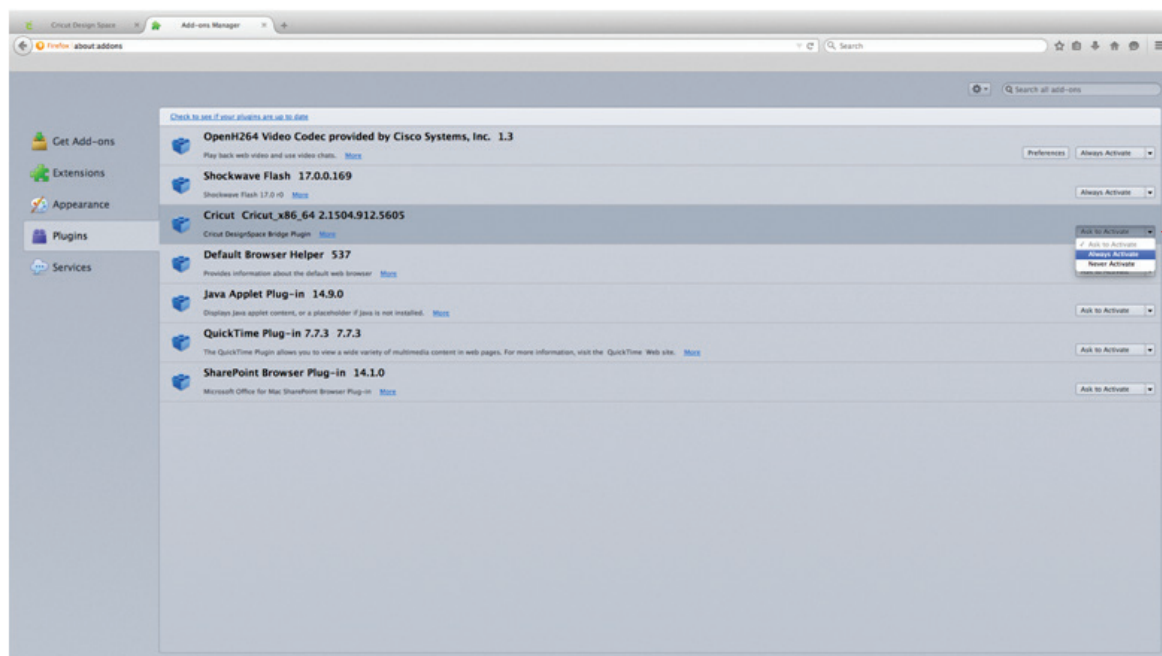
Updating the Cricut Plugin on a Mac with Mozilla® Firefox®

Step 4. Your Cricut plugin is ready to go, close the browser tab.
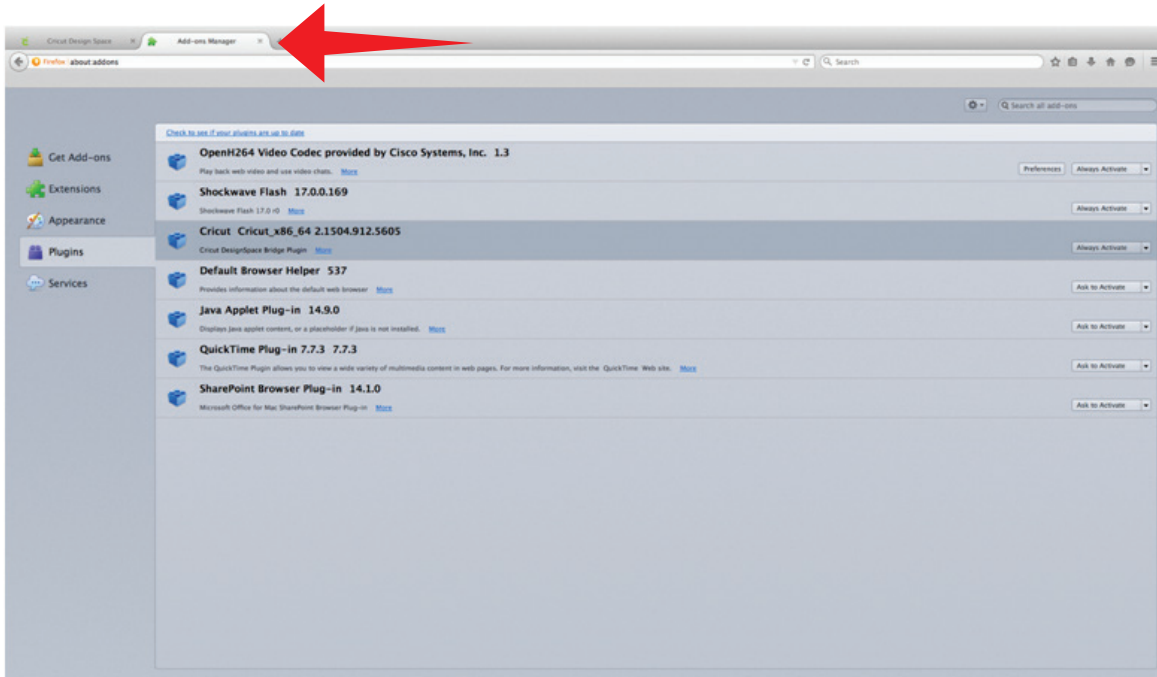
Step 5. You have completed the plugin process. If you need to return to Cricut Design Space™ enter this URL into the address bar of your browser: **www.cricut.com/design** . Have fun creating!
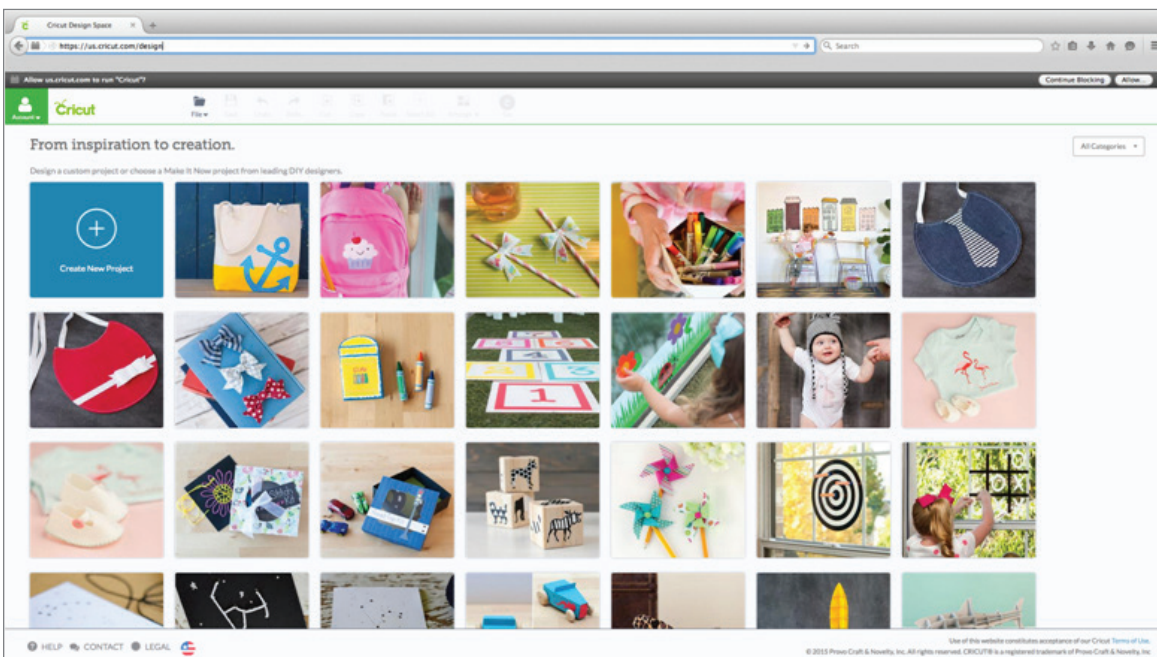
Creating a Cricut ID

You only need one account with Cricut. Your Cricut ID is the email address you use to sign in to:

- design in Cricut Design Space™ for PC, Mac®, or iPad®
- design in Cricut Craft Room®
- shop on Cricut.com
- register products
- post on Cricut® message boards, or
- share projects on Project Center

If you've ever done any of these things, you've already created a Cricut ID. If you've forgotten or lost your password, you'll find a link on the sign in page to help you retrieve it.

Creating a Cricut ID

If this is your first time signing in, you'll be creating a Cricut ID. Enter your email address and choose a password. You will need to provide your first and last name and specify the country you live in.

Step 1: Click "Sign in" under the account menu on the top left corner of the screen. You can access the account menu from the projects screen as well as when you are designing on the design screen.
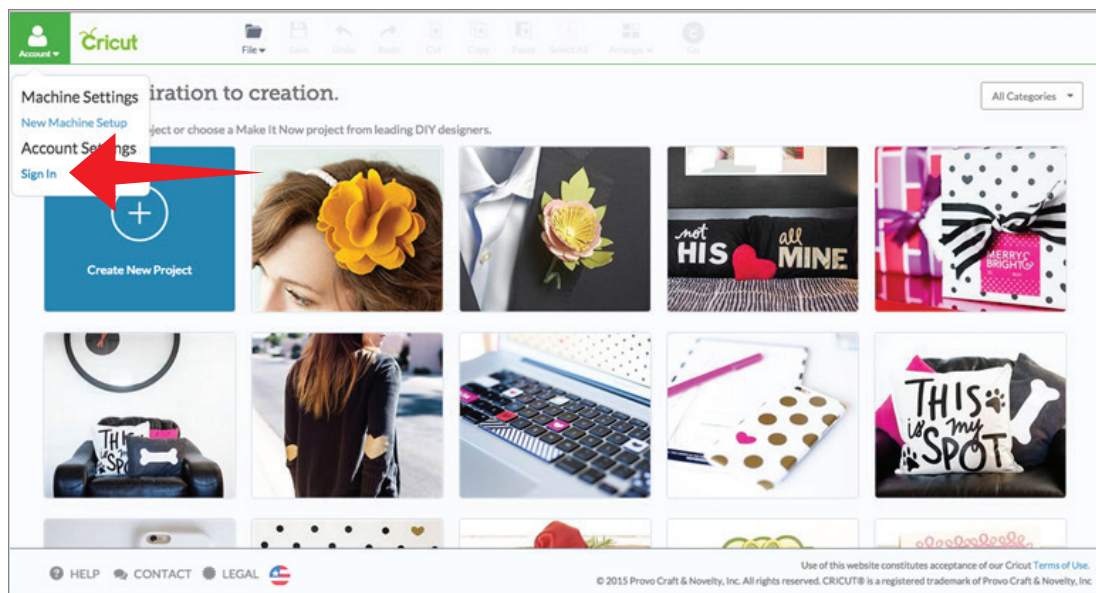
Creating a Cricut ID

Step 2: You will be directed to the sign in page. Click "Create a Cricut ID" in the blue box in the middle of the screen.

Step 3: Fill in the information including first name, last name, country, email address, and password. You also will need to review and accept the Cricut Terms of Use to proceed. Once you are done filling in the required information, click "Create Cricut ID" in the green box.

Creating a Cricut ID

Your account will be created, and you now will be logged into Cricut Design Space. When you return, simply select "sign in" under the account menu and then sign in with your email address and password.

Tip: Your Cricut ID allows you access all of your purchased, subscribed and free images across devices. You also can access your saved projects from any compatible computer or through the Cricut Design Space iPad app.

Signing in with your Cricut ID

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- shop on Cricut.com
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- post on Cricut® message boards, or
- share projects on Project Center.

If you've ever done any of these things, you've already created a Cricut ID. If you've forgotten or lost your password, you'll find a link on the sign in page to help you retrieve it.

When you sign in on Cricut Design Space, you will be able to do the following:

- Access all of the images you have purchased, subscribed to or received for free.
- Open projects that you have created and saved using Cricut Design Space on the computer or the iPad app.
- Save projects while you are designing.
- Access additional features under the Account menu including calibration, firmware updates, cartridge linking and custom material settings.

Signing in with your Cricut ID

Step 1: Click "Sign in" under the account menu on the top left corner of the screen. You can access the account menu from the projects screen as well as when you are designing on the design screen.
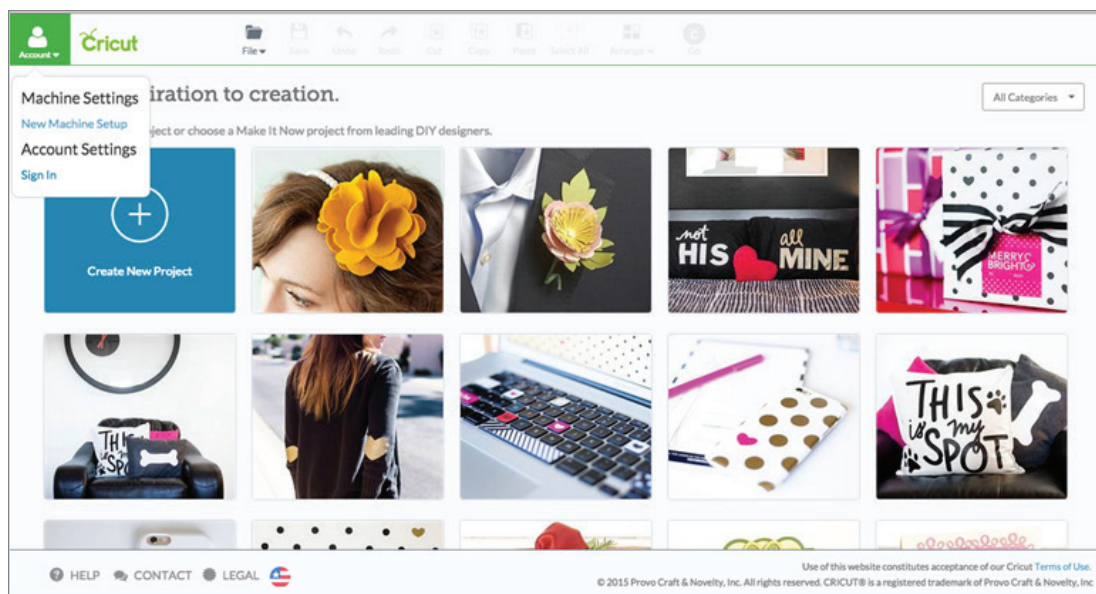
Tip: Sign in when you first start creating and edit a project. This will allow you to save your project along the way.

Signing in with your Cricut ID

Step 2: You will be directed to the sign in page. Fill in your email address and password and then click "sign in", the green box in the middle of the screen.

Your name will appear on the Account menu, indicating that you are now signed in to your account.
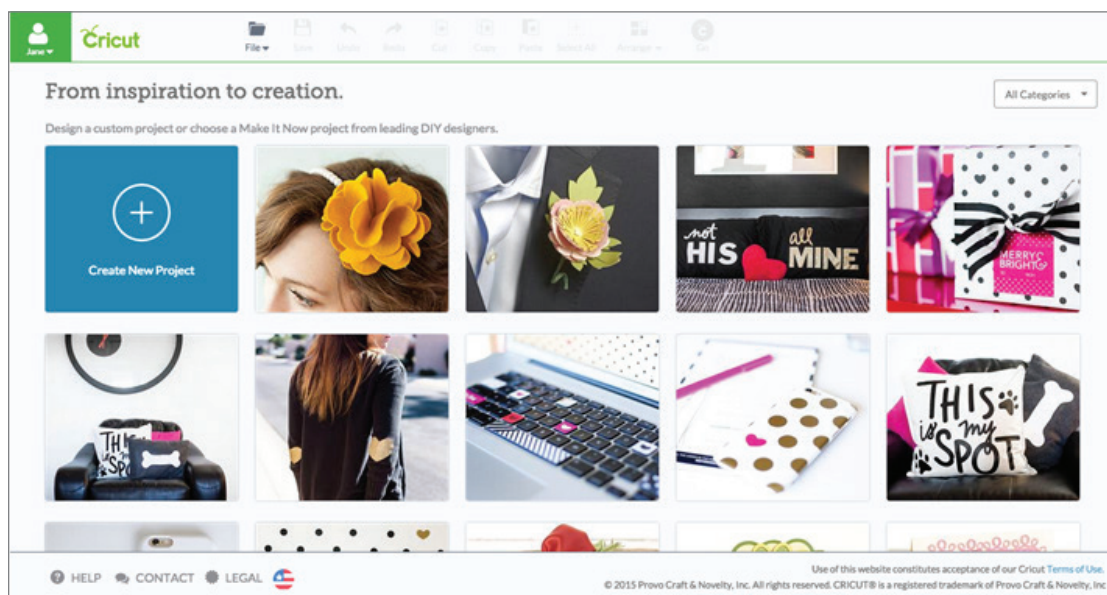
Tip: Your Cricut ID allows you to access all of your purchased, subscribed and free images across devices. You also can access your saved projects from any compatible computer or through the Cricut Design Space iPad app.

Editing your account details

You can update your Cricut ID account information through Cricut Design Space® for PC and Mac®.

Step 1: Click "Sign in" under the account menu on the top left corner of the screen. You can access the account menu from the projects screen as well as when you are designing on the design screen.

Step 2: You will be directed to the sign in page. Fill in your email address and password and then click "Sign in", the green box in the middle of the screen.

Editing your account details

Step 3: You will be returned to the screen you started from (in this case the projects screen). Click "Account Details" under the account menu on the top left corner of the screen.
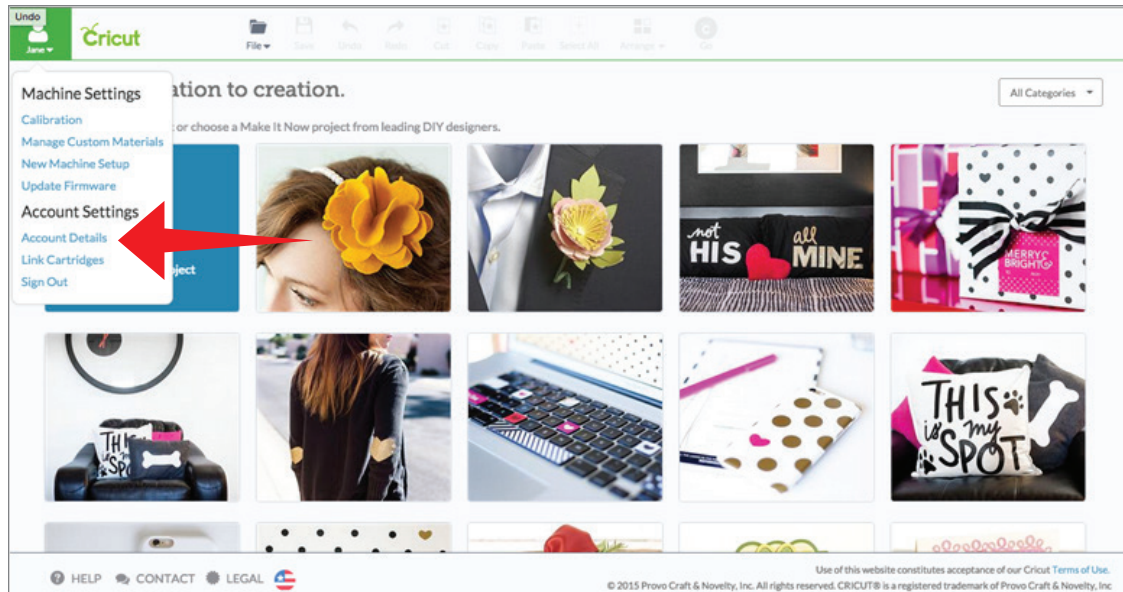
Step 4: Click "Edit account" to change your account information or edit/add your billing information.

Editing your account details

Step 5: A new tab opens on your browser. Use the navigation bar on the left to view the information associated with your Cricut ID. Each section has links that allow you to update your info.

Step 6: When you have finished editing your Cricut ID account information, you can close the tab. In Design Space®, close the Account Details screen by clicking X.

Cricut | Explore™

Cricut Explore® first project

Use the materials found in the box to complete this Thank You card and watch as your Cricut Explore® machine writes and cuts all in on step.

Step 1. Remove the black and jade cardstock from your Project Materials envelope and your pen from the box.

Black and jade
Cricut® Cardstock

Pen and accessory adapter
(adaptor pre-installed)

Cricut Explore® first project

Step 2 Remove the plastic cover from the mat.

Tip: Set this cover aside while you cut, but be sure to replace to protect the mat's adhesive during the times it is not is use.

Step 3 Smooth the black cardstock onto the cutting mat in the top left corner inside the grid.

Cricut Explore® first project

Step 4 Position the mat underneath the mat guides. Keeping the mat pushed firmly against the machine's rollers, press the Load/Unload button.

Tip: You will know the mat is loaded correctly when the Cricut® logo on the mat is directly under the machine rollers. Note that you can use the entire surface of the mat evenly by alternating which end of the mat you load into the machine first.

Step 5. Turn the Smart Set® dial to "Cardstock."

Cricut Explore® first project

Step 6 To insert the pen, open accessory clamp A.

Step 7. Remove the cap from the pen.

Cricut Explore® first project

Step 8. Position the pen so the gray arrow is facing towards you. Hold the accessory clamp up while pushing the pen down into the housing until the arrow disappears.

Step 9. Close the clamp.

Cricut | Explore™

Cricut Explore® first project

Step 10. Click "Go" on your computer or iPad to begin the cutting process.

Tip: *The first project is also available as a Make It Now™ project so you can make it as many times as you want. To find the project, start at the project screen and select "Free" from the Categories menu. Scroll through the photos of the free projects until you locate the Thank You card. When you click on the image, you will be taken to the project details screen. Click "Make It Now" to start the cutting process.*

Step 11. Follow the onscreen prompts to cut and write your Thank You card all in one step.
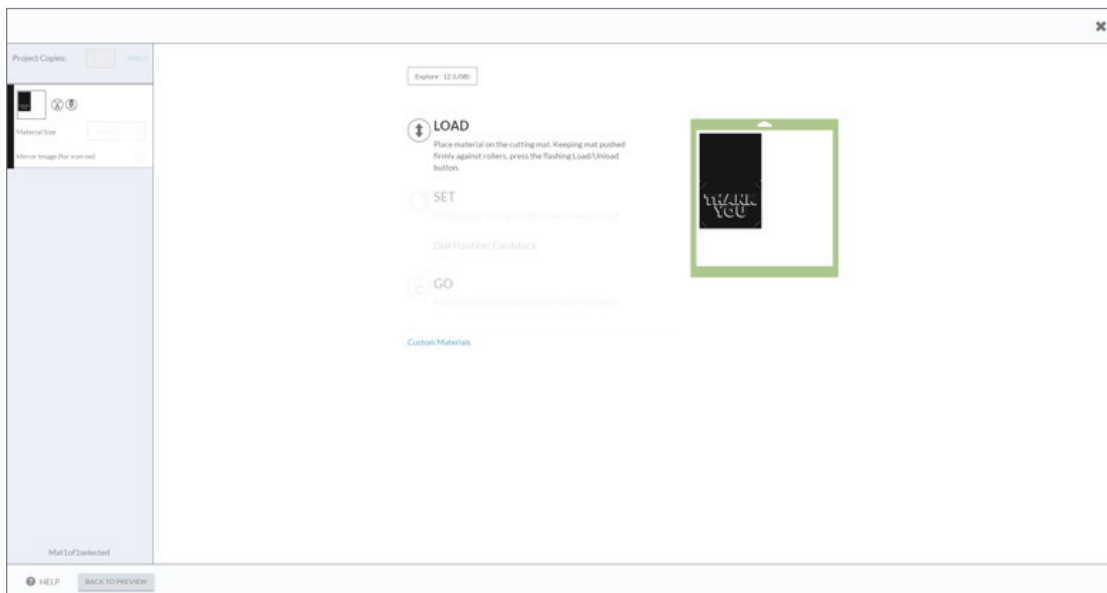
Cricut Explore® first project

Step 12. Once your Cricut Explore® machine has finished cutting and writing, unload the mat by pressing the flashing Load/Unload button.

Step 13. Remove the pen by opening accessory clamp A and pulling the pen straight up. Replace the pen cap and close the accessory clamp.
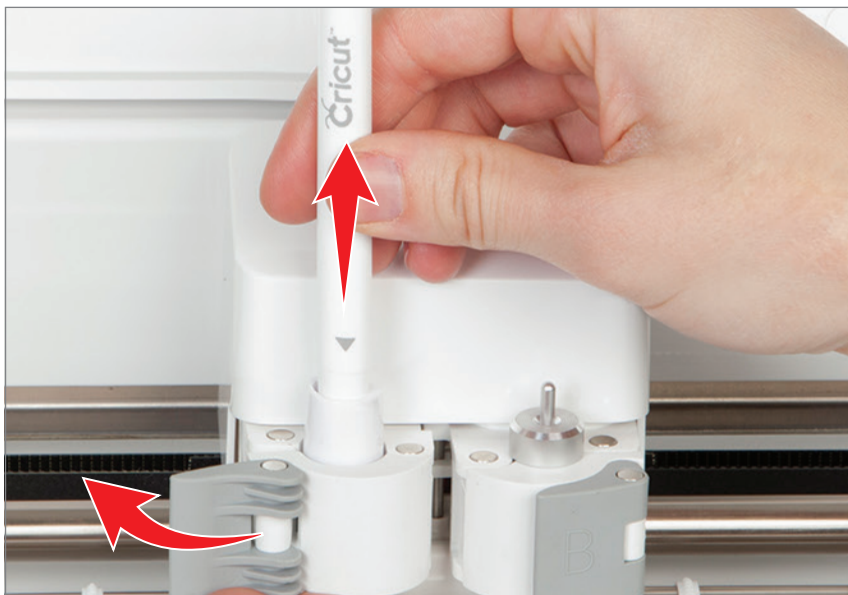
Cricut Explore® first project

Step 14. Remove your card by gently bending the mat until one edge of the card releases.

Step 15. Turn the mat over onto a flat surface and then slowly pull the mat away from your material until the card releases.

Tip: The Cricut® scraper can be used to easily remove excess material from the cutting mat.

Cricut Explore® first project

Step 16. Line up the corners of the card and fold it in half horizontally.

Step 17. Insert the liner into the four slits on the card.

Cricut Explore® first project

Step 18. Your project is complete!

Cricut Explore Air™ first project

Use the materials found in the box to complete this Hello card and watch as your Cricut Explore Air™ machine writes and cuts all in on step.

Step 1. Remove the gray and blue cardstock from your Start Here envelope and your pen from the box.
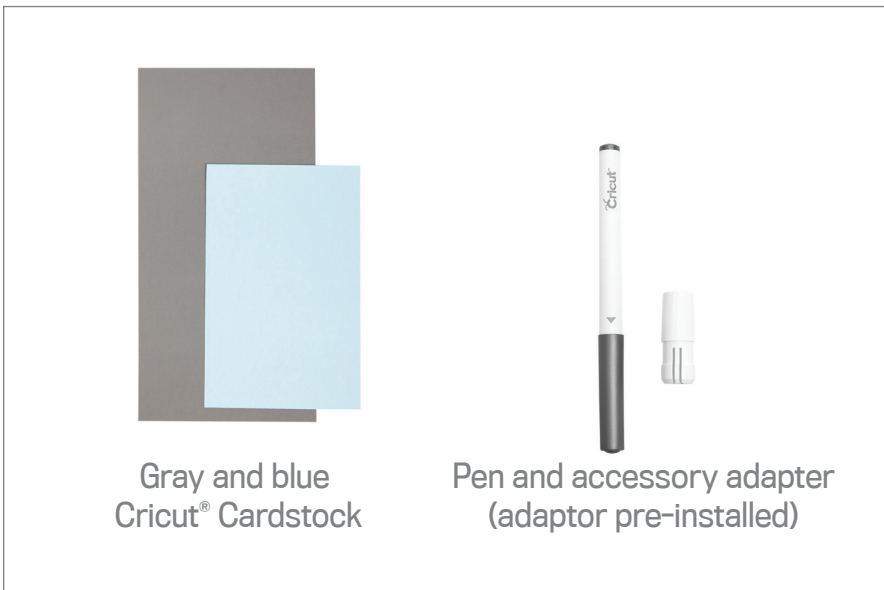
Gray and blue
Cricut® Cardstock

Pen and accessory adapter
(adaptor pre-installed)

Cricut Explore Air™ first project

Step 2. Remove the plastic cover from the mat.
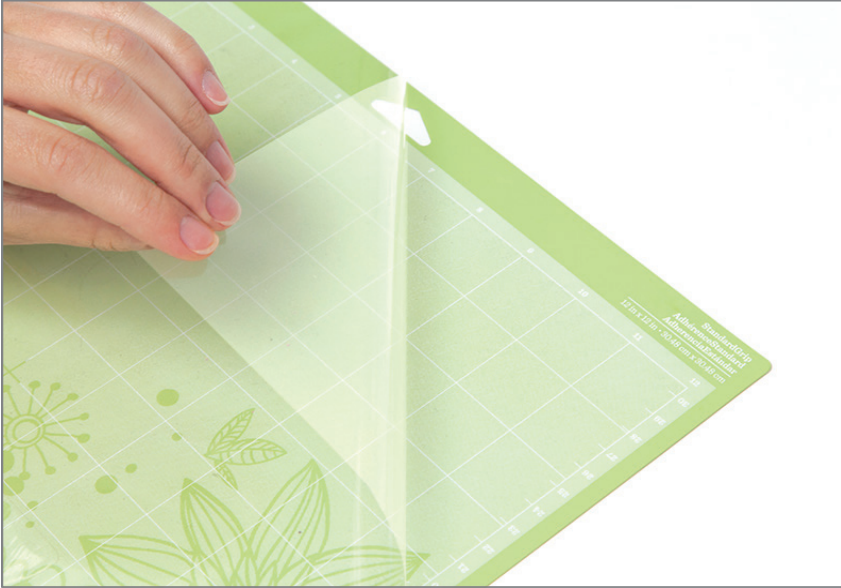
Step 3. Smooth the gray cardstock onto the cutting mat in the top left corner inside the grid.

Cricut Explore Air™ first project

Step 4. Position the mat underneath the mat guides. Keeping the mat pushed firmly against the machine's rollers, press the Load/Unload button.

Tip: *You will know the mat is loaded correctly when the Cricut® logo on the mat is directly under the machine rollers. Note that you can use the entire surface of the mat evenly by alternating which end of the mat you load into the machine first.*

Step 5. Turn the Smart Set® dial to "Cardstock."

Cricut Explore Air™ first project

Step 6. To insert the pen, open accessory clamp A.

Step 7. Remove the cap from the pen.

Cricut Explore Air™ first project

Step 8. Position the pen so the gray arrow is facing towards you. Hold the accessory clamp up while pushing the pen down into the housing until the arrow disappears.

Step 9. Close the clamp.

Cricut Explore Air™ first project

Step 10. Click "Go" on your computer or iPad to begin the cutting process.

Tip: *The first project is also available as a Make It Now™ project so you can make it as many times as you would like. To find the project, start at the project screen and select "Free for Cricut Explore Air" from the Categories menu. Scroll through the photos of the free projects until you locate the Hello card. When you click on the image, you will be taken to the project details screen. Click "Make It Now" to start the cutting process.*

Step 11. Follow the onscreen prompts to cut and write your Hello card all in one step.
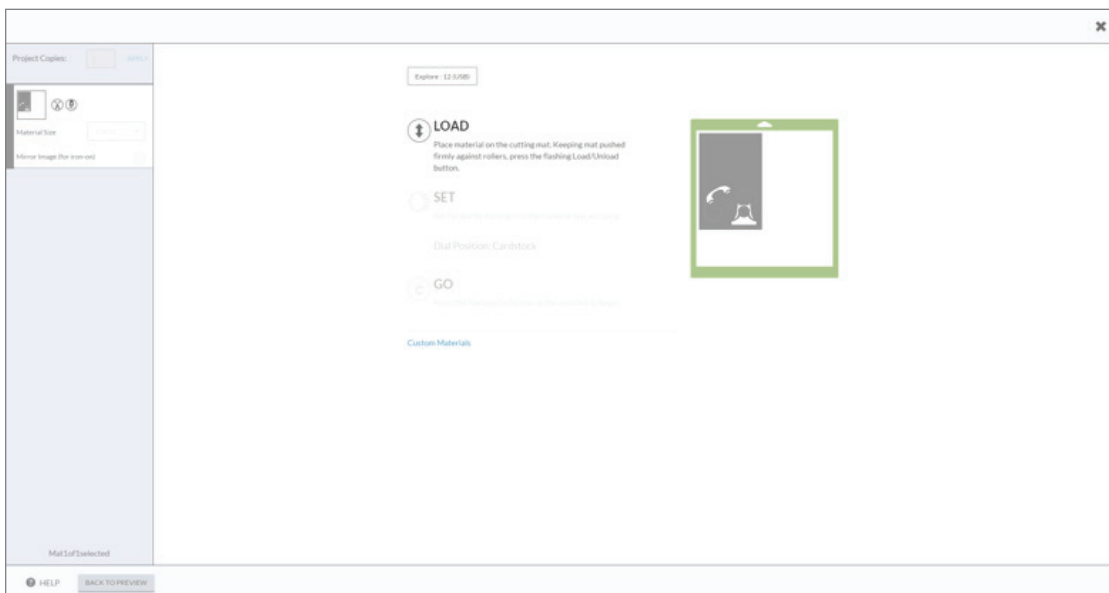
Cricut Explore Air™ first project

Step 12. Once your Cricut ExploreAir™ machine has finished cutting and writing, unload the mat by pressing the blinking Load/Unload button.

Step 13. Remove the pen by opening accessory clamp A and pulling the pen straight up. Replace the pen cap and close the accessory clamp.
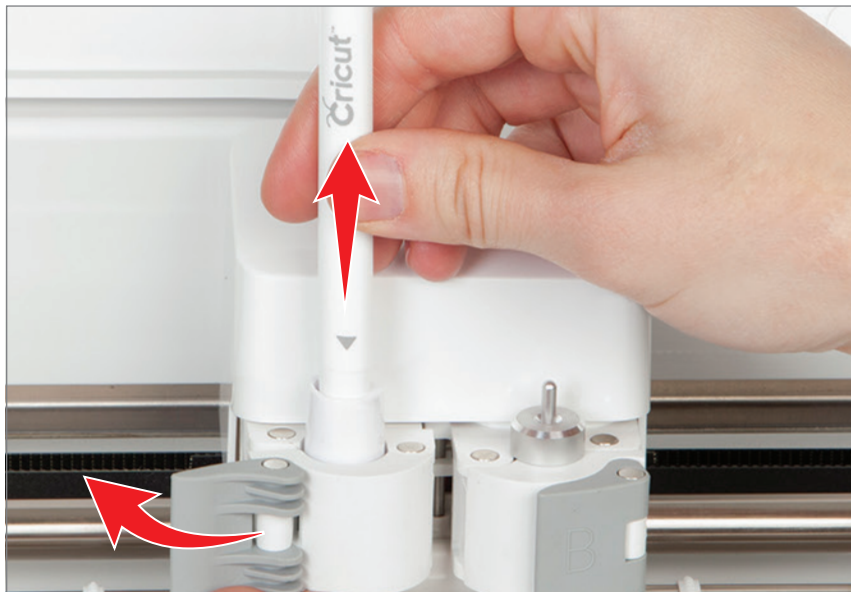
Cricut Explore Air™ first project

Step 14. Remove your card by gently bending the mat until one edge of the card releases.

Step 15. Turn the mat over onto a flat surface and then slowly pull the mat away from your material until the card releases.

Tip: *The Cricut® scrapper can be used to easily remove excess material from the cutting mat.*

Cricut Explore Air™ first project

Step 16. Line up the corners of the card and fold in half horizontally; repeat process with liner.

Step 17. Place the liner in the card; adhere if desired.

Cricut Explore Air™ first project

Step 18. Your project is complete!

Cricut Explore One™ first project

Use the material found in the box to complete this vinyl sticker.

Step 1. Remove the silver vinyl from your Start Here envelope.

Cricut Explore One™ first project

Step 2. Remove the plastic cover from the mat.

Step 3. Smooth the silver vinyl onto the cutting mat in the top left corner inside the grid.

Cricut Explore One™ first project

Step 4. Position the mat underneath the mat guides. Keeping the mat pushed firmly against the machine's rollers, press the Load/Unload button.

Tip: You will know the mat is loaded correctly when the Cricut® logo on the mat is directly under the machine rollers. Note that you can use the entire surface of the mat evenly by alternating which end of the mat you load into the machine first.

Step 5. Turn the Smart Set® dial to "Vinyl."
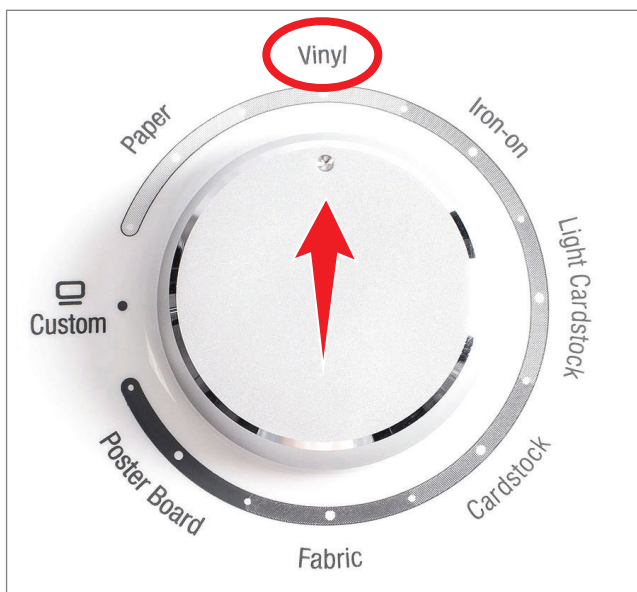
Cricut Explore One™ first project

Step 6. Click "Go" on your computer or iPad® to begin the cutting process. Follow the onscreen prompts to cut your Create vinyl sticker.

Tip: The Cricut Explore One™ first project is also available as a free Make it Now™ project, so you can make it as many times as you would like. To find the project, start at the project screen and select "Free for Cricut Explore One" from the Categories menu. Scroll through the photos of the free projects until you locate the Create vinyl sticker. When you click on the image, you will be taken to the project details screen. Click "Make It Now" to start the cutting process.

Cricut Explore One™ first project

Step 8. Once your Cricut Explore One™ machine has finished cutting, unload the mat by pressing the blinking Load/Unload button on the machine.

Step 9. Remove the vinyl from the mat by gently bending the mat until one edge of the material releases.

Cricut Explore One™ first project

Step 10. Turn the mat over onto a flat surface and then slowly pull the mat away from the material.

Step 11. Peel vinyl sticker from the backing.
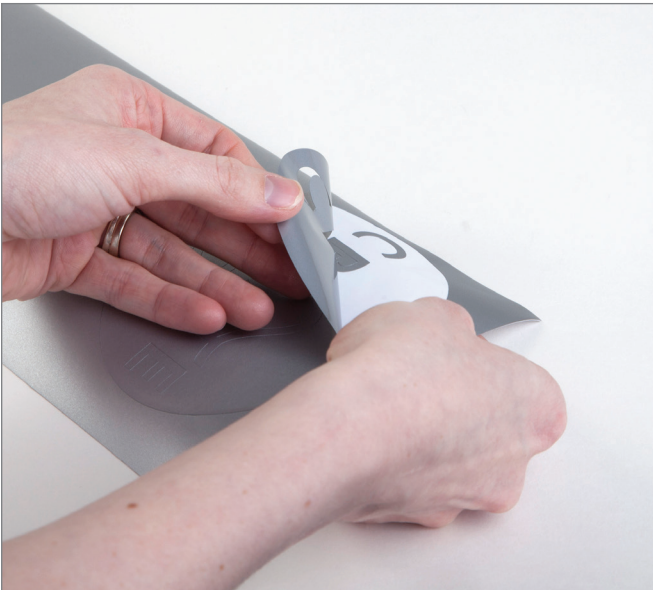
Cricut Explore One™ first project

Step 12. Remove unwanted pieces from the design.

Step 13. Place vinyl sticker on project as desired.

Required Firmware Update

Firmware is essential for your Cricut machine to operate properly and communicate with your computer. On occasion, firmware updates may be required to enable new features and improve performance.

Tip: During the firmware update process, the power button is red, indicating that the update is in progress. If the update process is interrupted or unsuccessful, the power button will stay red and prevent you from turning your machine off. In the unlikely event that this happens, restart the firmware process manually.

Step 1: Should your system require a firmware update, you will be prompted to do so once your project is complete and you are proceeding through the mat preview. Power on your Cricut® machine and connect it to your computer.

- Cricut Explore® machines must be connected via USB; firmware update is not available over Bluetooth®
- Cricut Explore Air® machines can be updated update via Bluetooth® or USB

Step 2: Click "Update" to begin.
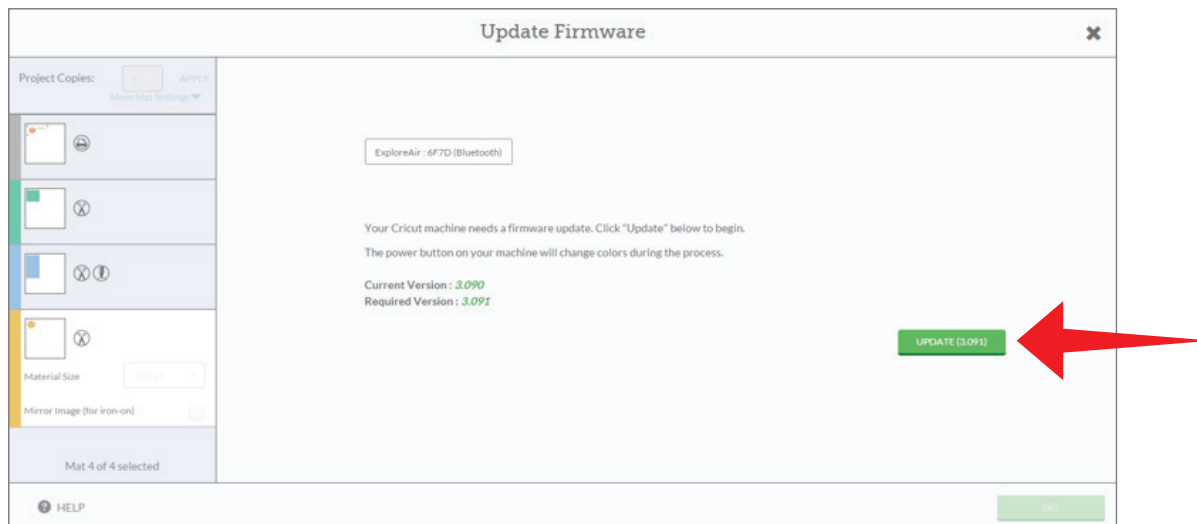
Required Firmware Update

Step 3: Your Cricut machine's firmware will begin the updating process. A progress bar will appear on the screen and your machine's power button will turn red, indicating that an update is in progress. Please do not disconnect the machine.
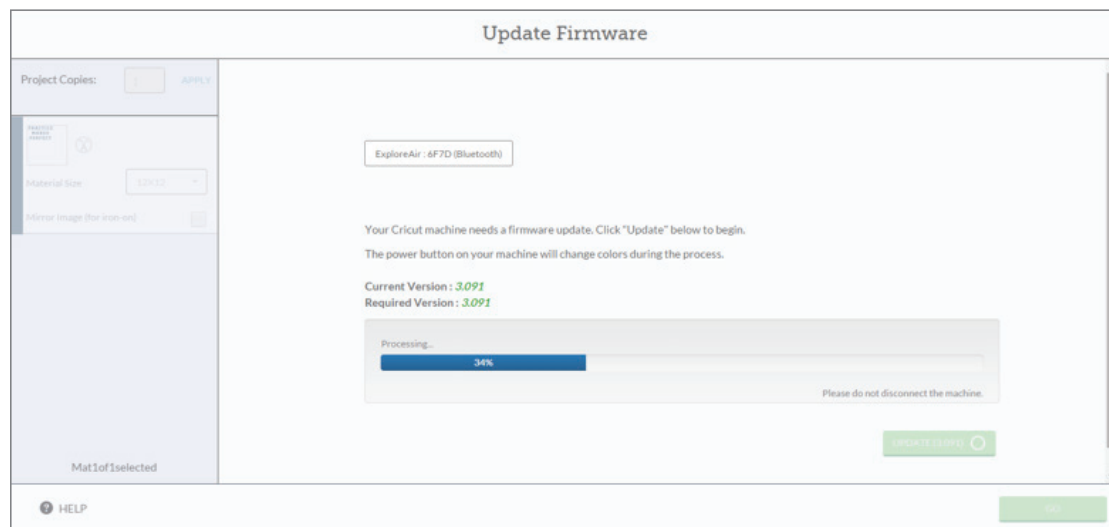
Tip: If the connection with your machine is lost during a firmware update, make sure your machine is still connected to your computer and powered on. You many need to restart the process by manually updating the firmware in Design Space®.

Step 4. Once the update is completed, your machine will automatically turn off and back on. Now that your machine has been updated, you can begin right where you left off.
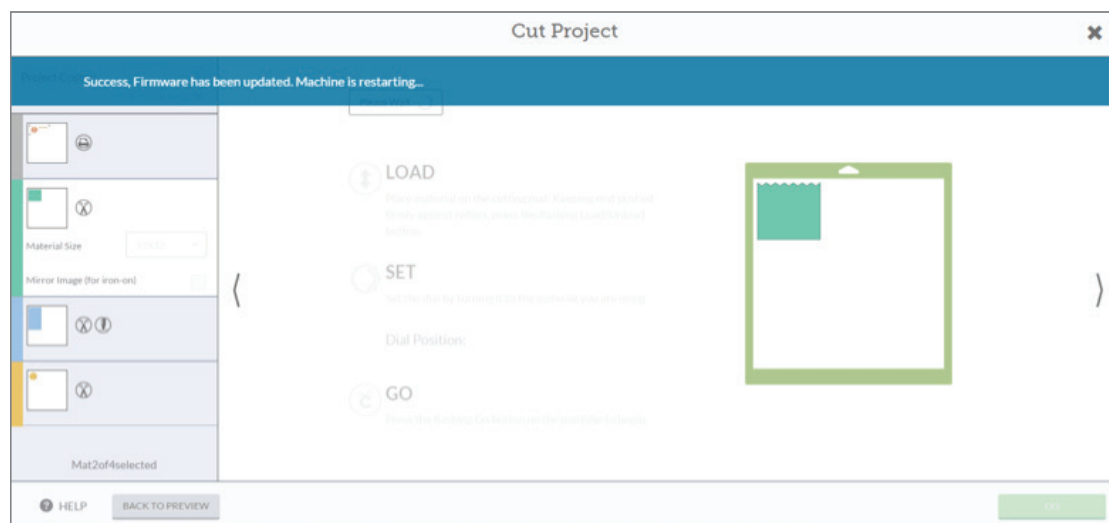
Manual Firmware Update

Occasionally, firmware releases are planned or the process may get interrupted. Rather than waiting for the system to prompt the firmware update, you may choose to do the update at your own convenience.

Tip: During the firmware update process, the power button is red, indicating that the update is in progress. If the update process is interrupted or unsuccessful, the power button will stay red and prevent you from turning your machine off. In the unlikely event that this happens, restart the firmware process manually.

Step 1: After you've logged in with your Cricut ID, select "Update Firmware" from the Account menu.
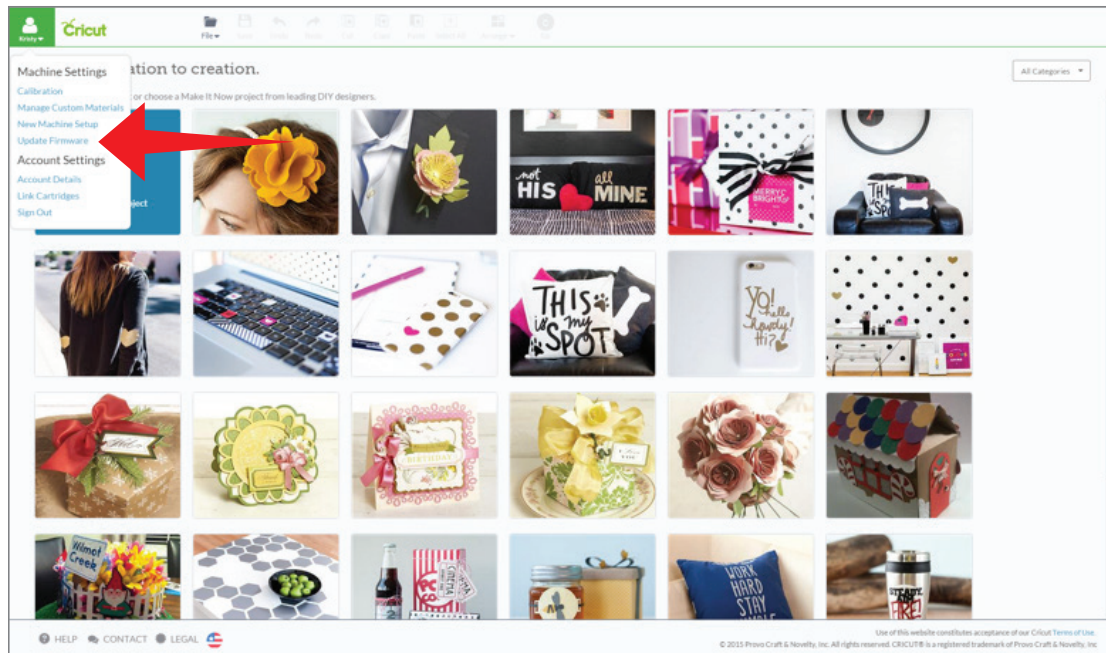
Step 2: Power on your Cricut® machine and connect it to your computer.

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- Cricut Explore Air® machines can be updated update via Bluetooth® or USB

Manual Firmware Update

Step 3: Click "Update" to begin.
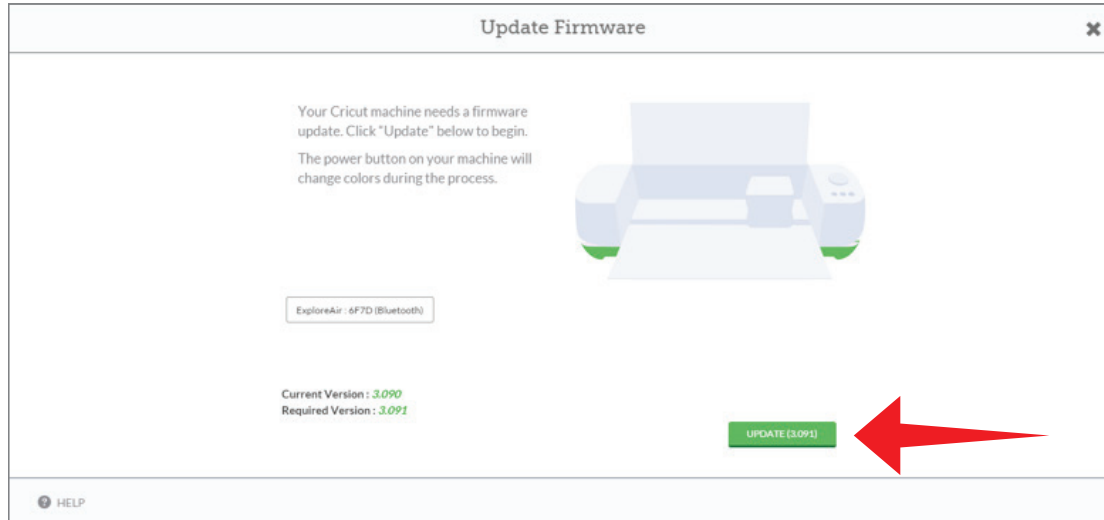
Step 4: Your Cricut machine's firmware will begin the updating process. A progress bar will appear on the screen and your machine's power button will turn red, indicating that an update is in progress. Please do not disconnect the machine.
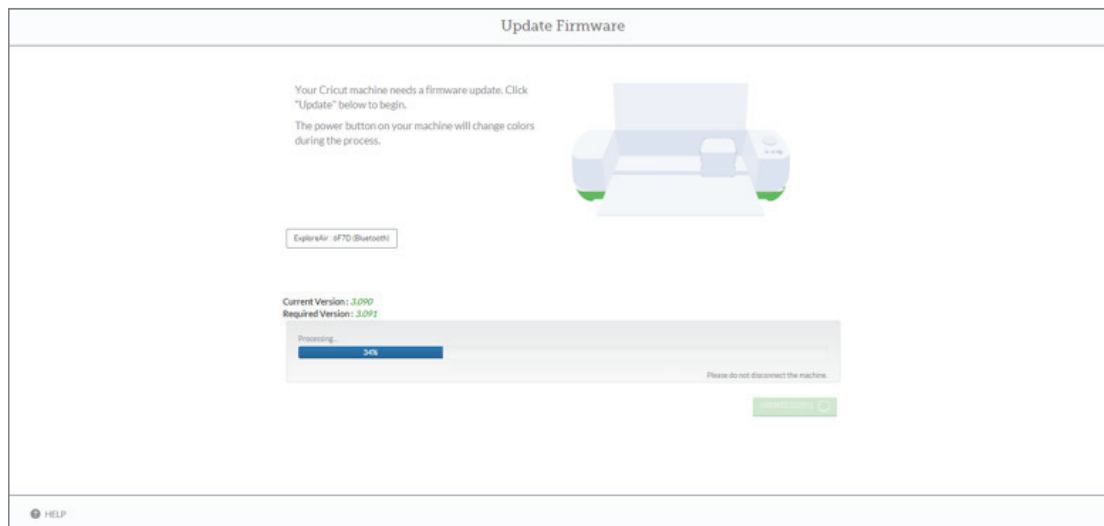
Tip: If the connection with your machine is lost during a firmware update, make sure your machine is connected to your computer and powered on. You may need to restart the process by manually updating the firmware in Design Space®. Click "Retry" to start the process again.

Manual Firmware Update

Step 5: Once the update is completed, your machine will automatically turn off and back on. Click "Close" when this process is complete.
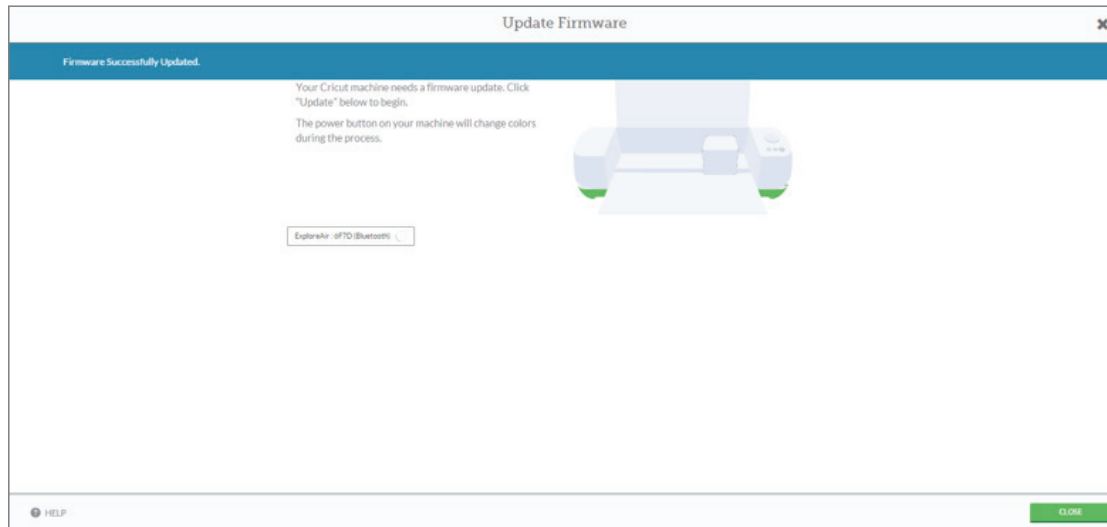
Tip: *Should you cancel the firmware update in the middle of the process, you will be prompted to perform the update when you proceed to the cut screen. Your machine should have the most up-to-date firmware to complete a project.*

Determining if your PC has Bluetooth®

Step 1. From your computer's home screen, open the start menu.
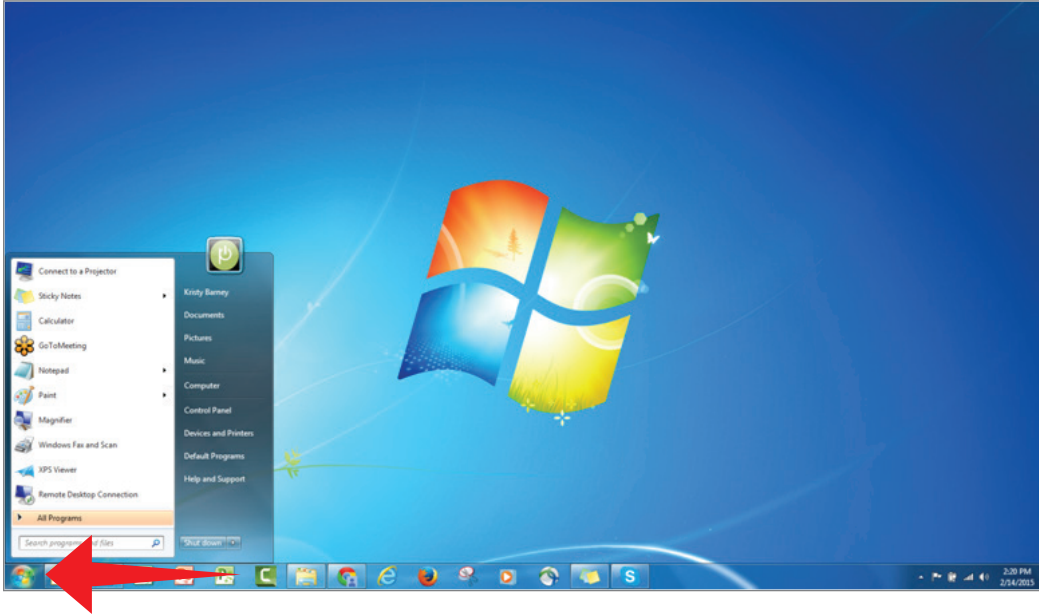
Step 2. Use the start menu search to find "Device Manager."
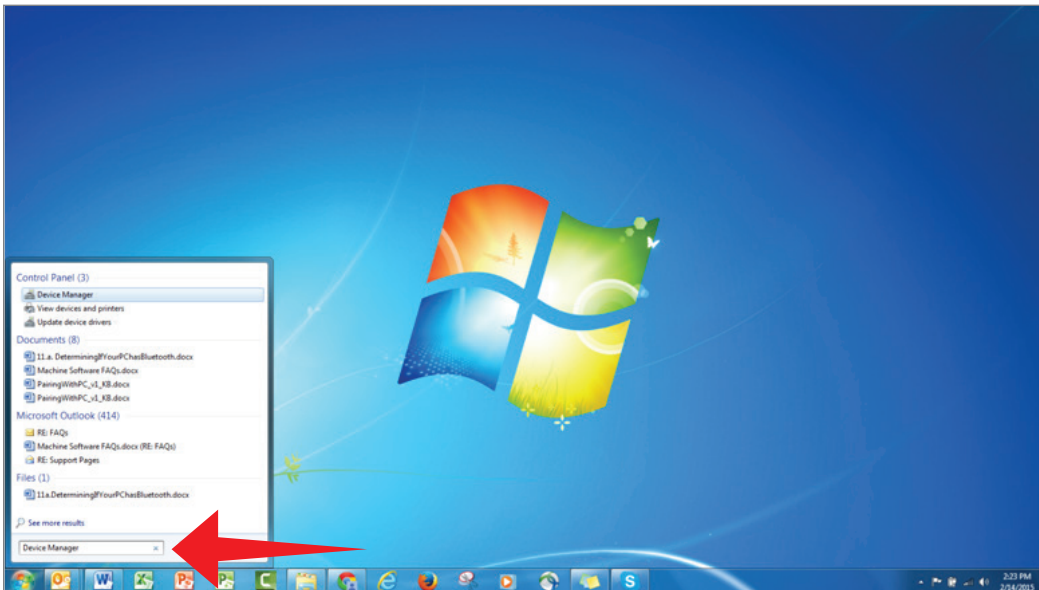
Determining if your PC has Bluetooth®

Step 3. Open the Device Manager. If your PC has Bluetooth®, there will be a section for "Bluetooth Radios" listed.
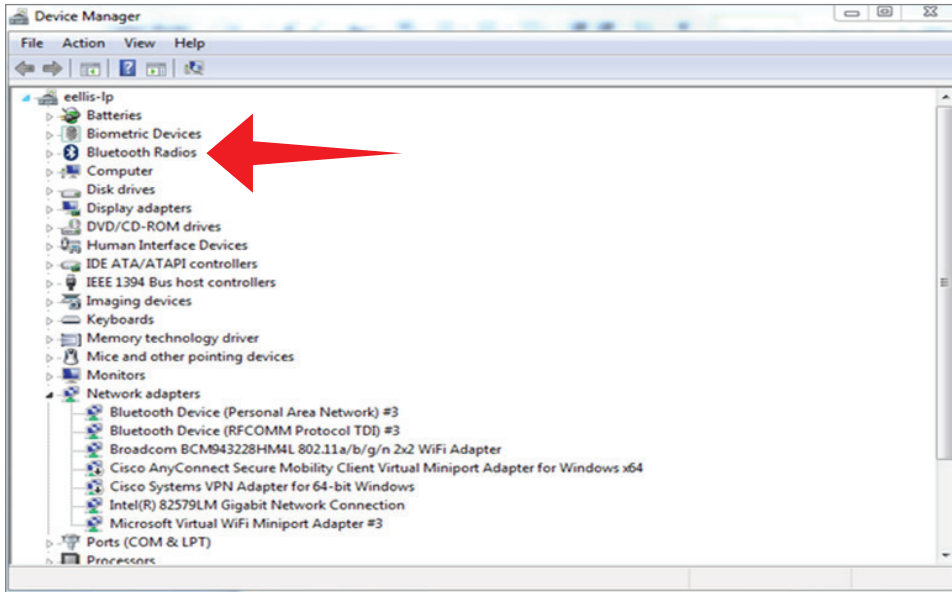
Pairing a PC with Cricut Explore Air™ via Bluetooth®

Step 1. Power on your Cricut Explore Air™ machine.

Step 2. From your computer's home screen, open the start menu and select the "Devices and Printers".
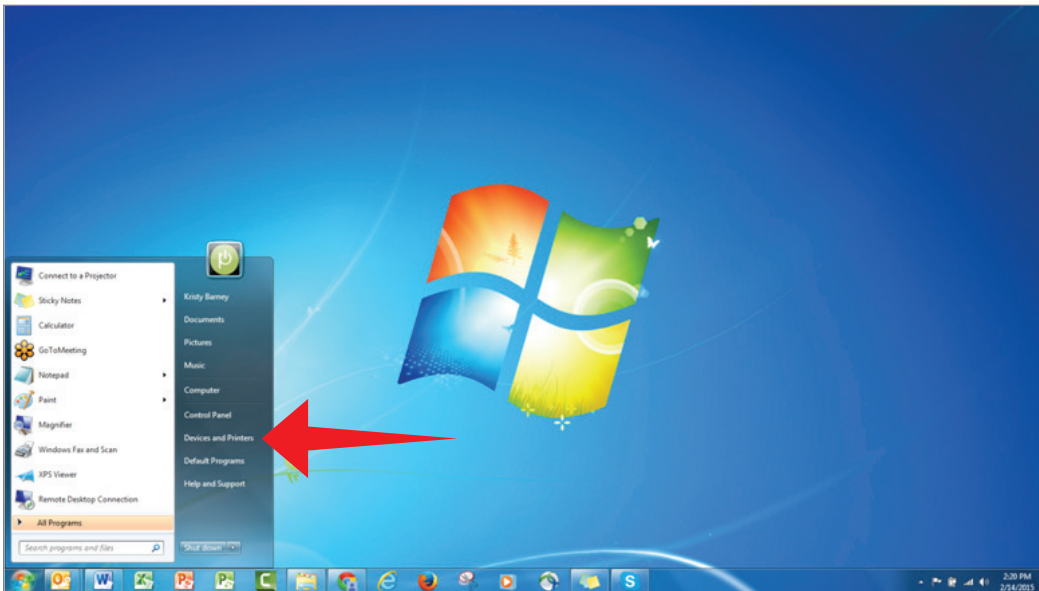
Pairing a PC with Cricut Explore Air™ via Bluetooth®

Step 3. Click on "Add a device."
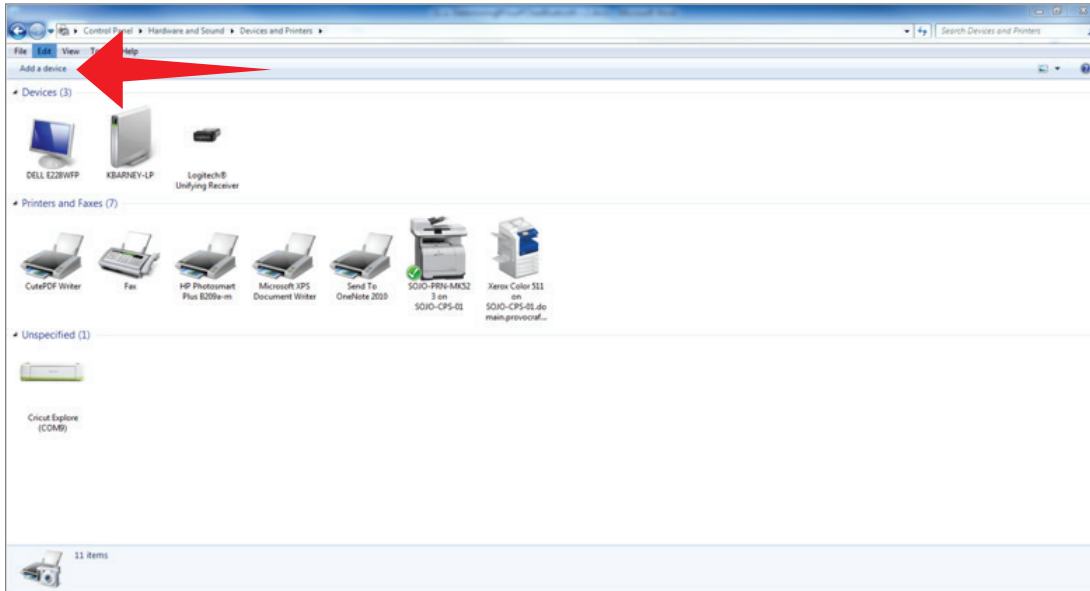
Step 4. Once your system has located your Cricut® machine, it will be displayed in the window. Select your Cricut® machine from the list and click "Next" to continue.
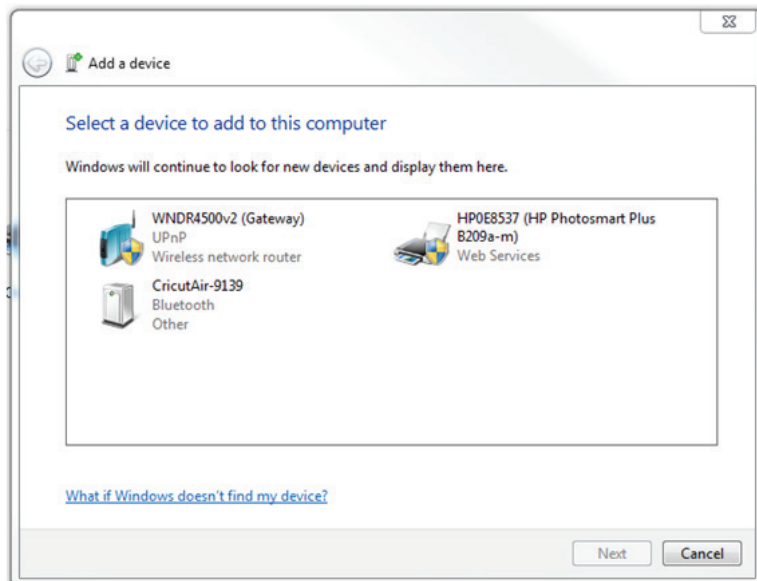
Pairing a PC with Cricut Explore Air™ via Bluetooth®

Step 5. Select "Enter the device's pairing code."
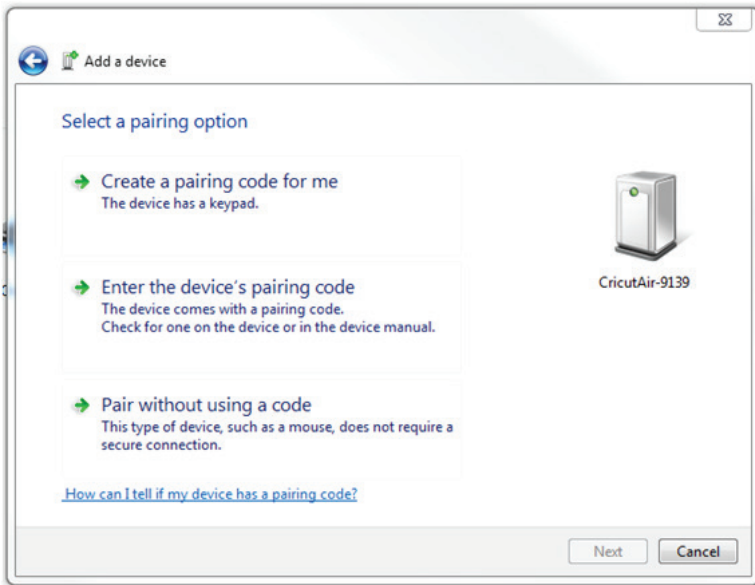
Step 6. Enter the pairing code <u>0000</u>, and click "Next."

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Pairing a PC with Cricut Explore Air™ via Bluetooth®

Step 7. Your PC and Cricut® machine are now connected. Click "Close" to close the window. Enjoy the wireless connection with your machine!
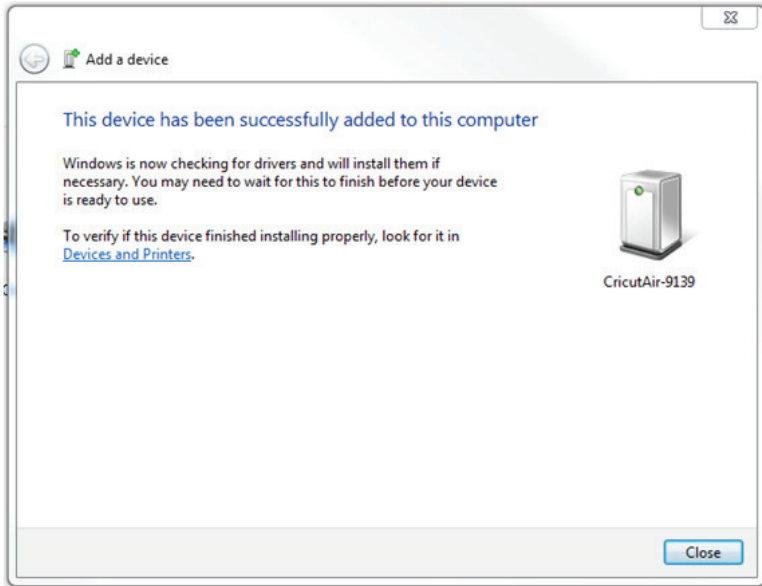
Pairing a Mac with Cricut Explore Air™ via Bluetooth®

Step 1. Power on your Cricut Explore Air™ machine.

Step 2. Determine whether your Mac has Bluetooth® by opening System Preferences and looking for the Bluetooth® option.

Pairing a Mac with Cricut Explore Air™
via Bluetooth®

Step 3. Double click to open the Bluetooth® window.
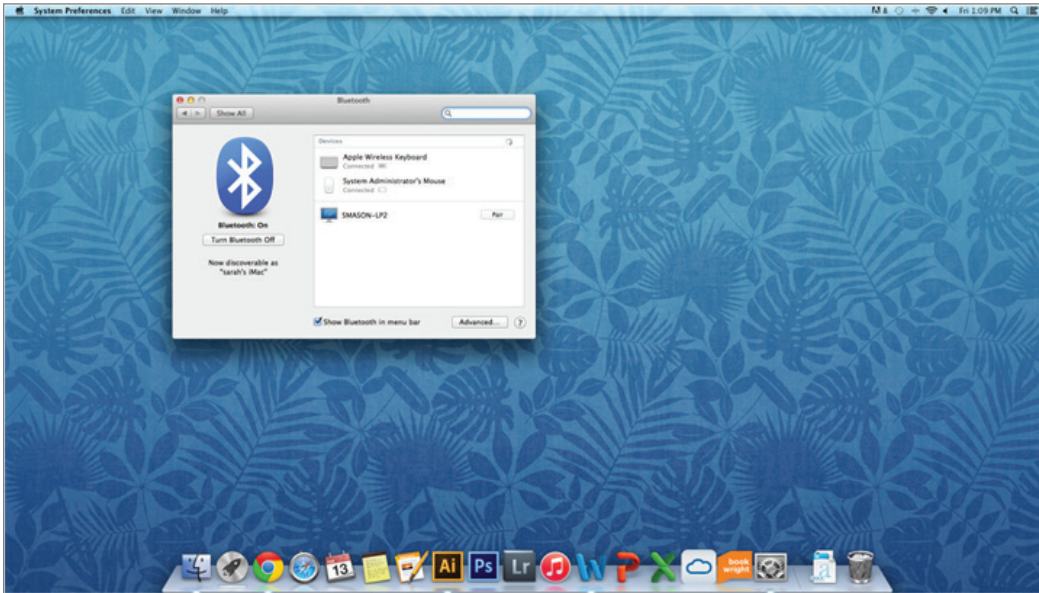
Step 4. Once your system has located your Cricut® machine, it will be displayed in the window under "Devices." Select your Cricut® machine from the list.

Pairing a Mac with Cricut Explore Air™ via Bluetooth®

Step 5. Click "Pair" to connect your Mac to your Cricut® machine; enter the pairing code <u>0000</u> if required.
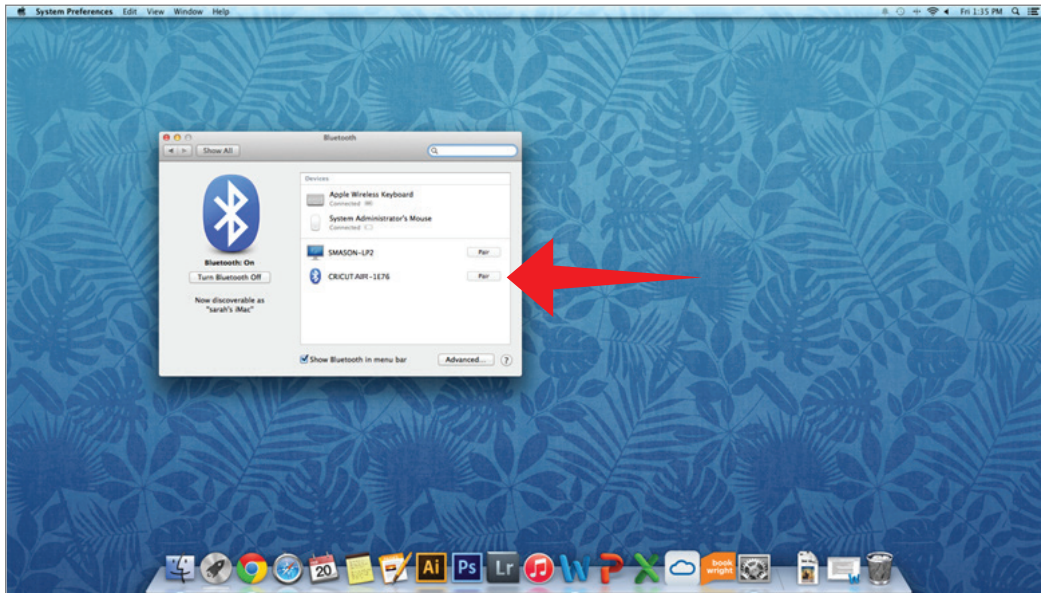
Tip: If the pairing fails, click the "Options" button.

Your Mac and Cricut® machine are now connected. Click "Close" to close the window. Enjoy the wireless connection with your machine!

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Pairing an iPad® with Cricut Explore Air™ via Bluetooth

Step 1. Power on your Cricut Explore Air™ machine.

Step 2. On your iPad, open "Settings."

Pairing an iPad® with Cricut Explore Air™ via Bluetooth

Step 3. Select Bluetooth® and ensure Bluetooth® is turned on.
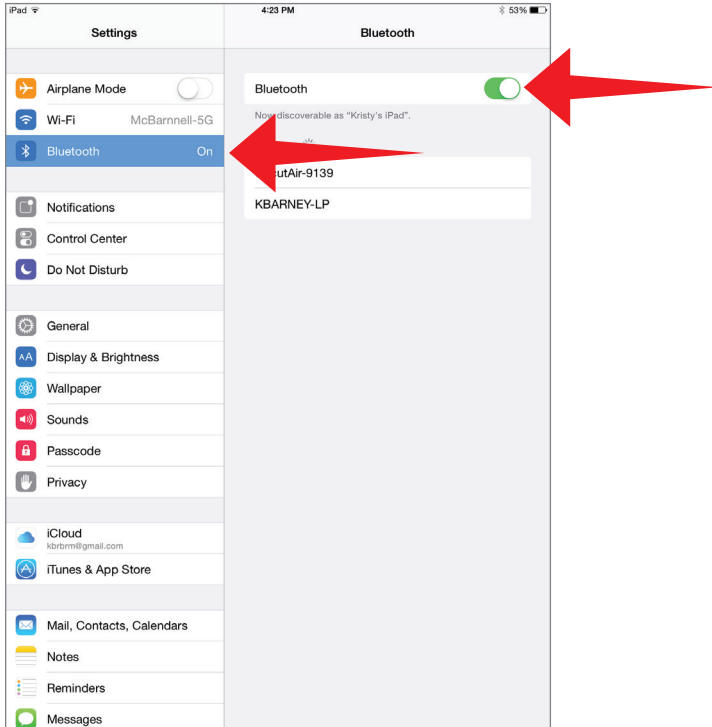
Step 4. Under Devices, select your Cricut® machine.
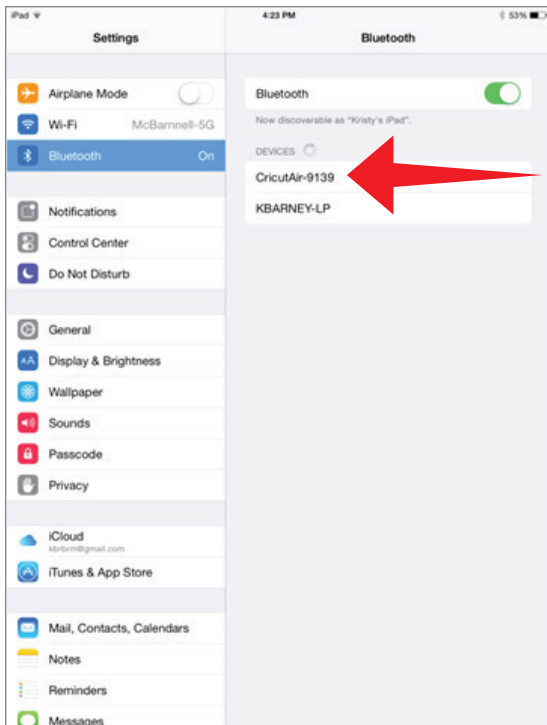
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Pairing an iPad® with Cricut Explore Air™ via Bluetooth

Step 5. Enter this PIN <u>0000</u>, and tap "Pair."
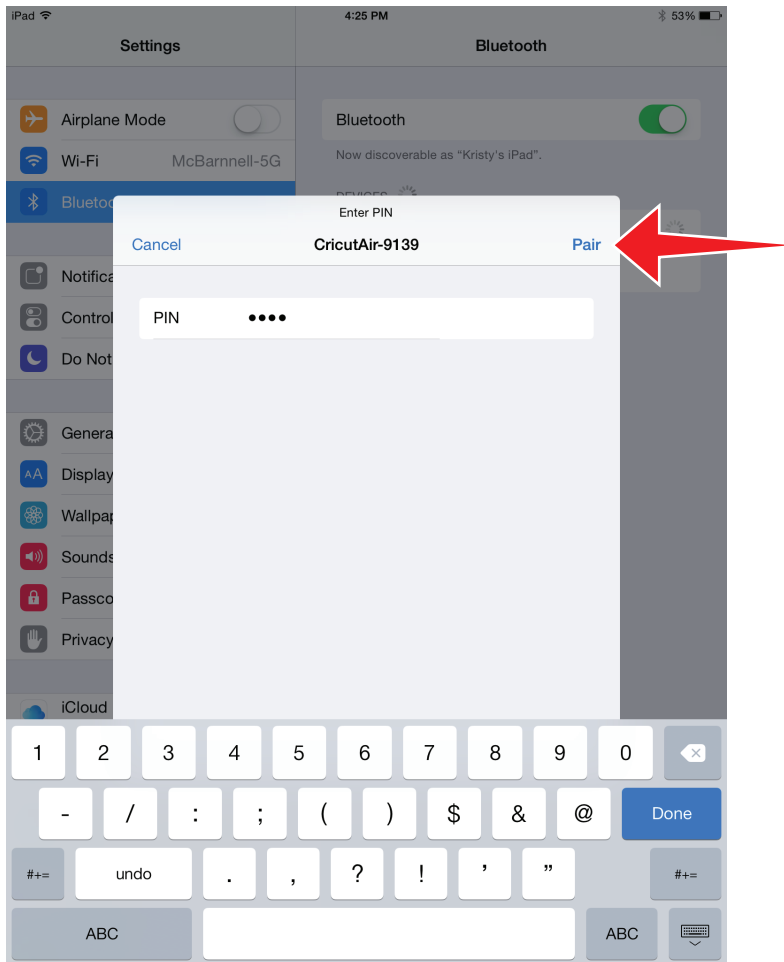
Your iPad® and Cricut® machine are now connected. Enjoy the wireless connection with your machine!

Pairing a PC with Cricut Explore® via Bluetooth® adapter

Step 1. Power on your Cricut Explore® machine.

Step 2. Remove the cap from the Cricut Explore® Wireless Bluetooth Adapter.

Pairing a PC with Cricut Explore® via Bluetooth® adapter

**Step 3.** Insert the adapter into the utility port on the right side of your Cricut Explore® machine.

**Step 4.** From your computer's home screen, open the start menu and select the "Devices and Printers".
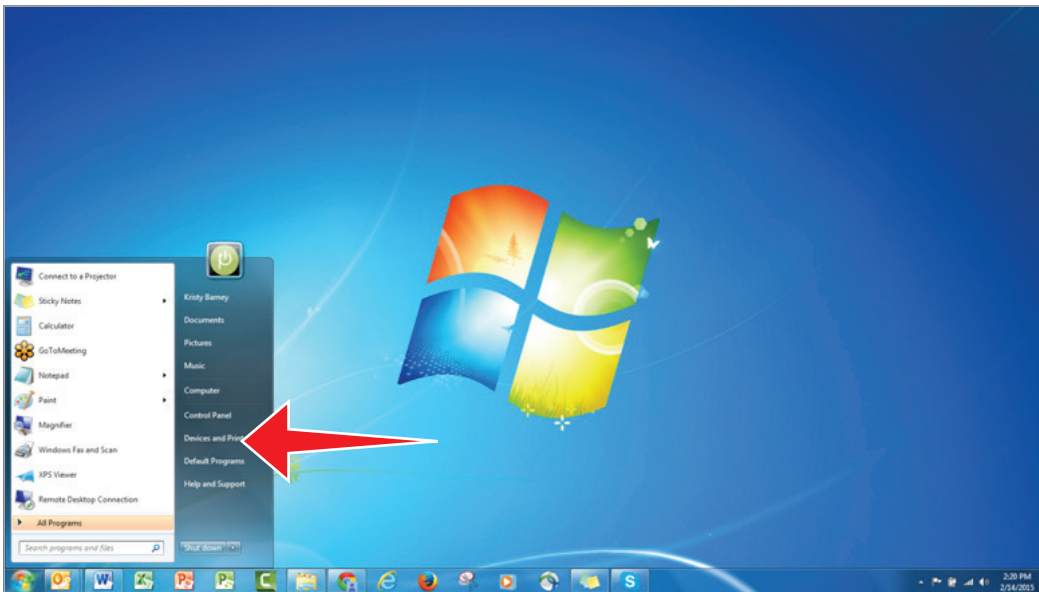
Pairing a PC with Cricut Explore® via Bluetooth® adapter

Step 5. Click on "Add a device."
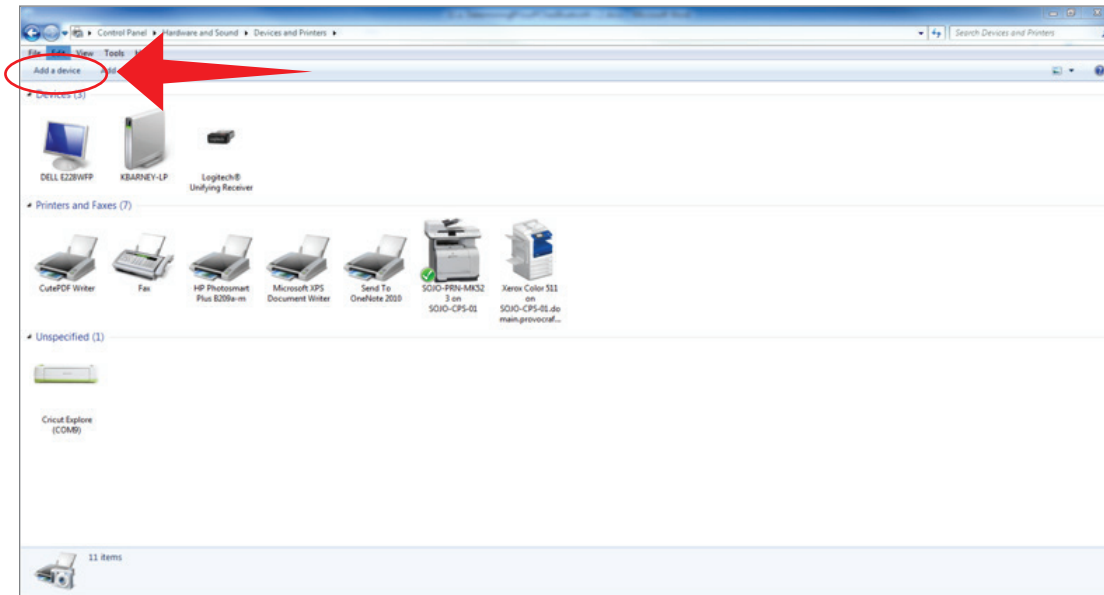
Step 6. Once your system has located your Cricut® machine, it will be displayed in the window under "Devices." Select your Cricut® machine from the list and click "Next" to continue.
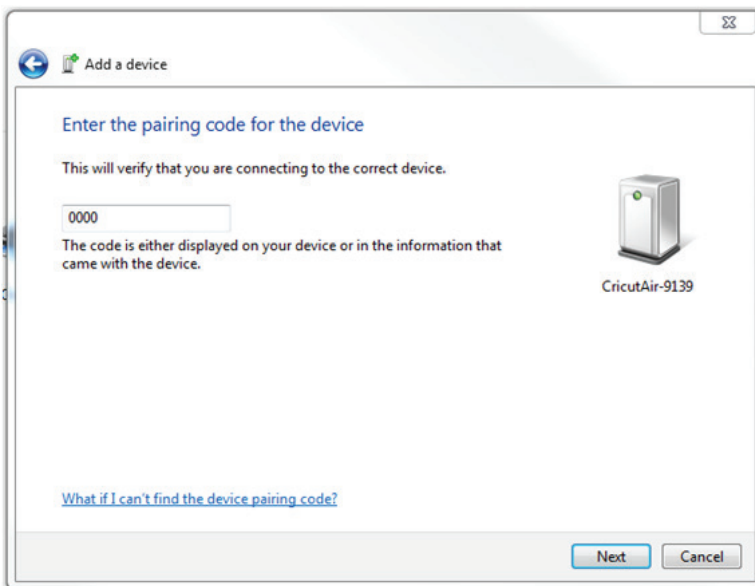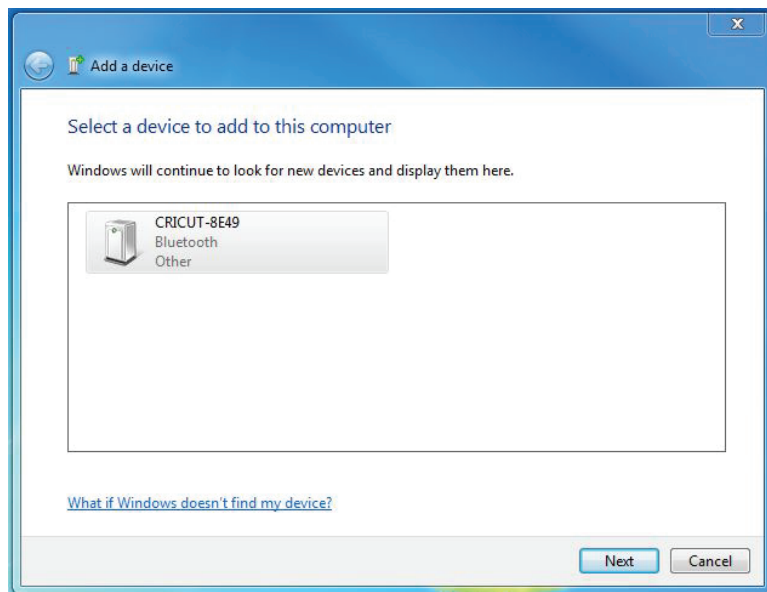
Pairing a PC with Cricut Explore® via Bluetooth® adapter

Step 7. Select "Enter the device's pairing code."
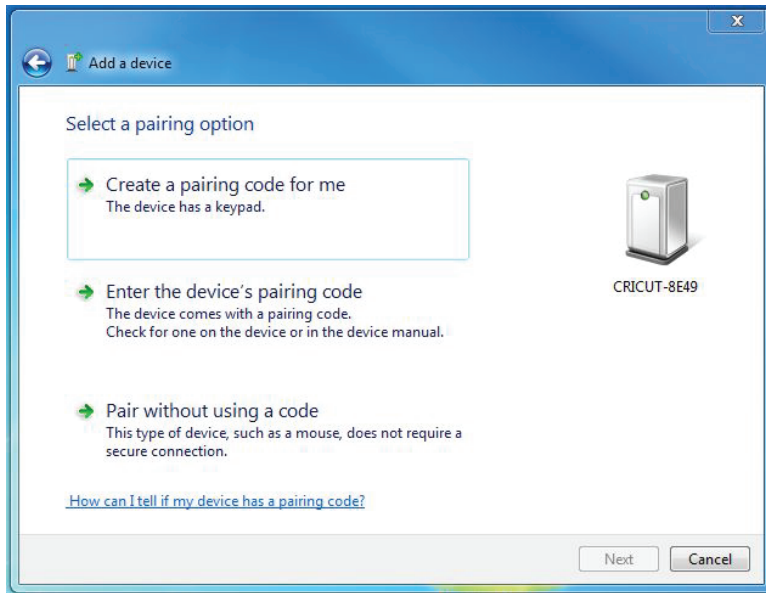

Step 8. Enter the pairing code 0000, and click "Next."
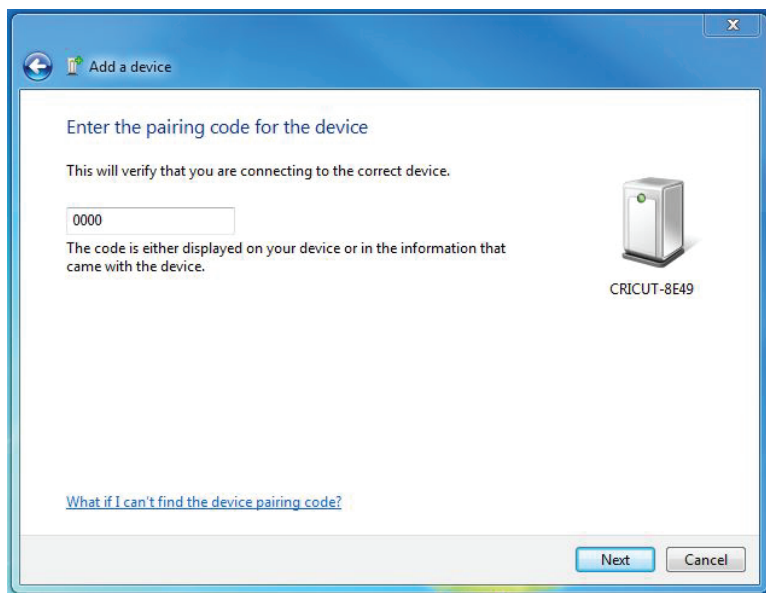
Pairing a PC with Cricut Explore® via Bluetooth® adapter

Step 9. Your PC and Cricut® machine are now connected. Click "Close" to close the window. Enjoy the wireless connection with your Cricut Explore® machine!
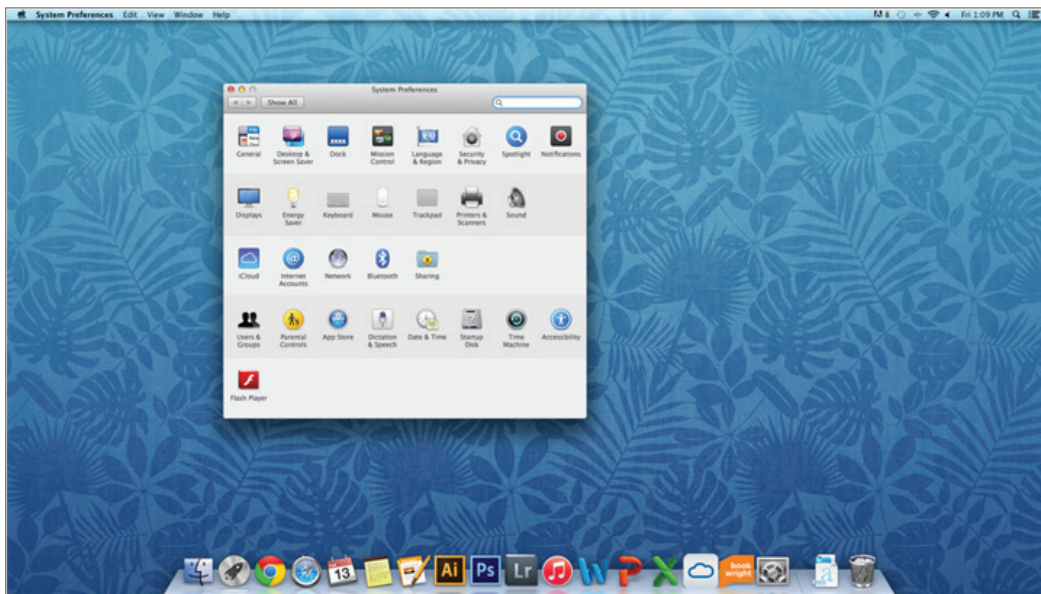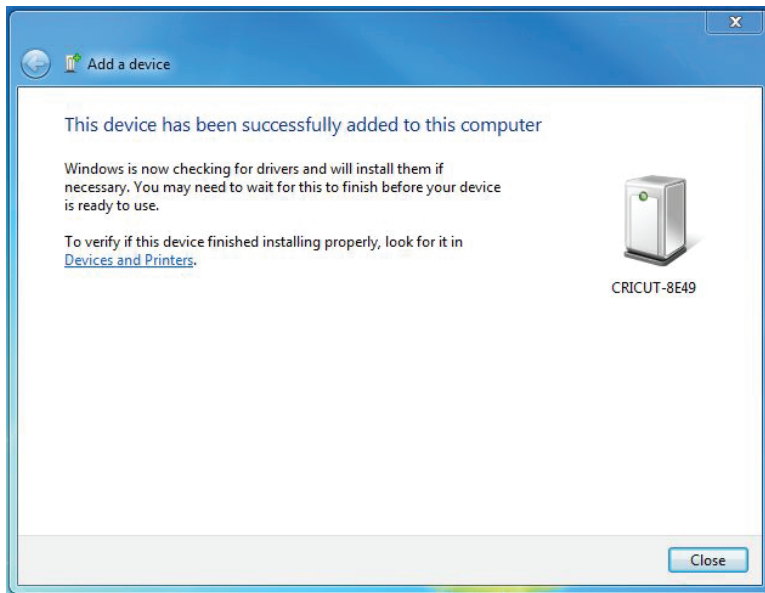
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Pairing a Mac with Cricut Explore® via Bluetooth

Step 1. Power on your Cricut Explore® machine.

Step 2. Remove the cap from the Wireless Bluetooth Adapter.

Pairing a Mac with Cricut Explore®
via Bluetooth

**Step 3.** Insert the adapter into the utility port on the side of your Cricut Explore® machine.

Step 4. Determine whether your Mac has Bluetooth® by opening System Preferences and looking for the Bluetooth® option.
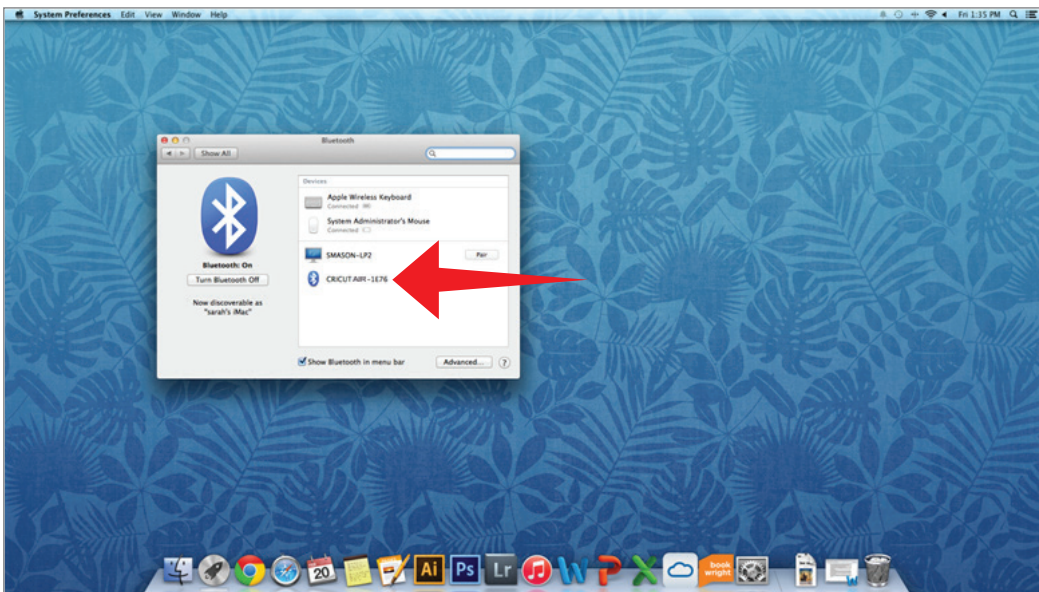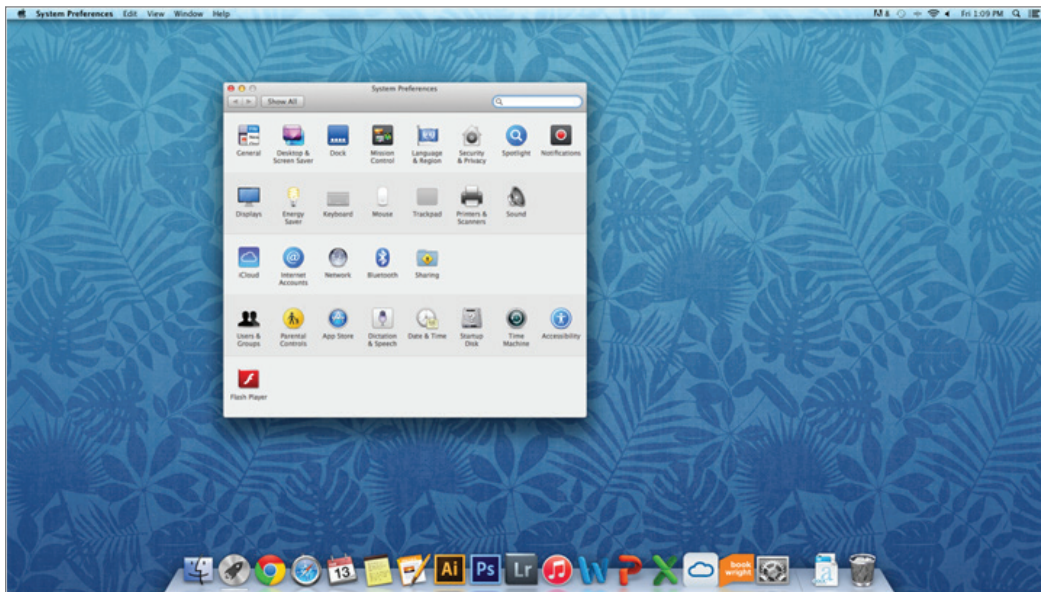
Pairing a Mac with Cricut Explore®
via Bluetooth

Step 5. Double click to open the Bluetooth® window.
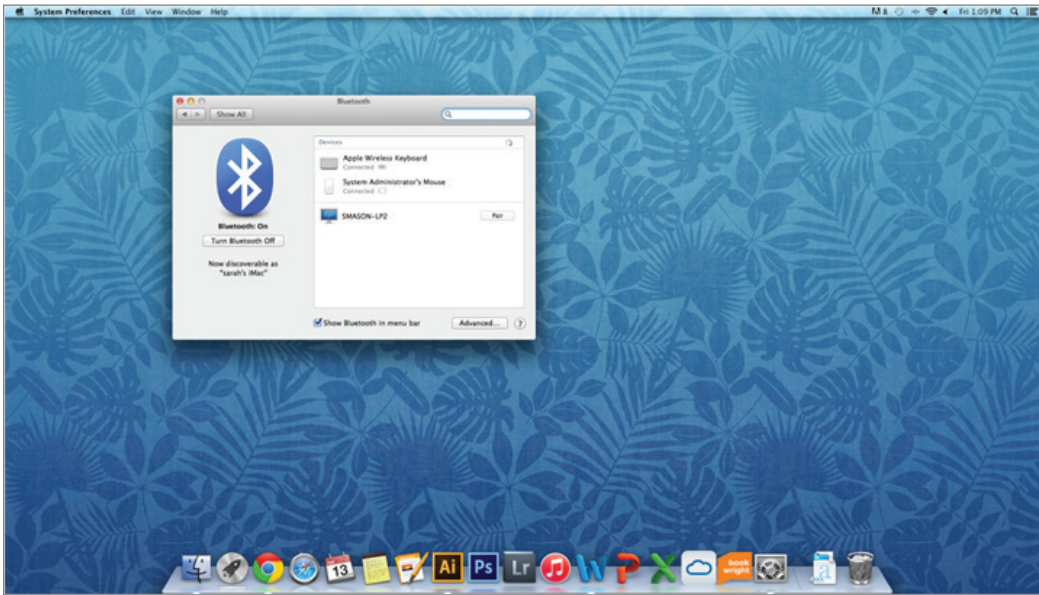

Step 6. Once your system has located your Cricut® machine, it will be displayed in the window under "Devices." Select your Cricut® machine from the list.
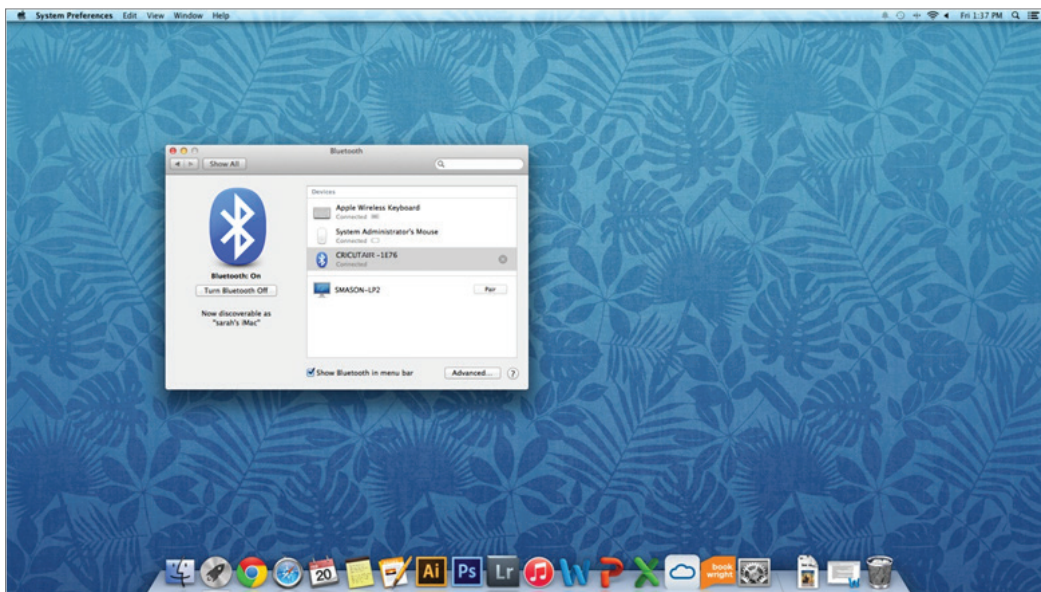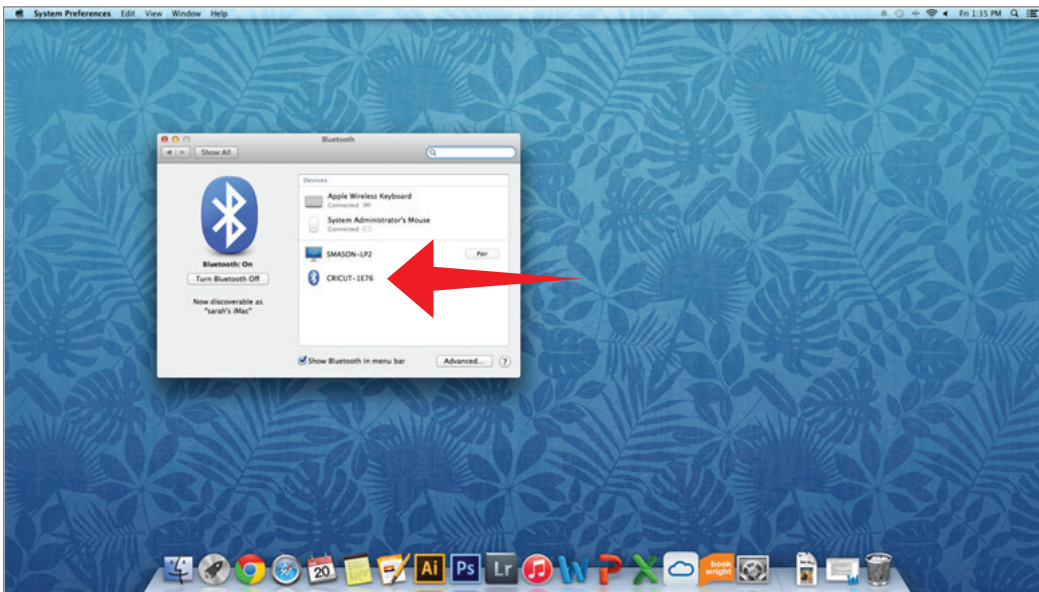
Pairing a Mac with Cricut Explore®
via Bluetooth

Step 7. Click "Pair" to connect your Mac to your Cricut® machine; enter the pairing code <u>0000</u> if required.
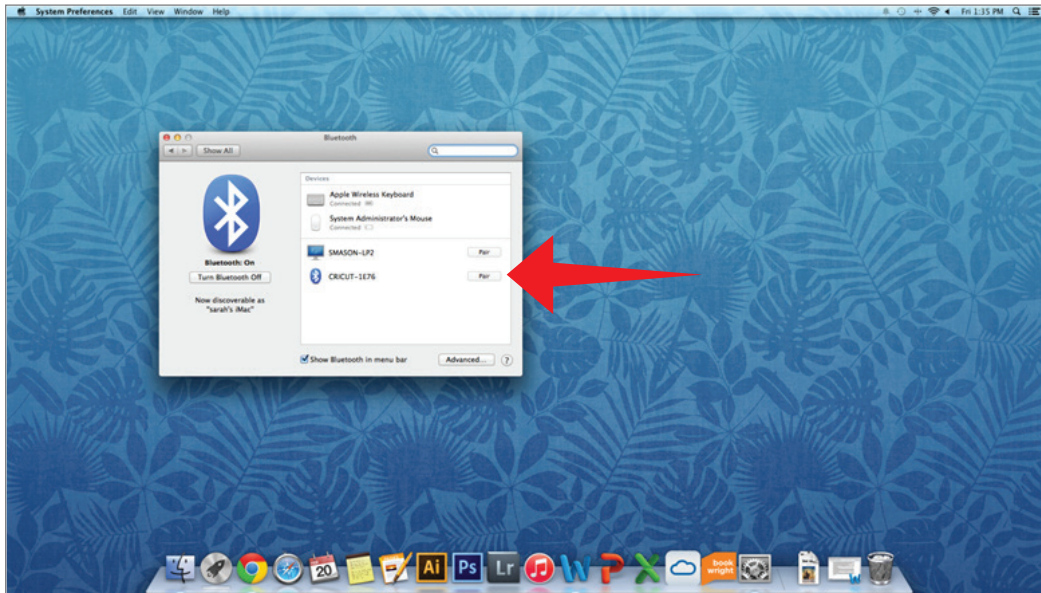
Tip: If the pairing fails, click the "Options" button.

Your Mac and Cricut® machine are now connected. Enjoy the wireless connection with your machine!
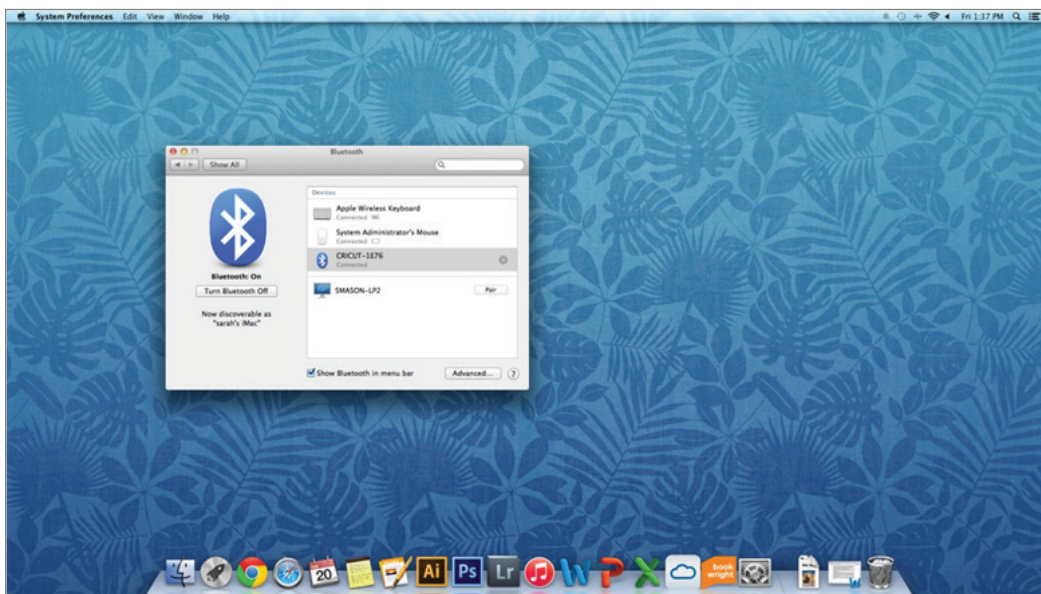
Cricut Explore® Bluetooth Adapter Pairing, iPad

Step 1. Power on your Cricut Explore® Machine.

Step 2. Remove the cap from the Wireless Bluetooth Adapter.

Cricut Explore® Bluetooth Adapter Pairing, iPad

Step 3. Insert the adapter into the utility port on the side of your Cricut Explore® machine.

Step 4. On your iPad, open "Settings."
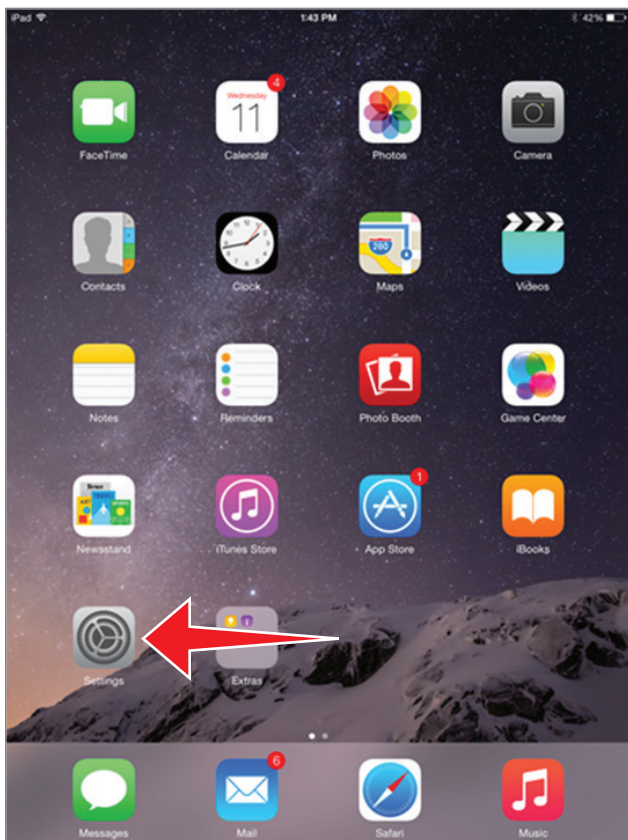
Cricut Explore® Bluetooth Adapter Pairing, iPad

Step 5. Select Bluetooth® and ensure Bluetooth® is turned on.
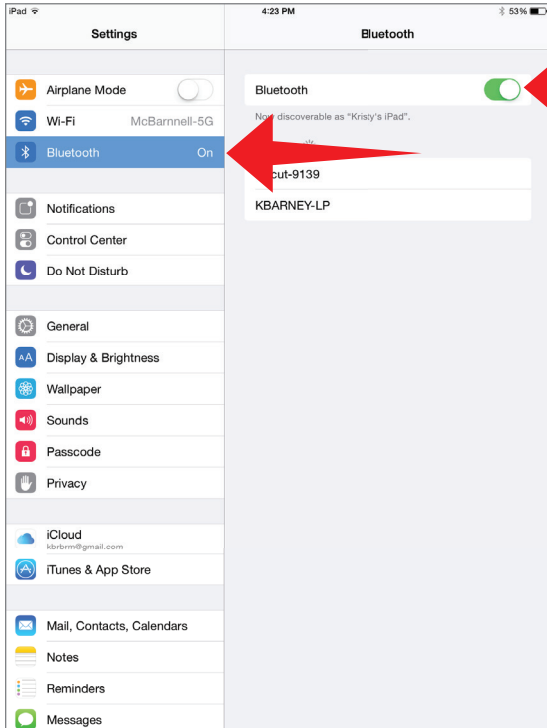
Step 6. Under Devices, select your Cricut® machine.
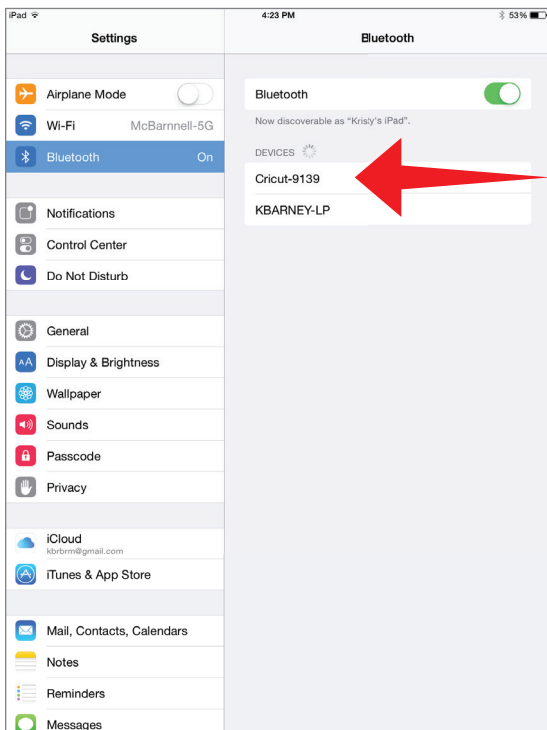
Cricut Explore® Bluetooth Adapter Pairing, iPad

Step 7. Enter this PIN 0000, and tap "Pair."
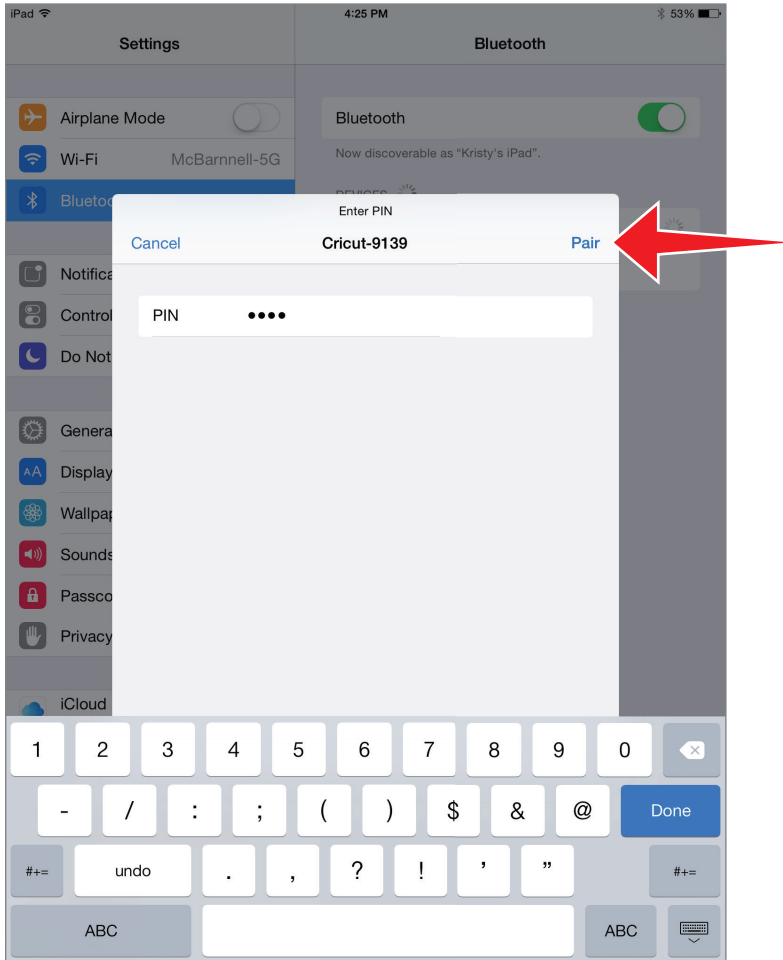
Step 8. Your iPad® and Cricut® machine are now connected. Enjoy the wireless connection with your machine!

Install the iPad® App

Download and install the Cricut Design Space™ app for iPad® to experience crafting anytime, anywhere.

Tip: Anyone can design and save projects on an iPad®; however, in order to cut from your iPad®, you must have Bluetooth® on your Cricut® machine. Cricut Explore Air™ machines have built-in Bluetooth®. All other Cricut Explore® machines require the addition of the Cricut® Bluetooth® adapter.

Step 1. On your iPad®, tap App Store.

Step 2. In the search box, enter "Cricut" to find the app. 🔍 cricut

Step 3. Install the Cricut Design Space™ app for iPad® from the App Store.

Step 4. Open the Cricut Design Space™ app.

Step 5. If you are not automatically taken to setup, tap the Account menu and select "Machine Setup & App Overview."

- New machine setup - tab to set up your machine.
- App overview - tap to learn about the app.
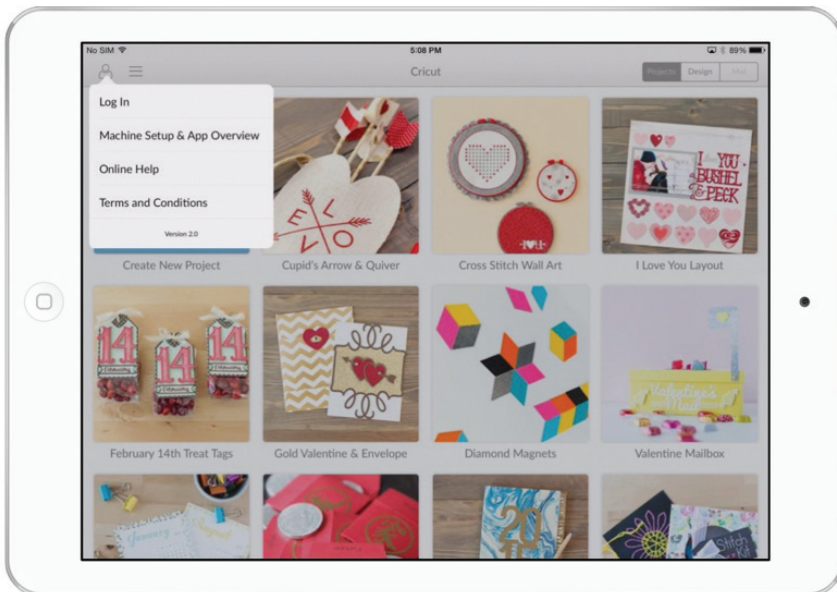
Tip: If you dismiss any of the screens and would like to revisit the overview, you can return to it by selecting "Machine Setup & App Overview" in the Account menu.

Setting up

Section 2A Using Smart Set™® dial settings

The Smart Set™® dial is a material selection dial that offers pre-defined settings to get the best results on paper, vinyl, iron-on, cardstock, fabric, poster board, and more. The Smart Set™® dial eliminates the need to make manual pressure, depth, and speed adjustments. Additional materials can be found under the Custom setting.
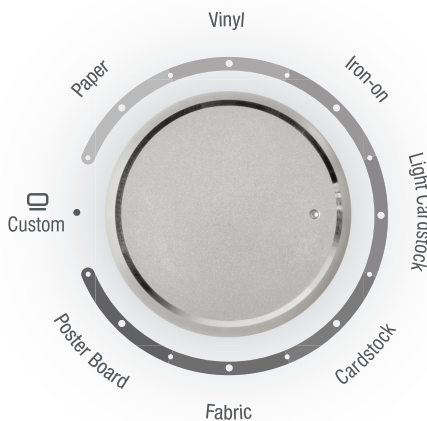
Tip: The Smart Set™® dial has been calibrated to work best with Cricut® branded products. If settings don't cut all the way through the material or if the blade is cutting too deeply into your mat, use the half settings located between the material markings on the dial, to increase or decrease the pressure.

Paper: Use for text-weight papers such as common computer paper.

Vinyl: Use for adhesive vinyl. Produces a kiss cut. (A kiss cut is when the blade just cuts the top layer of material and leaves the backing sheet uncut. This makes it easier to weed out leftover pieces after the cut, and then use transfer tape to apply.)

Iron-on: Use for heat transfer vinyl. Produces a kiss cut. (A kiss cut is when the blade just cuts the top layer of material and leaves the backing sheet uncut. This makes it easier to weed out leftover pieces after the cut, and then use transfer tape to apply.)

Light Cardstock: Use for paper rated at 60 – 65 lb. weights, a little heavier than text-weight papers often found in patterned, printed or decorative papers.

Cardstock: Use for paper rated at 80 – 90 lb. weights, such as playing cards or most solid-colored crafting papers.

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Fabric: Use for light-weight cotton or cotton/polyester fabrics which have been backed with an iron-on adhesive interfacing. (Fabric backing required to cut fabrics.)

Fabric +: *(The setting on the dial between fabric and poster board)* Use for mid-weight fabrics which have been backed with an iron-on adhesive interfacing. The setting will perform a multi-cut, meaning it will cut more than once along the same lines.
(Fabric backing required to cut fabrics.)

Poster board: Use for heavier materials, such as display board used for signs or school projects.

Poster board +: *(The setting on the dial between poster board and custom)* Use for heavier display boards. The setting will perform a multi-cut, meaning it will cut more than once along the same lines.

Tip: For an optimal cutting experience, we recommend using the Cricut® Deep Cut Blade when cutting thicker materials such as heavy fabric, poster board, chipboard, magnet board, and leather. The deep cut blade can cut most materials up to 2mm in thickness using the multi-cut feature.

Previewing custom material settings

Besides choosing from the seven preset material settings on the Smart Set® dial, you can also take advantage of the Custom setting for even greater flexibility with various materials. When your Smart Set® dial is turned to "Custom," you can access a large variety of material settings in Cricut Design Space™. Each one is set up with a pre-determined cut pressure and multi-cut setting. To preview custom material settings prior to starting a project, follow the steps below.

Step 1 Plug in your machine and turn it on. Settings are specific to the machine so it needs to be connected to your computer to view details.

Step 2 Sign into with your Cricut ID in the Account drop down menu.

Previewing custom material settings
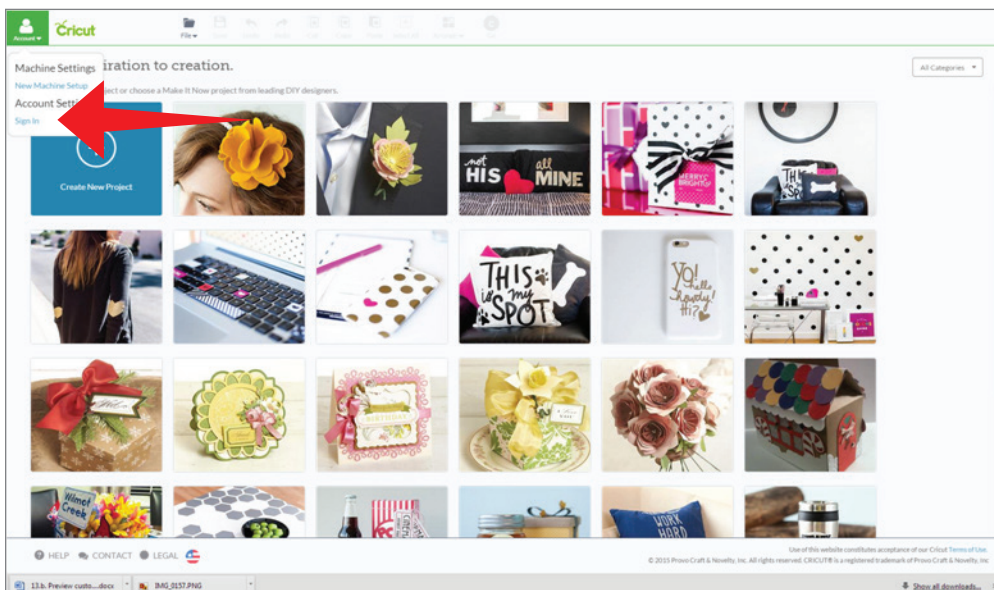
Step 3 Select "Manage Custom Materials" in the Account drop down menu.

Step 4 Scroll the list to view custom materials along with their settings. You can add new materials or edit the current list of materials from this screen.

Tip: You can also access material setting on the Load, Set, Go screen.

Using preset custom settings

Besides choosing from one of the seven preset material settings on the Smart Set® dial, you can also take advantage of the Custom setting for even greater flexibility with various materials. When your Smart Set® dial is turned to "Custom," you can access a large variety of material settings in Cricut Design Space™.

Step 1 Once your project in Cricut Design Space™ is ready to cut, click the Go button at the top of the design screen. If you're not already signed in, you'll need to do that now. Review the mats for your project and click the Go button at the bottom of the screen.
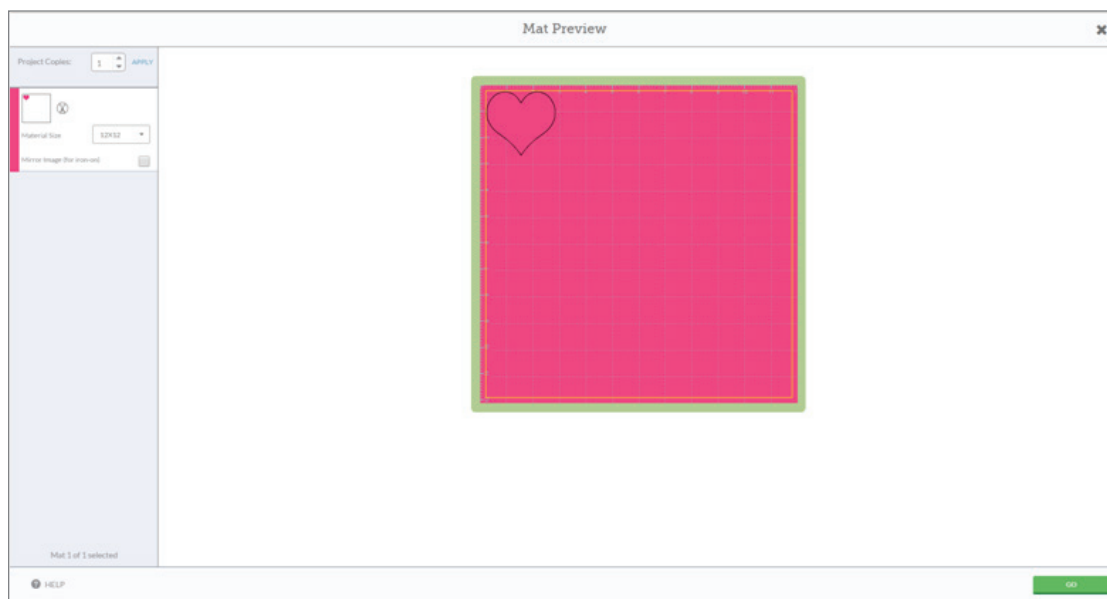
Step 2 Turn the Smart Set dial® on the machine to the Custom setting.

Using preset custom settings

Step 3 Place material on the cutting mat. Keeping the mat pushed firmly against rollers, press the flashing Load/Unload button.
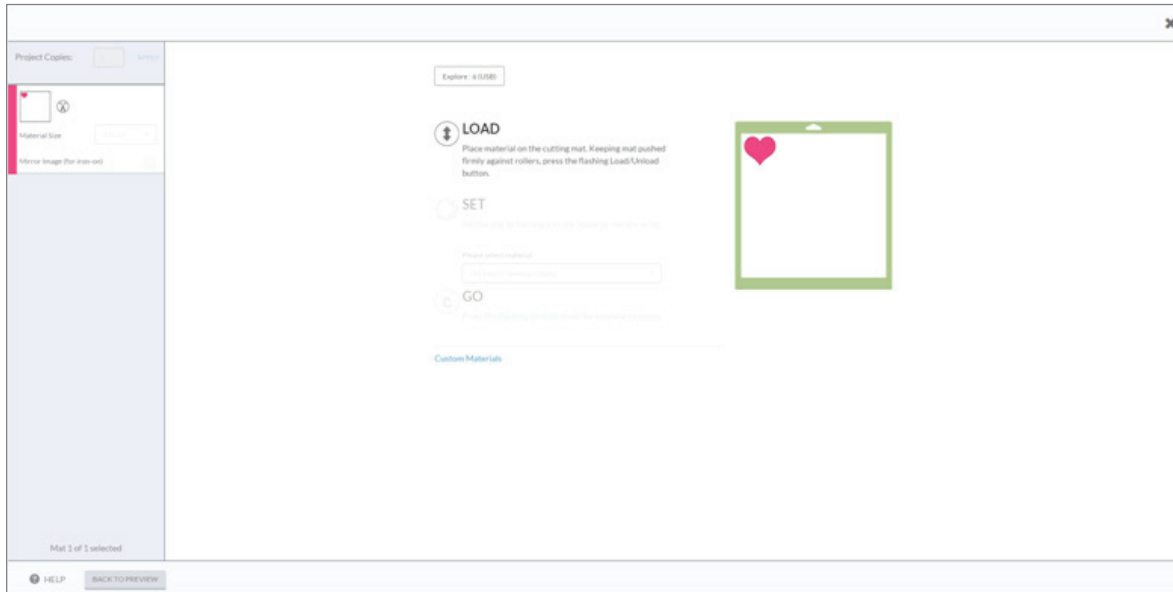
Step 4 Select one of the materials in the menu and then press "Go" on your Cricut® machine.
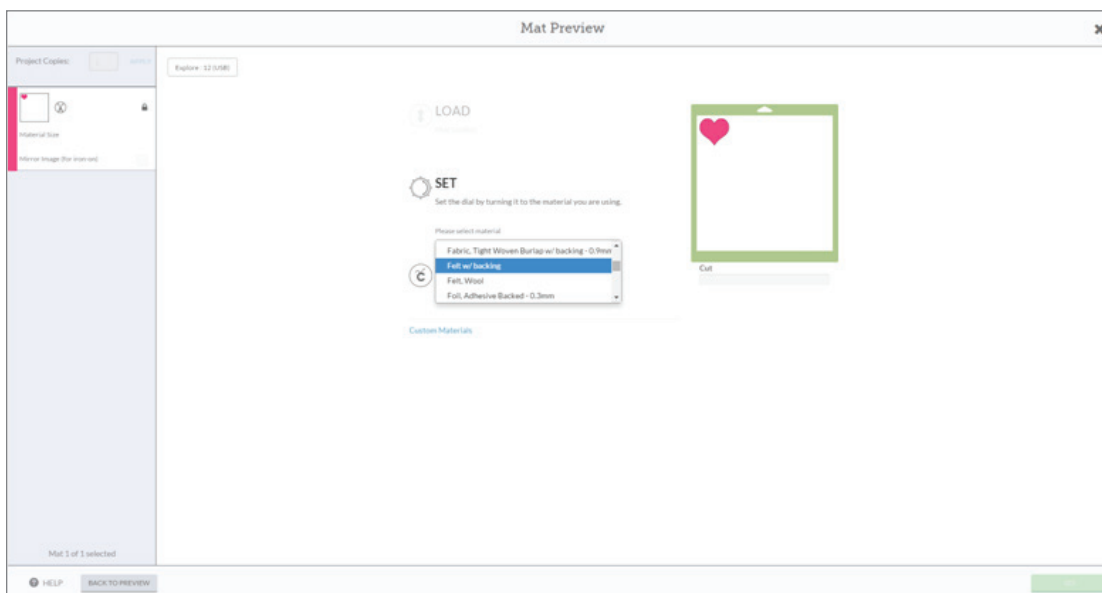
Creating your own custom settings

There are over 50 pre-loaded custom materials in Cricut Design Space™. If you have a material you would like to cut and it is not on the list, you can add it by creating your own custom setting.

Step 1 Begin by inserting a simple image to use as a test cut while you identify the setting.
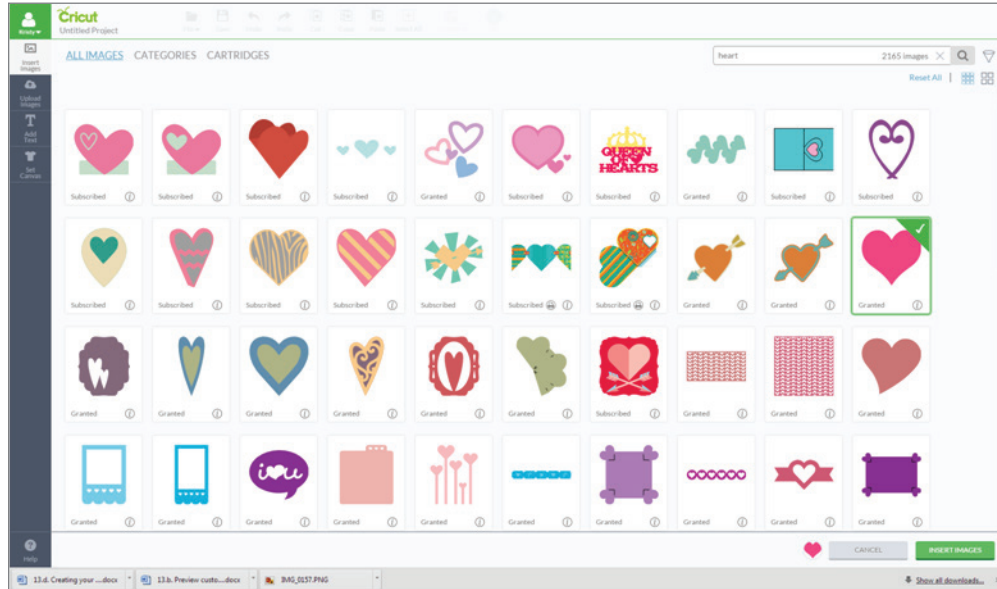
Tip: A heart is a good shape to test with because the image has both curves and points that will need to be cut.

Step 2 Set the image size in the Edit panel to about 2.5". This is a good test size for most materials.
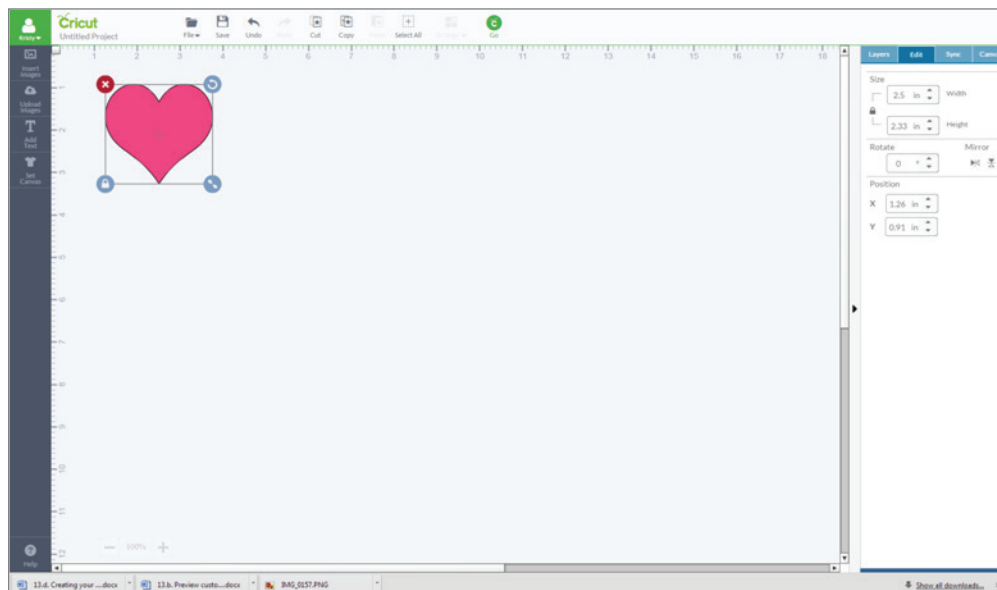
Creating your own custom settings

Step 3 When you are ready to begin your cut, click "Go."
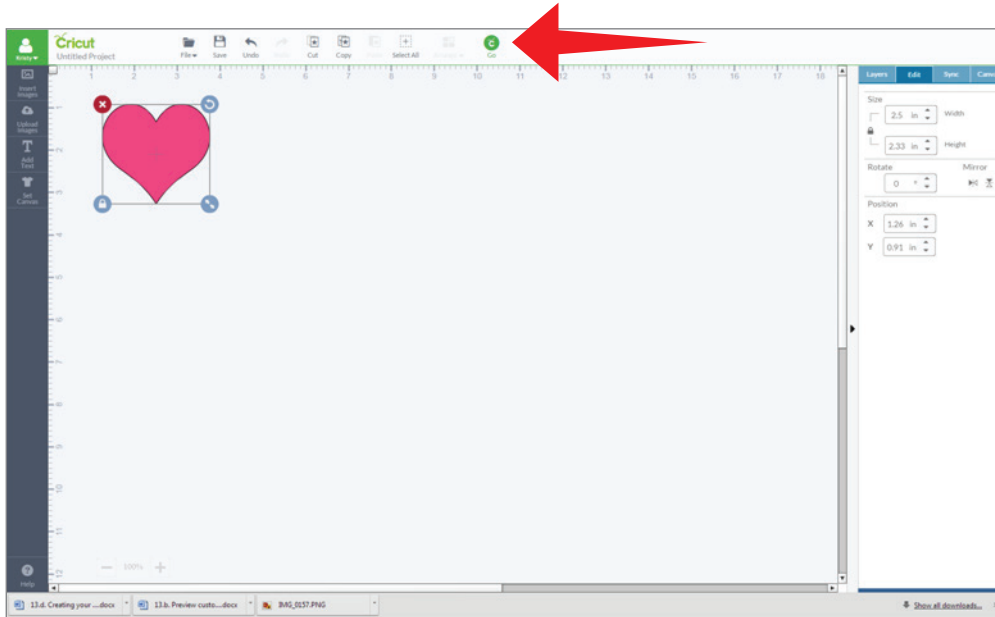
Step 4 If you're not already signed in, you'll need to do that now. Review the mat for your cut and click the Go button at the bottom of the screen.
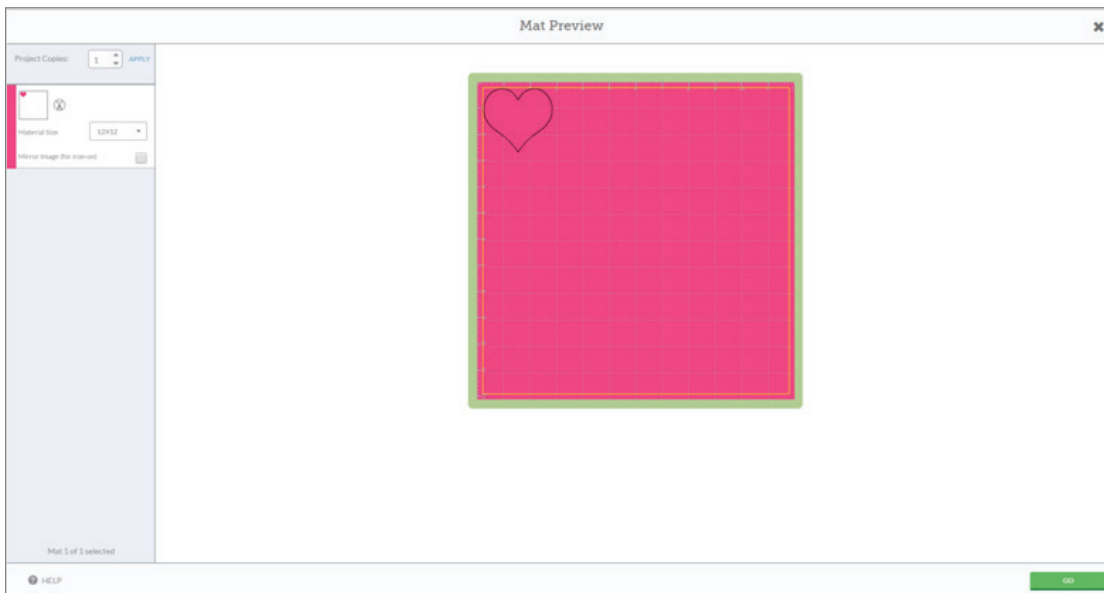
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Step 5 Click "Custom Materials" in the Cut Preview screen.
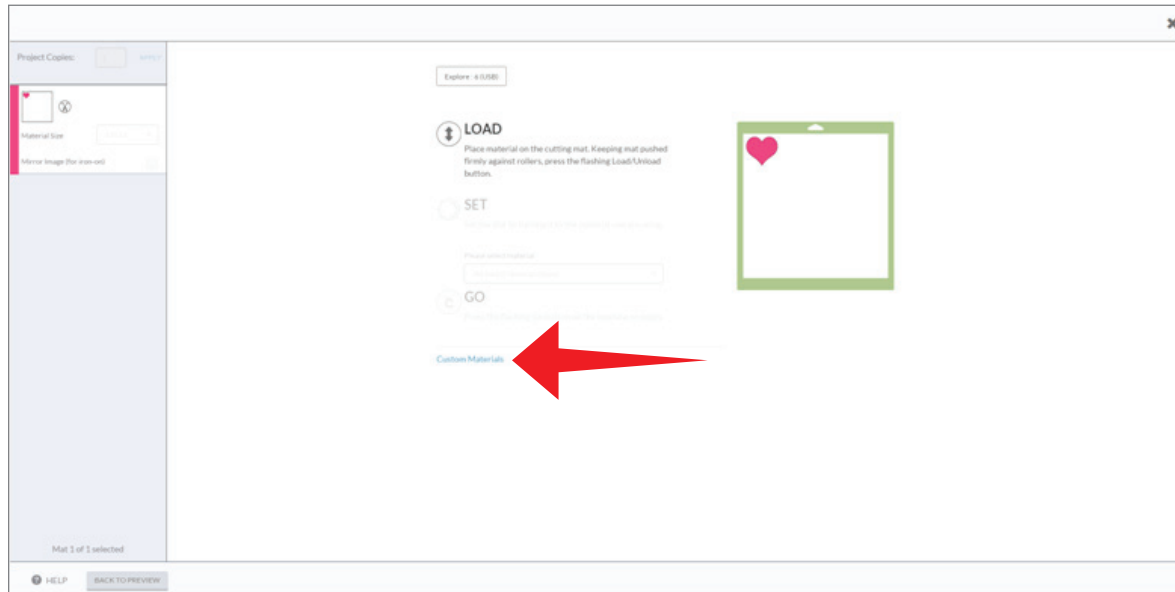
Tip: You can also access the custom materials page from the account menu.

Step 6 Click the Add New Material button. From here, you'll be able to edit the settings for the new material:

- Name the material.
- Adjust the pressure by dragging the slider or clicking the (-) and (+) buttons. The lower the number, the lighter the pressure. The higher the number, the more pressure is applied.
- Select the number of times the cut should be repeated (multi-cut).
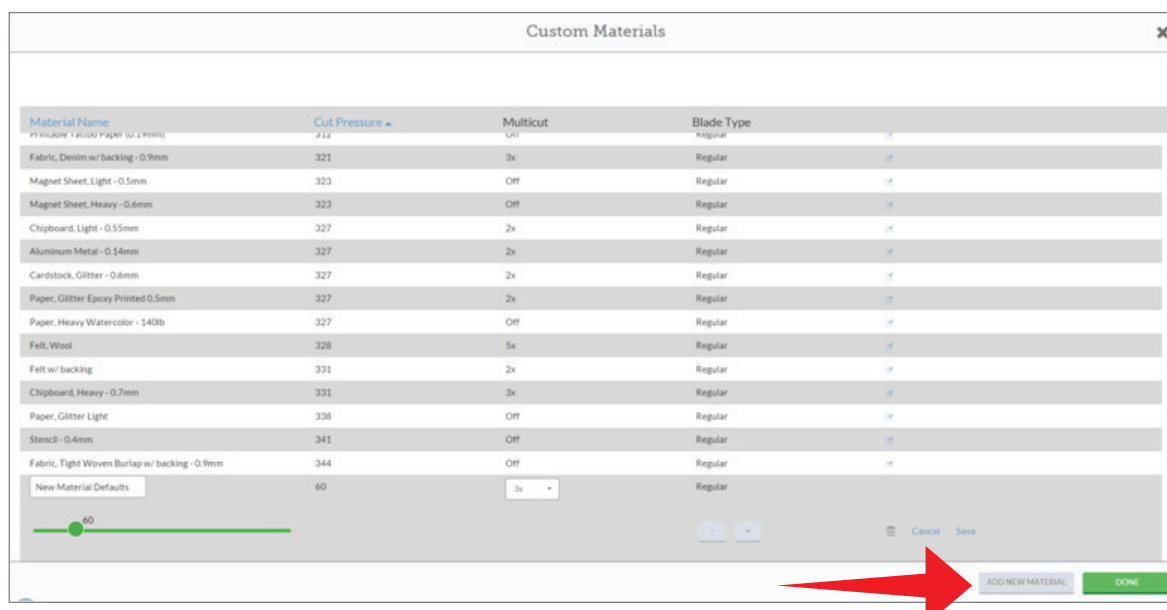
Creating your own custom settings

Tip: Use settings from similar materials as a reference for your new custom setting.

Step 7 Once you're done adjusting the details, click "Save." If you don't want to add the material, click "Cancel."
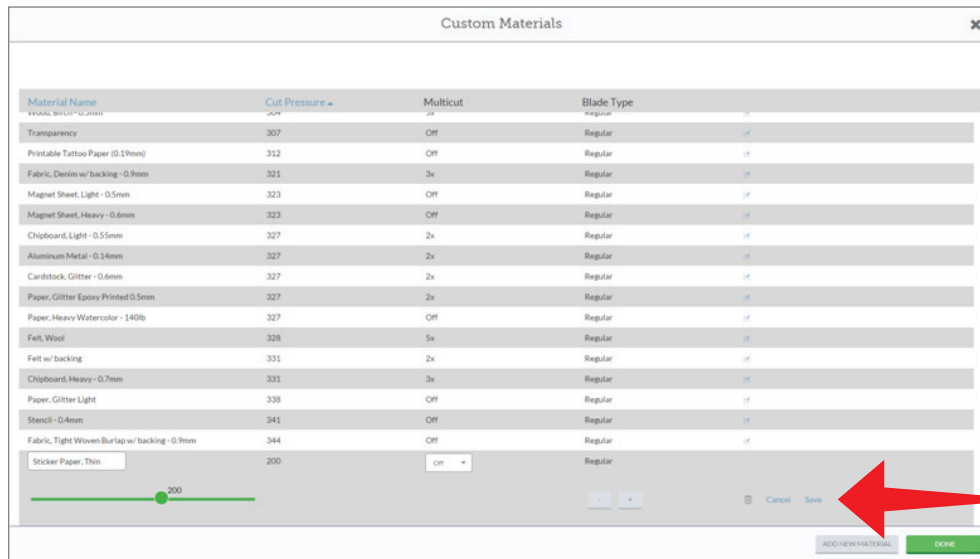
Step 8 A message will confirm the update to your settings was successful. Once you are finished adding materials, click "Done" to close the Custom Materials screen.
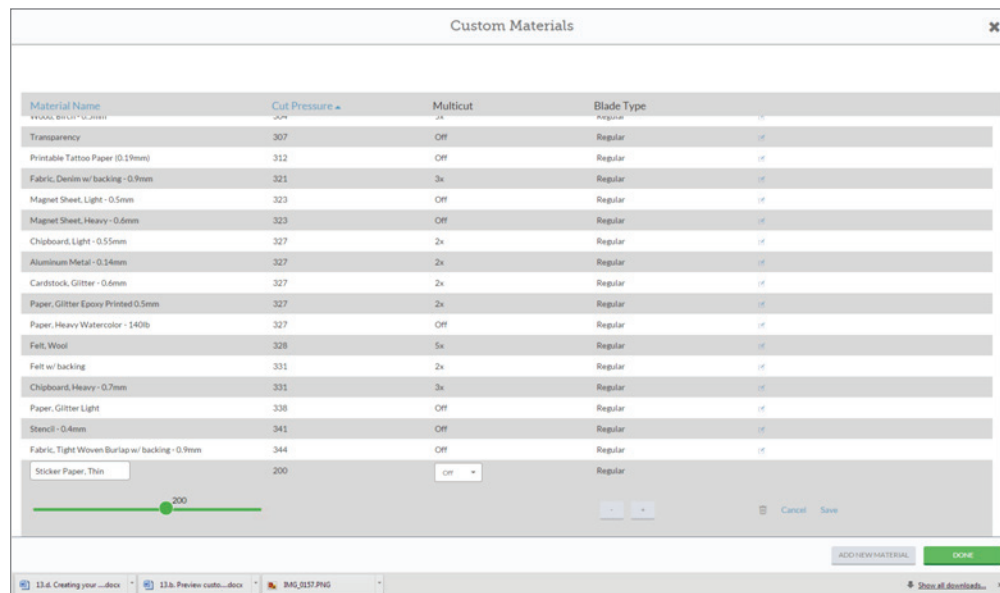
Creating your own custom settings

Step 9 Load your mat into the machine, turn the Smart Set Dial™ to "Custom", choose your new material setting and press "Go" on your machine.
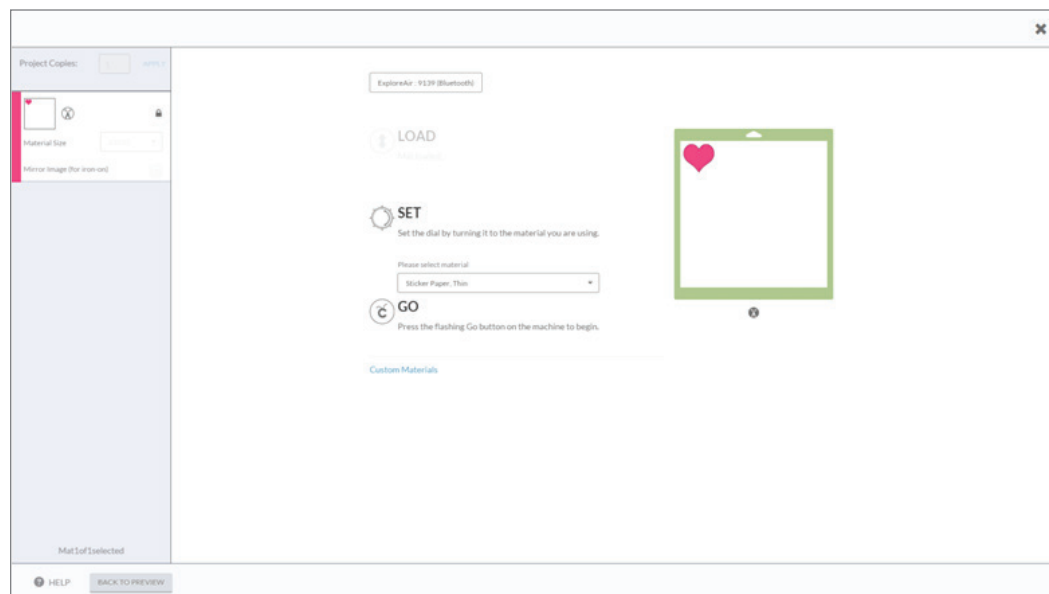
Tip: You will know the setting is good if the machine cuts completely through your material and does not cut too deeply into the mat. If the test cut requires additional adjustments, see adjusting material settings.

Adjusting custom material settings

You have the option to adjust the custom material settings, whether they are preset or you have added them on your own.

Step 1 Start from the mat preview. If you're not already signed in, you'll need to do that now. Review the mats and click the Go button at the bottom of the screen.
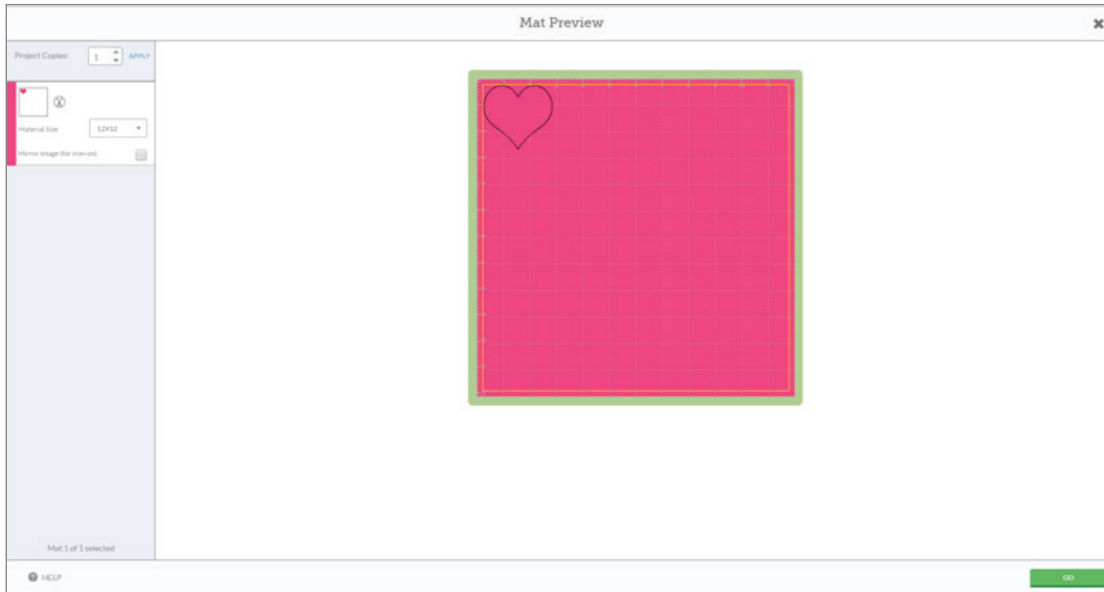
Tip: If you are refining a setting, adjust the placement of your cut on the mat preview so you can continue testing without taking the material off and on the mat.
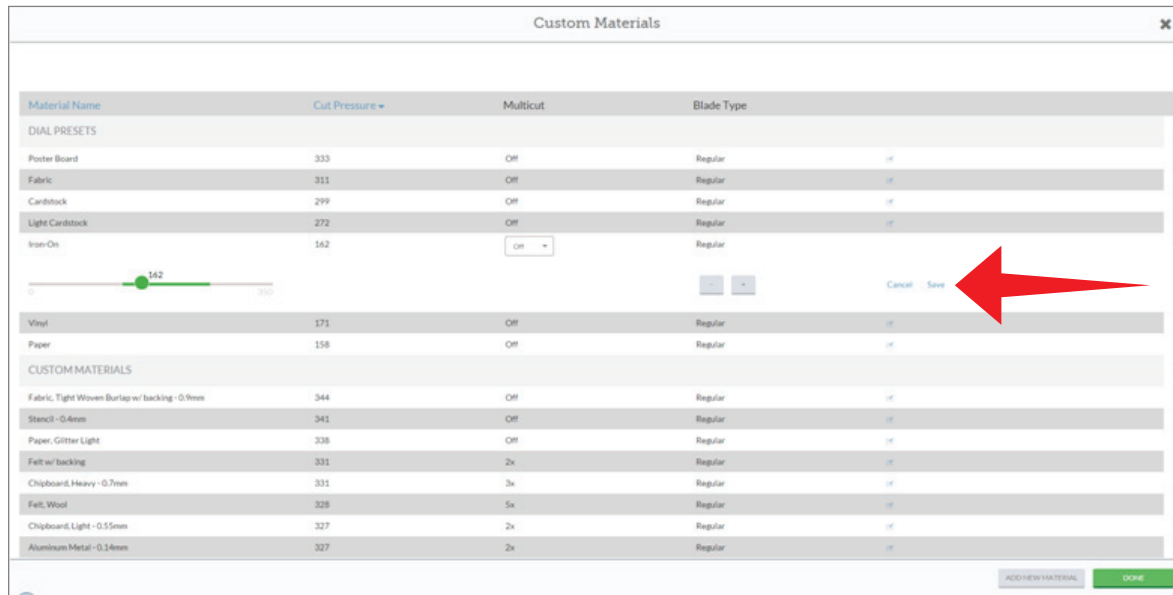
Step 2 Click "Custom Materials" in the Cut Preview screen.
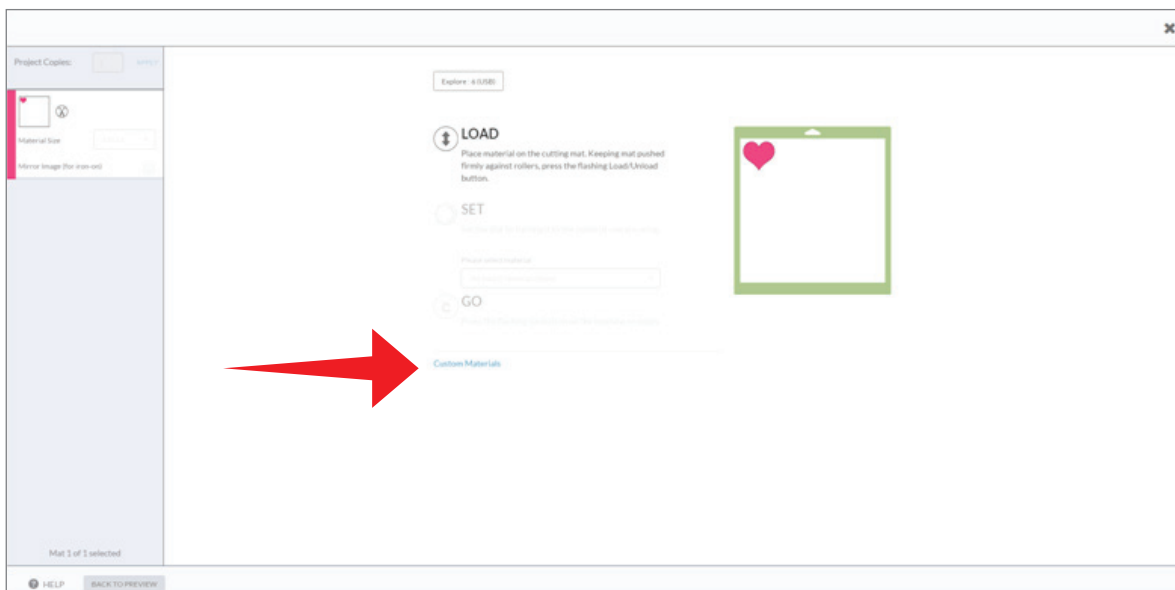
Tip: You can also access the custom materials page from the account menu.

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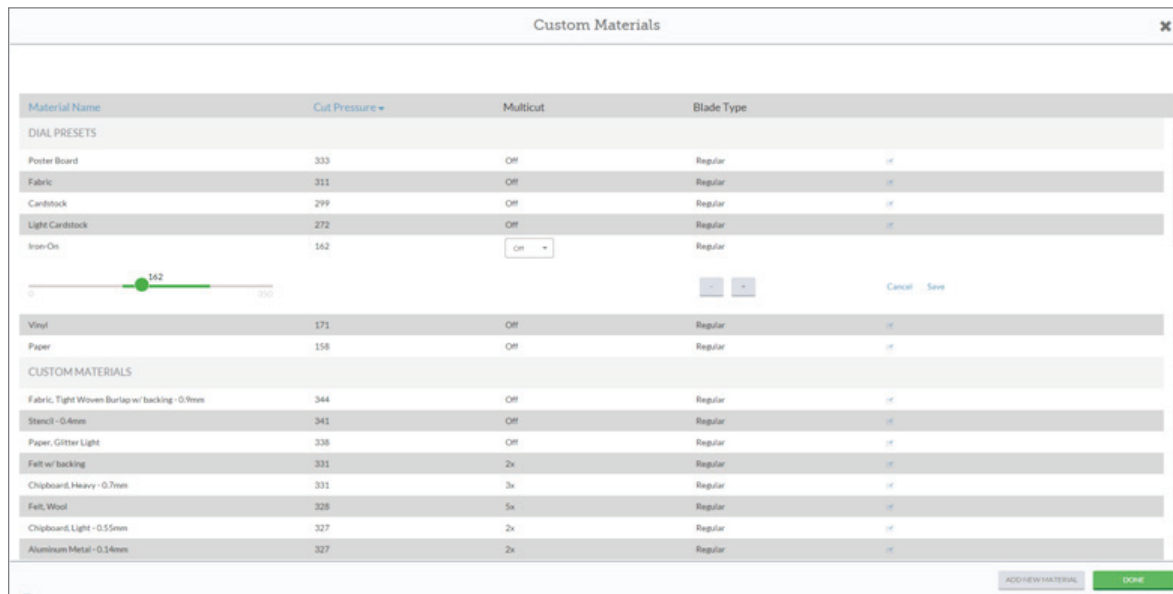
Step 3 Click on the name of the material you would like to update. Make the changes by adjusting the pressure and multi-cut options and then click "Save." If you decide not to adjust the settings, click "Cancel."

Step 4 A message will confirm the update to your settings was successful. Click the Done button to close the Custom Materials window.

Adjusting custom material settings

Step 5 Load your mat into the machine, turn the Smart Set Dial™ to "Custom", choose your new material setting and press "Go" on your machine.
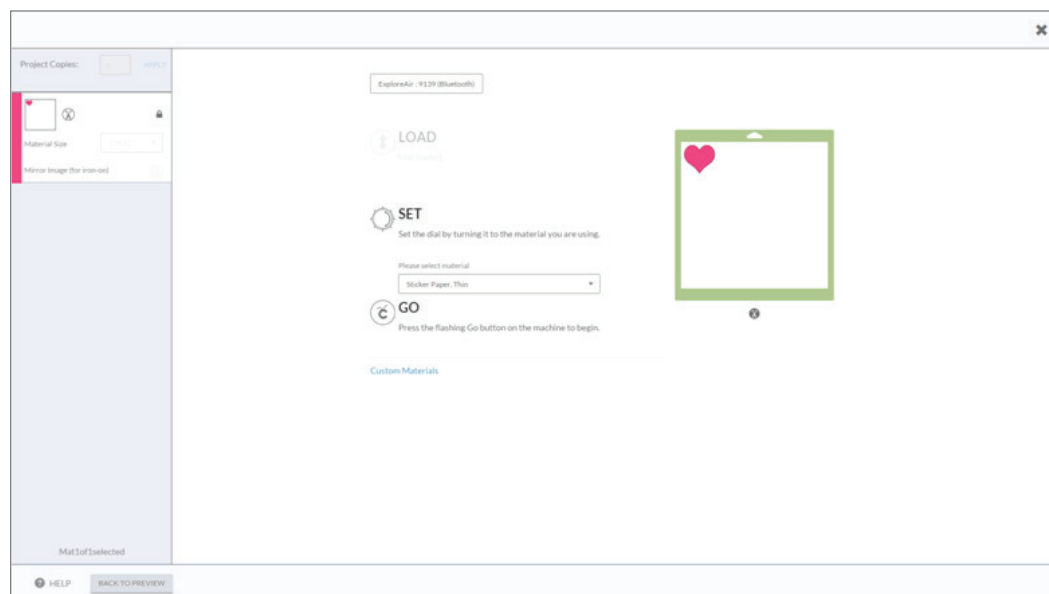
Tip: *You will know the setting is good if the machine cuts completely through your material and does not cut too deeply into the mat. If the cut requires additional adjustments, repeat the process.*

Deleting a custom material

If you have added any custom settings, you have the option to delete them.

Step 1 Start from the mat preview. If you're not already signed in, you'll need to do that now. Review the mats and click the Go button at the bottom of the screen.
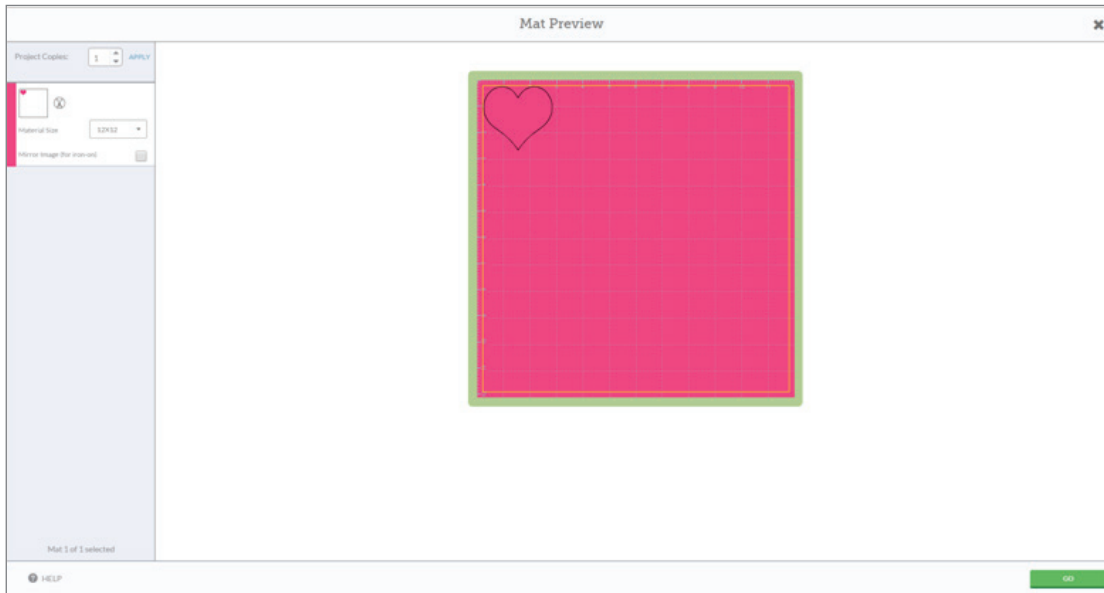
Step 2 Click "Custom Materials" in the Cut Preview screen.
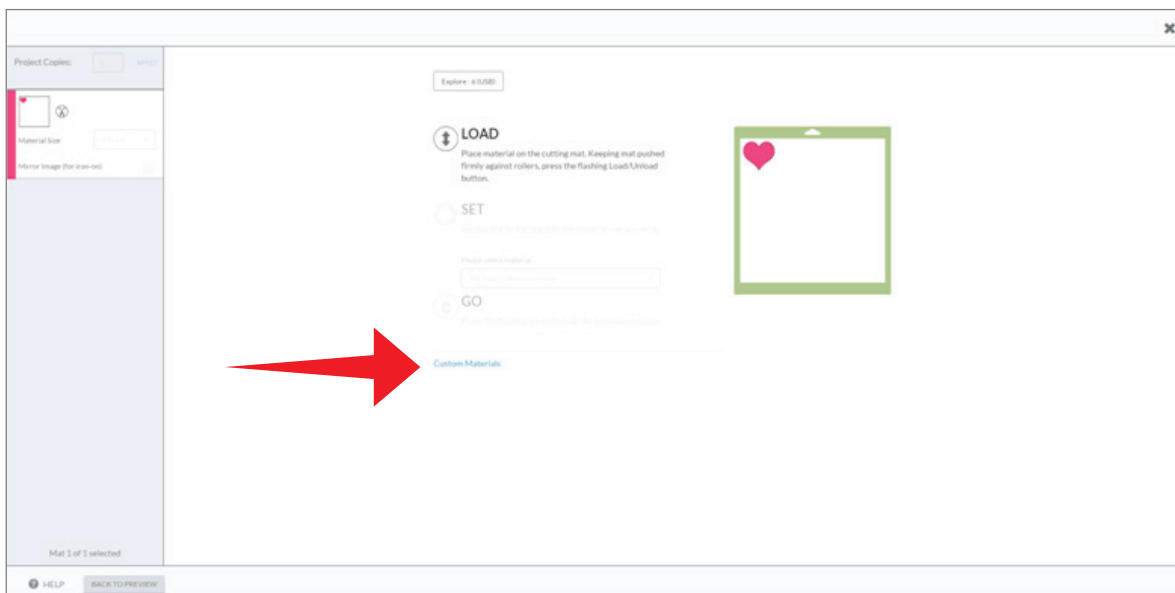
Deleting a custom material

Step 3 Click on the name of the material you would like to delete, and then click on the trash icon. The material will be removed from your Custom Materials list.
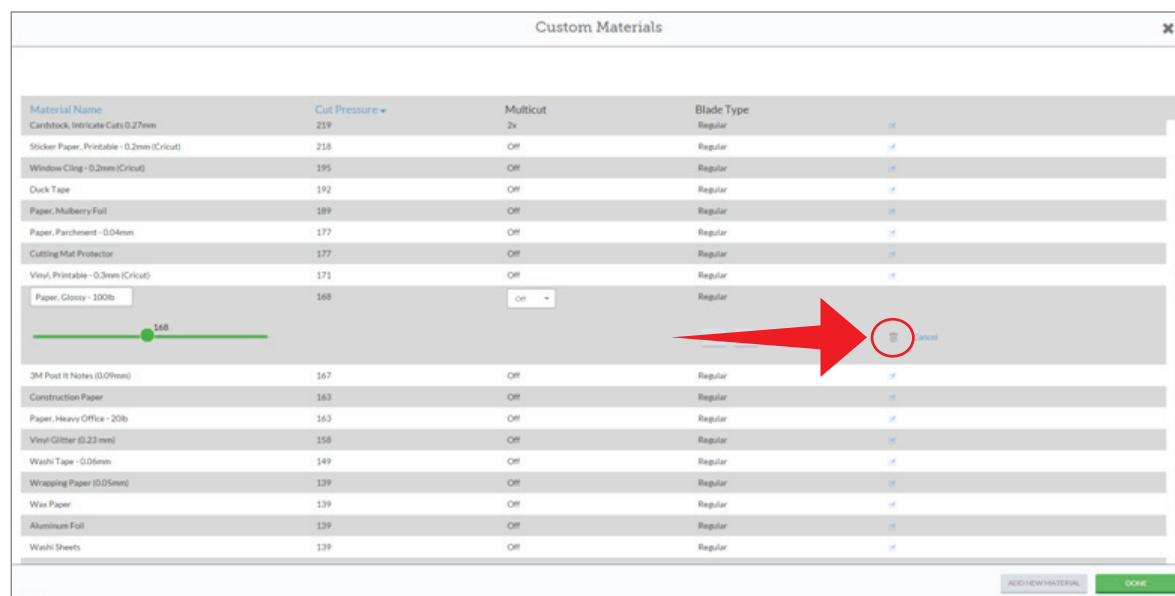
Step 4 A message will confirm the update to your settings was successful. Click the Done button to close the Custom Materials window.

Linking Cartridges
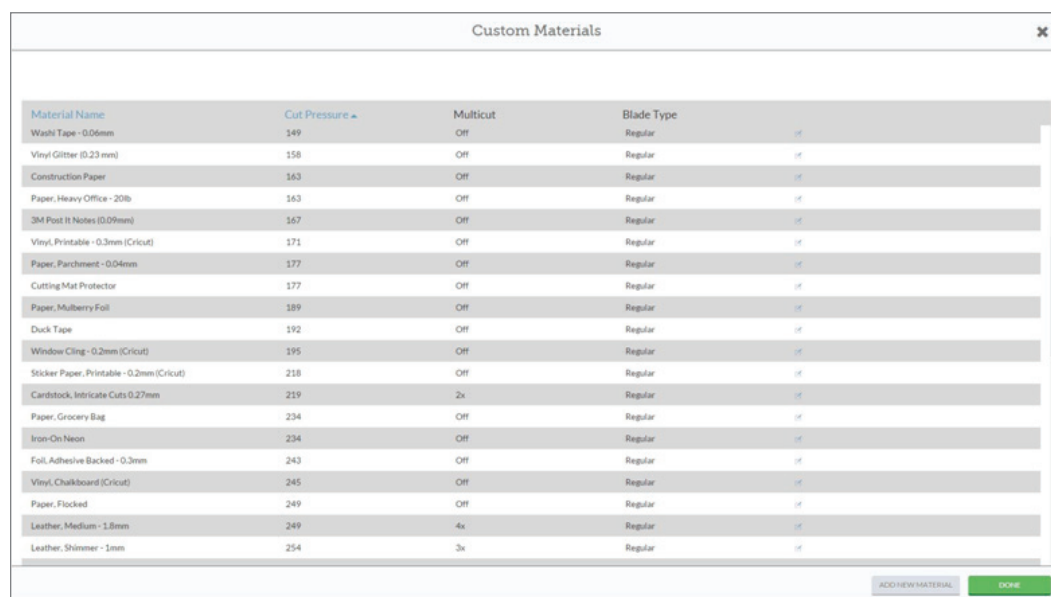
 Cricut Explore® machines are compatible with Cricut® cartridges. To use cartridges with your machine, you'll need to link them to your Cricut ID. If you have already linked your cartridges to the Cricut Craft Room® design software, or linked your cartridges to your Cricut Gypsy™ device and then linked your Gypsy to your Cricut.com account, you have permanent digital access to those images.

If you've not yet linked your cartridges to your Cricut ID, you can link them using the port on your Cricut Explore® machine and Cricut Design Space™ for PC and Mac®. Once they've been linked to your Cricut ID, they are available on the iPad® app as well as your computer.

Haven't linked yet? Here's how.

Step 1 Open your web browser to **www.cricut.com/design**. Open the green Account menu and sign in to Cricut Design Space™ using your Cricut ID.

Linking Cartridges

Step 2 Once you've logged in, open the green Account menu again and select "Link cartridges" from the menu.
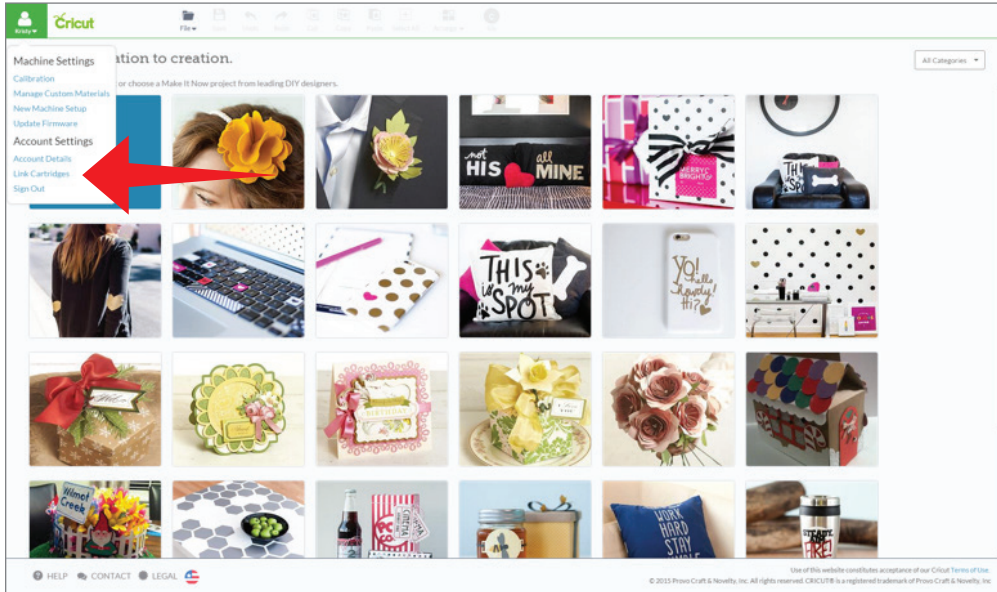
Step 3 The Link Cartridges screen will open. Power on the machine.

Linking Cartridges

Step 4 Insert the Cricut® cartridge, label facing forward, firmly into the port on the Cricut Explore® machine.

Step 5 Once the cartridge is detected by the machine, you will be prompted to link the cartridge to your Cricut ID. Click "Link Cartridge".
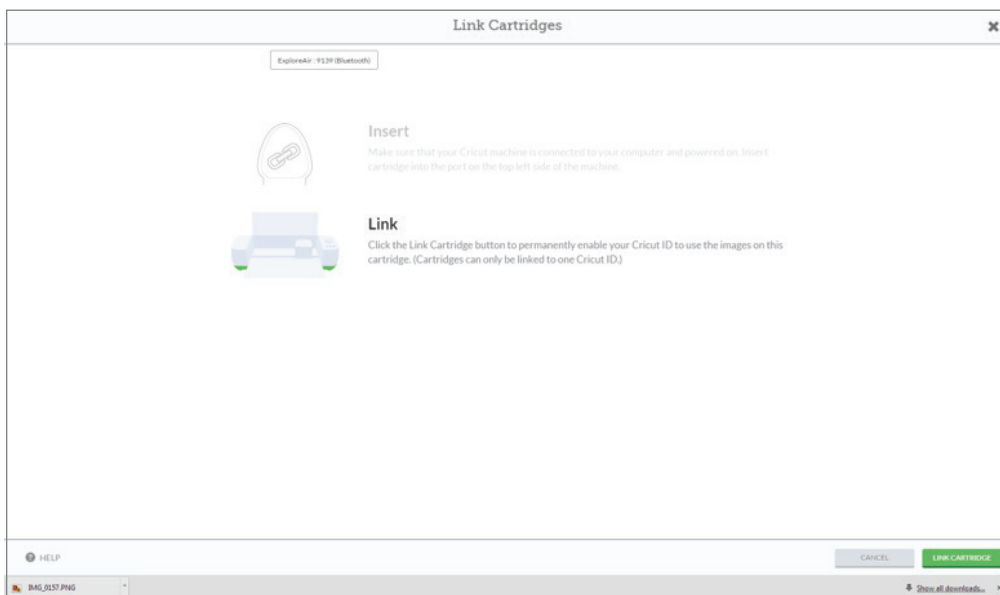
Linking Cartridges

Step 6 You'll receive confirmation on the screen when the cartridge has been linked successfully. Once your cartridge is linked, you are free to remove it from the machine.
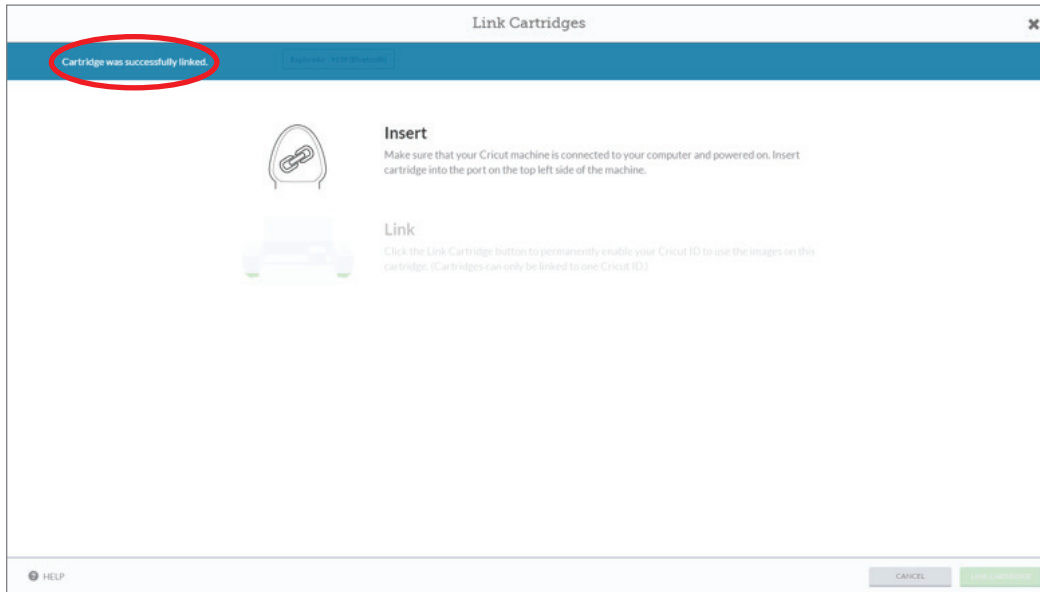
Tip: Repeat the process to link additional cartridges.

Finding a linked cartridge in Design Space

Once your cartridges are linked to your Cricut ID, you have full access to them in Cricut Design Space™ on your computer or iPad®. There are three ways to locate your linked images in the Cricut® Image Library:

1. View all your images with filters
2. Search for cartridge by name
3. Browse for cartridge

Option 1: View all your images with filters

Step 1 Sign in to Design Space® with your Cricut ID. In the design screen, click the Insert Images button.

Finding a linked cartridge in Design Space

Step 2 Click on the Filters menu to show the different filter options. Select the Ownership filter "Purchased."
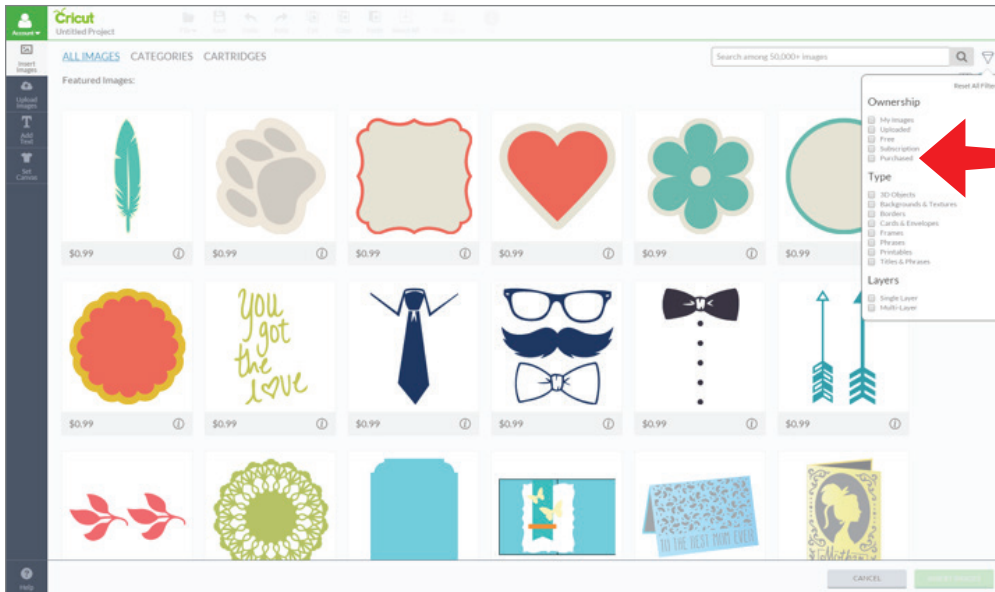
Step 3 You can now view the images from cartridges you've linked as well as digital images and digital cartridges you have purchased.
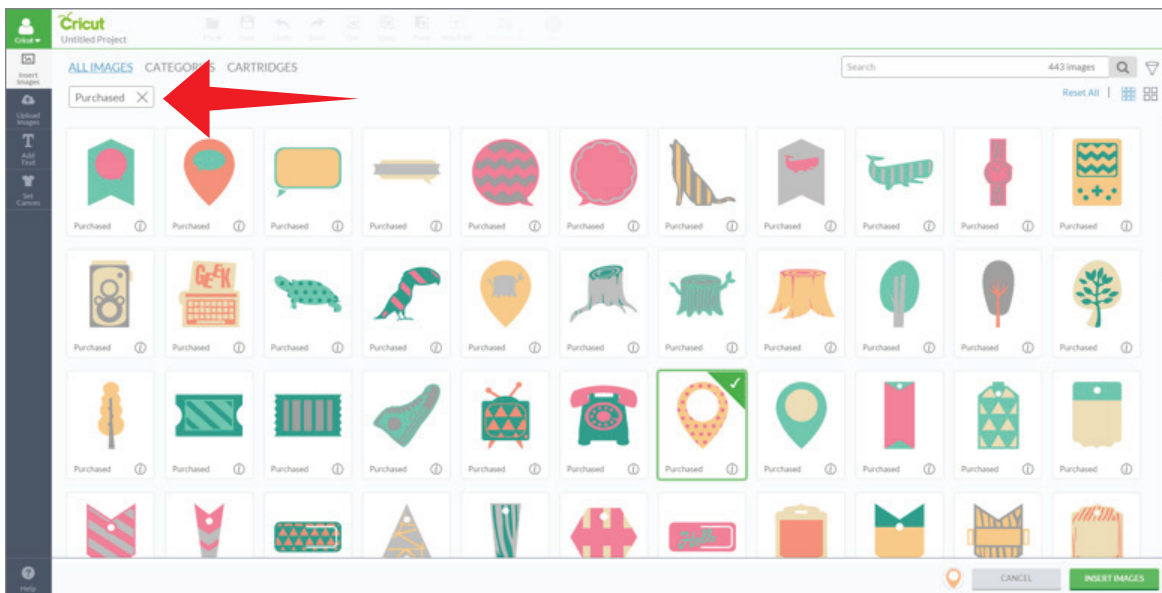
Tip: View all images on a cartridge related to a specific image by clicking on the Information icon and then the name of the cartridge.

Finding a linked cartridge in Design Space

Option 2: Search for cartridge by name

Step 1 Sign in to Design Space® with your Cricut ID. In the design screen, click the Insert Images button.
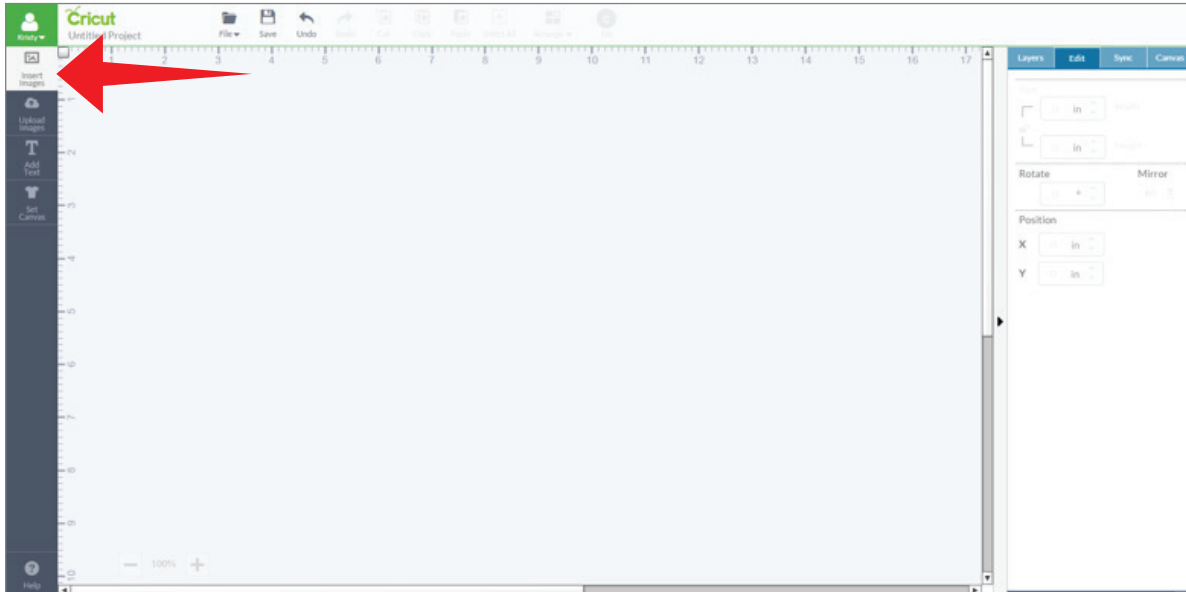
Step 2 Click "Cartridges" to view a list of cartridges in alphabetical order. Cartridges you've linked and digital cartridges you've bought will be labeled "Purchased."
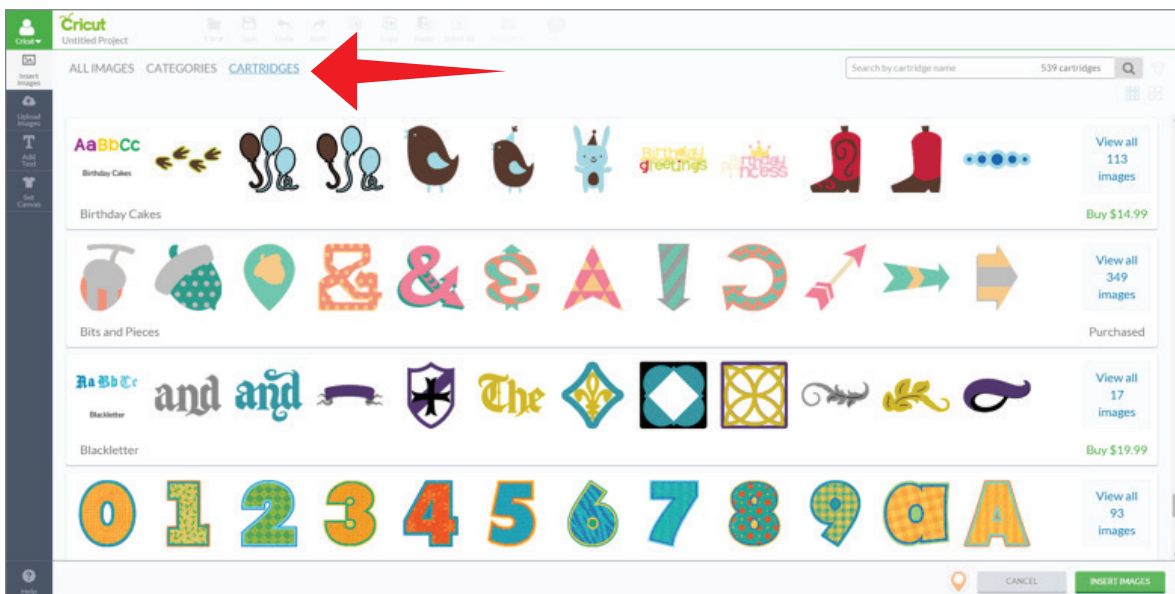
Finding a linked cartridge in Design Space

Step 3 In the search field, type the name of the cartridge you have linked.
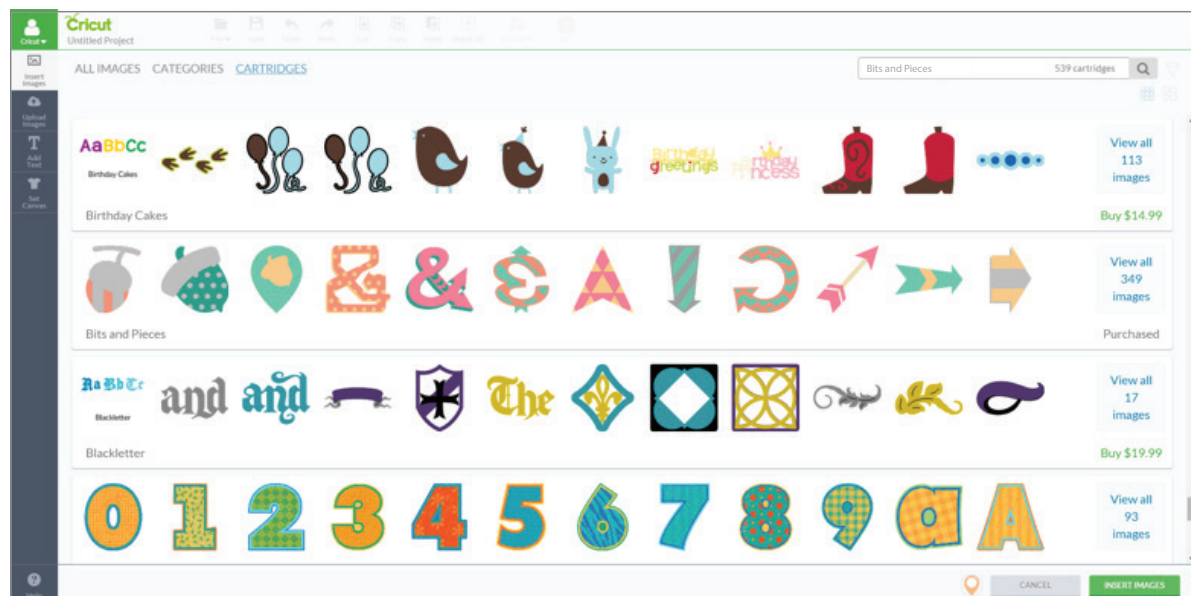
Step 4 Click "View all" to see all the images on the cartridge.
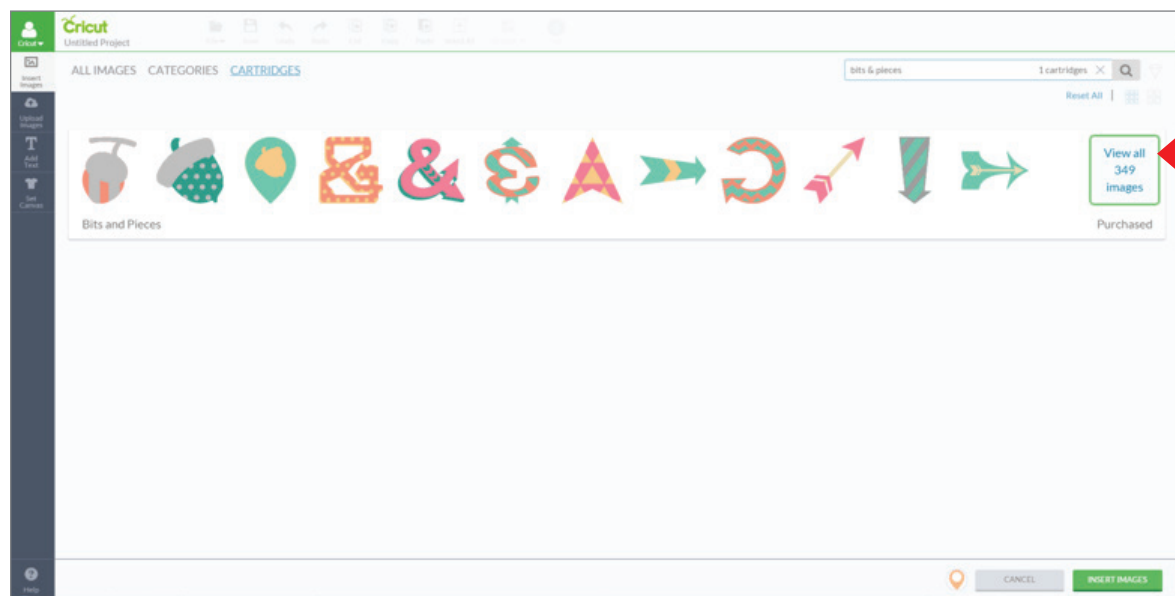
Finding a linked cartridge in Design Space

Option 3: Browse for cartridge

Step 1 Sign in to Design Space® with your Cricut ID. In the design screen, click the Insert Images button.

Step 2 Click "Cartridges" to view a list of cartridges in alphabetical order.
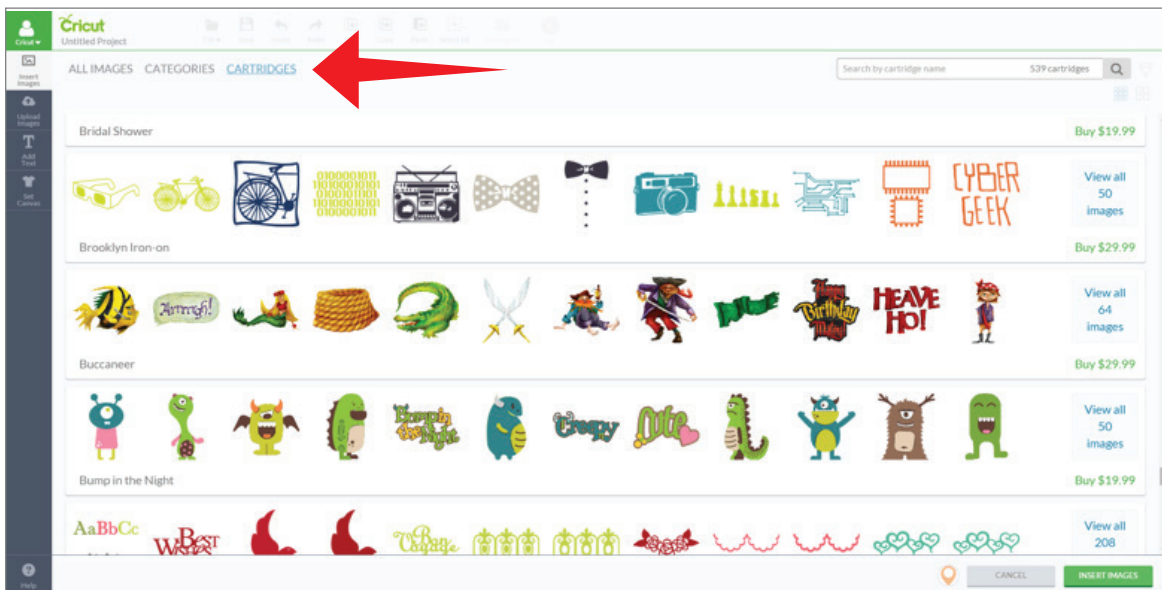
Finding a linked cartridge in Design Space

Step 3 Scroll to find the cartridge you have in mind, or scan to find cartridges labeled "Purchased."
Click "View all" to see all the images on a cartridge.

Print then Cut Calibration

The Print then Cut feature of Cricut Design Space™ for PC and Mac® allows you to print your images from your home printer and then cut them out with high precision on your Cricut® machine. Print then Cut calibration is a series of simple cuts, questions, and answers designed to help your Cricut® machine cut exactly along the edge of your printed image.

- Cricut Explore Air™ machines are pre-calibrated.
- Cricut Explore® machines require calibration if using the Print then Cut feature for the first time; you will be prompted to calibrate when you start the cutting process. (If you've printed your project prior to calibration, set it aside - you'll be able to use it after calibration is complete.)

If you need to calibrate your machine for Print then Cut, you will be prompted to do so. You can also go through the calibration process at any time if you are experiencing any inaccuracies when cutting out printed images.

Follow these steps to initiate the process yourself: (If you are prompted to calibrate, start at step 2.)

Step 1 Once you have signed in with your Cricut ID, select "Calibration" from the Account menu.
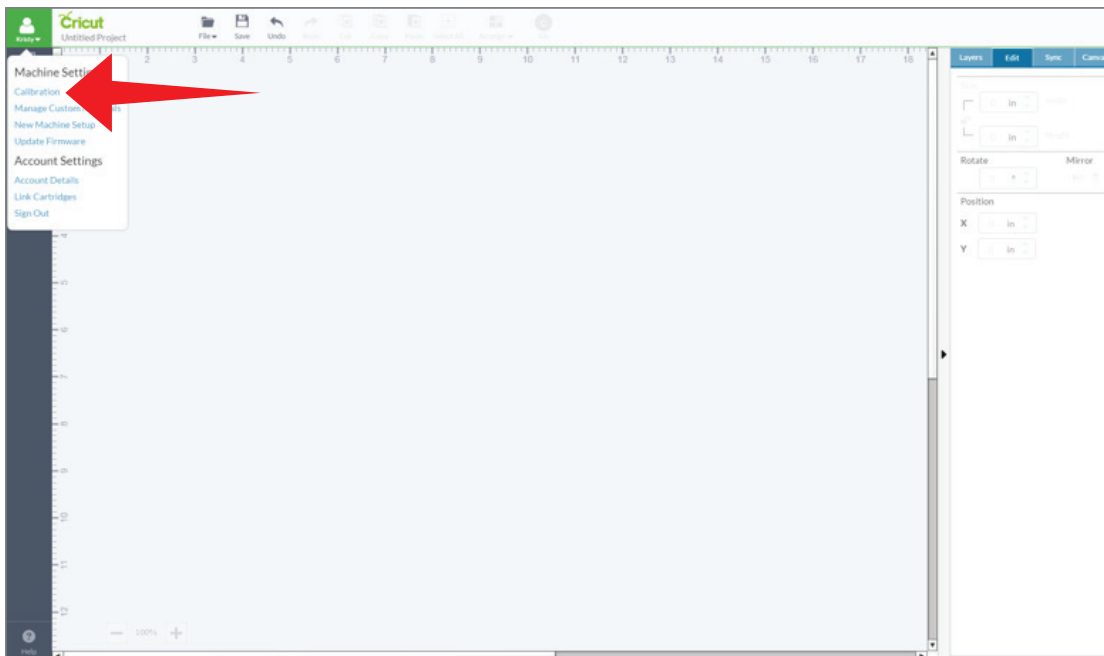
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Step 2 Click the Continue button to begin.
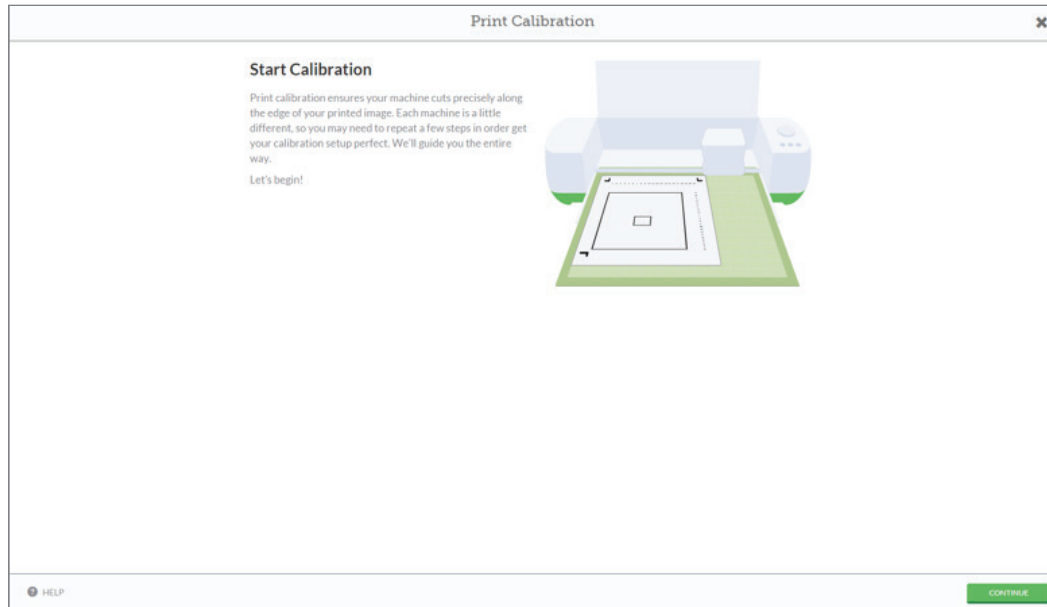
Step 3 Load white 8 ½" x 11" paper into your printer for the calibration sheet and then click the Continue button.
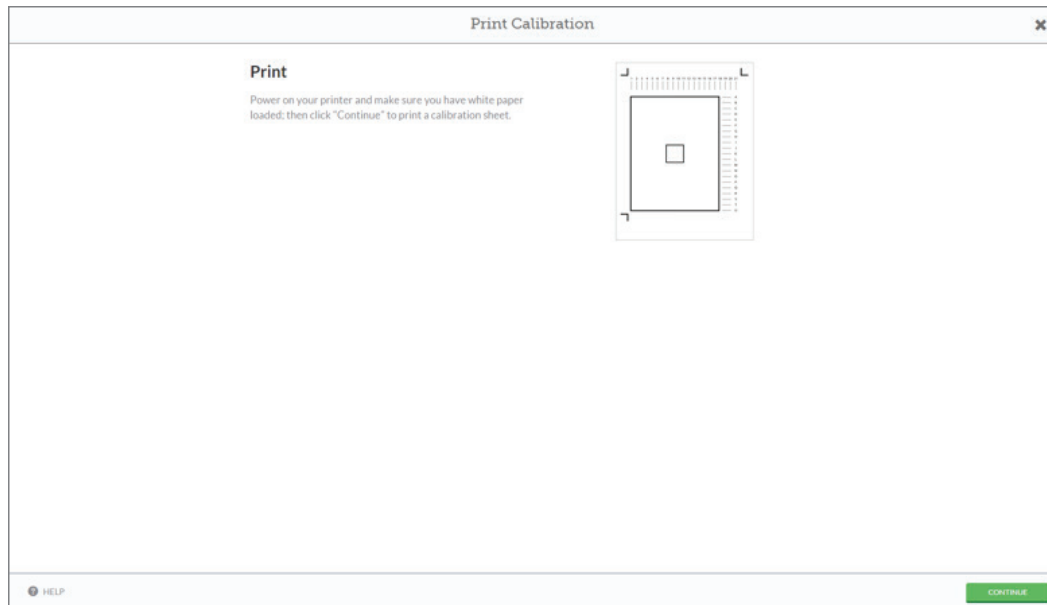
Tip: The Print then Cut feature should always be used with white materials. Colored materials may prevent your machine from accurately reading the cut sensor marks.

Print then Cut Calibration

Step 4 In the print dialogue box that appears, check that the destination is your printer and then click "Print."
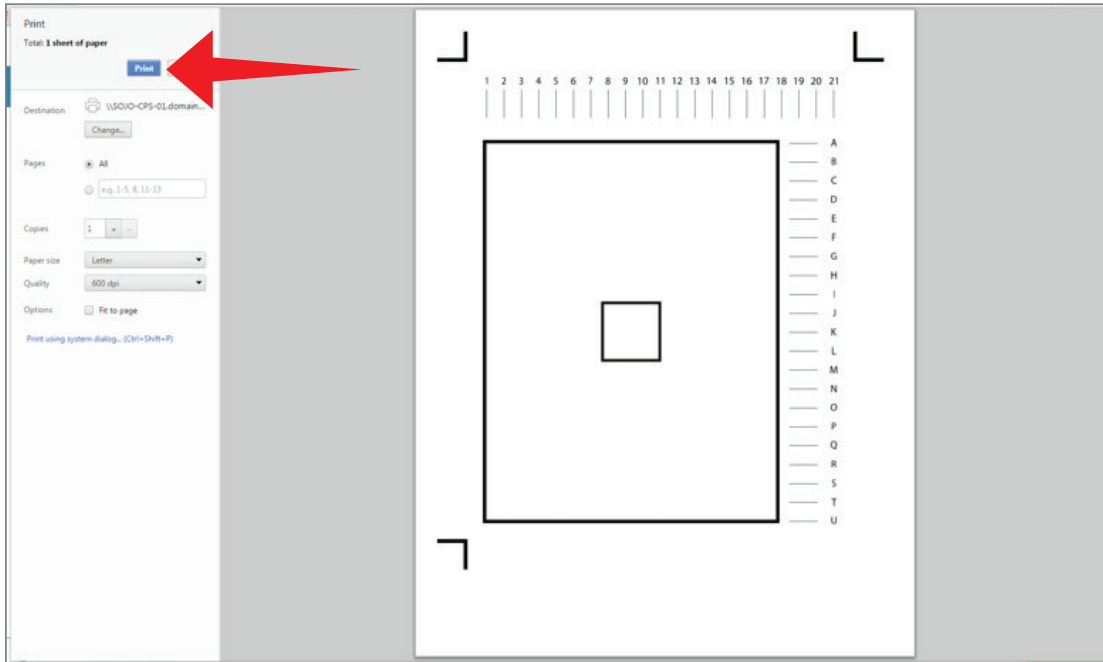
Tip: The look of the print dialog screen may differ based the type of computer you are using.

Step 5 Make sure your Cricut® machine is powered on and connected to your computer. Once your machine has been detected, place the printed calibration sheet on the cutting mat as indicated on the screen and load it into your Cricut® machine. Turn the Smart Set® dial to the Paper setting and then press "Go" on your machine.
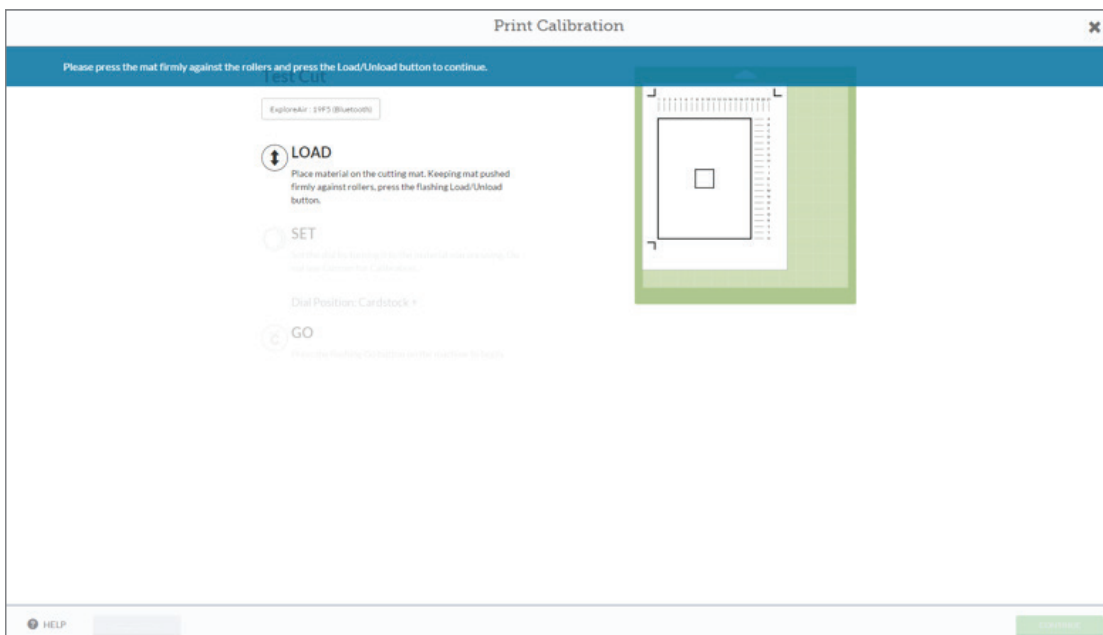
Print then Cut Calibration

Step 6 Your machine will detect the cut sensor marks around the images and then make a test cut around the small center square. When it is finished cutting, DO NOT unload the cutting mat. While the mat is still loaded into the machine, take a look at the cut lines around the small square in the middle.

- Click "Yes" and then "Continue" if the cut line touches the printed line all the way around the small box.

- Click "No" and then "Continue" if the cut line <u>does not</u> match up with the printed line around the small box. In order to get everything just right, you'll walk through the same steps we covered here.
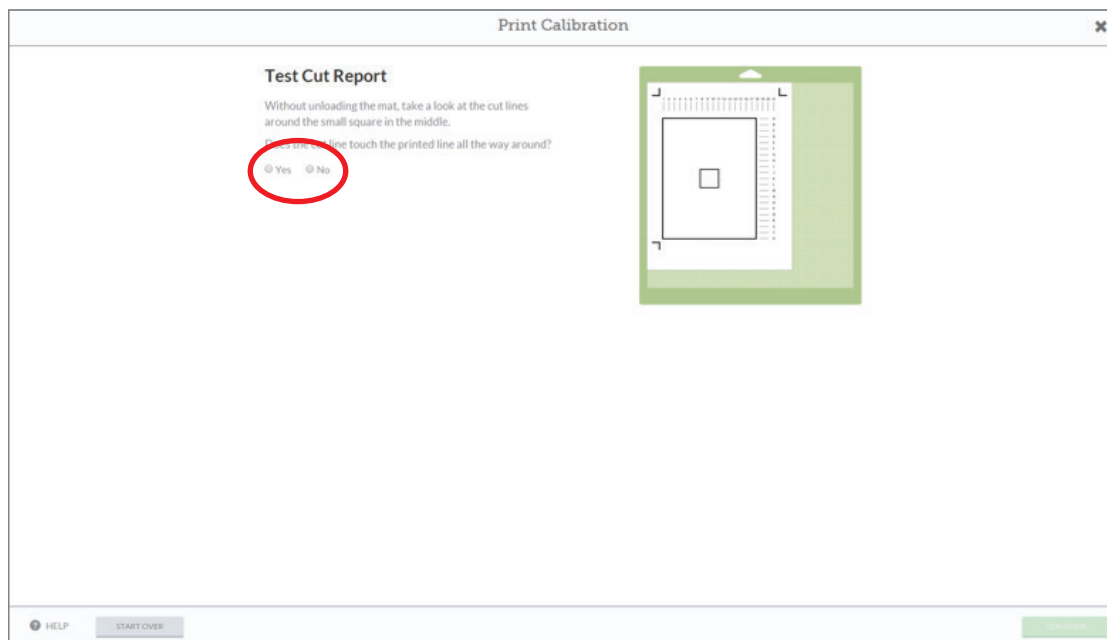
Print then Cut Calibration

Step 7 Your Cricut® machine will make a series of horizontal and vertical cuts on the calibration sheet. Once your machine is done cutting, DO NOT unload the cutting mat. Look at the lines on the top and along the right side of the test print page. Determine which cuts are centered on or closest to the print line.

Select the corresponding number or letter in the drop-down menus. Click "Continue" after you have made your selections.

Print then Cut Calibration

Step 8   The machine will cut the larger rectangle. When it is finished cutting examine the cut line.

- Click "Yes" and then "Continue" if you are satisfied with the accuracy of the large box cut.

- Click "No" and then "Continue" if you feel the cut could be improved. You'll be prompted to repeat the process to improve the calibration of your machine.
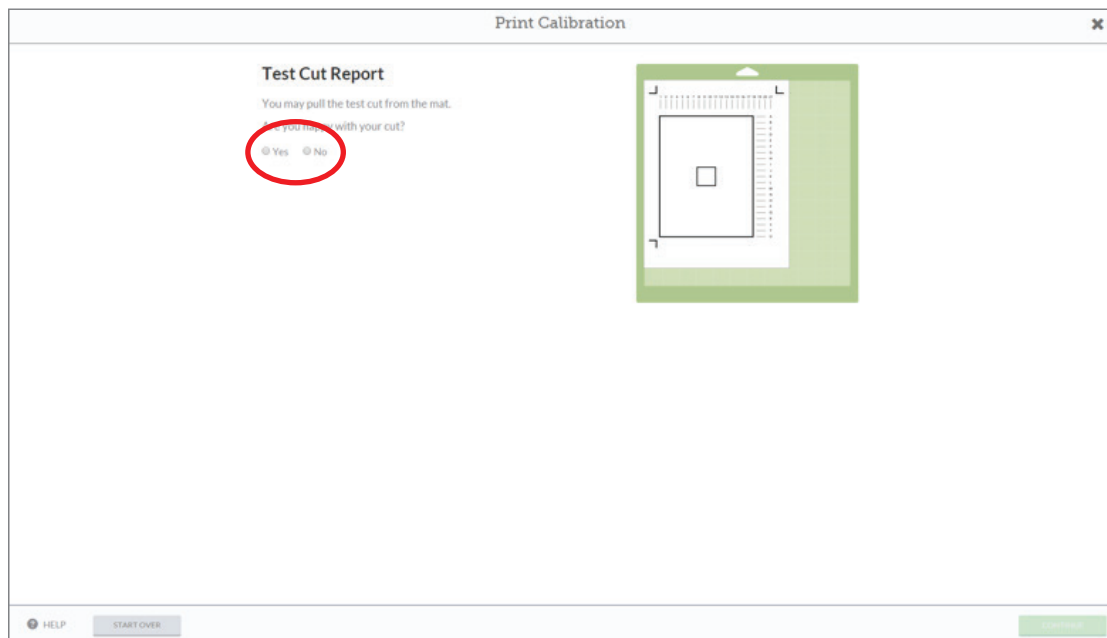
Step 9   You're done! Your machine is calibrated; simply click "Save and Close" to proceed.

Cutting mats

Cricut Explore® machines use 12″ x 12″ and 12″ x 24″ Cricut® adhesive cutting mats. With the precision of Cricut Explore®, you can cut basic shapes as small as a 1/4″ by 1/4″ and as large as 1/2″ less than the size of your cutting mat (i.e., on a 12″ x 12″ cutting mat you can cut as large as 11.5″ x 11.5″ and on a 12″ x 24″ cutting mat you can cut up to 11.5″ x 23.5″).

Cricut® 12″ x 12″ mats are available in three varieties:

- LightGrip mats are specially formulated so you can easily cut and remove lightweight materials such as office printer or copy paper, vellum, light cardstock, and more.
- StandardGrip mats are perfect for a wide range of medium-weight materials, including patterned paper, vinyl, iron-on, and cardstock.
- StrongGrip mats offer a strong hold surface perfect for heavyweight materials such as specialty cardstock, glitter cardstock, chipboard, and fabric backed with interfacing. These are our longest lasting mats, featuring double life adhesive technology.

Cricut® 12″ x 24″ mats are available in StandardGrip only.

Follow the steps below to place material on the mat and load it into the machine.

Step 1: Position the machine on a flat surface with at least 10″ of space behind it so your mat can move through the machine. (More space is required for 12″ x 24″ mats.)
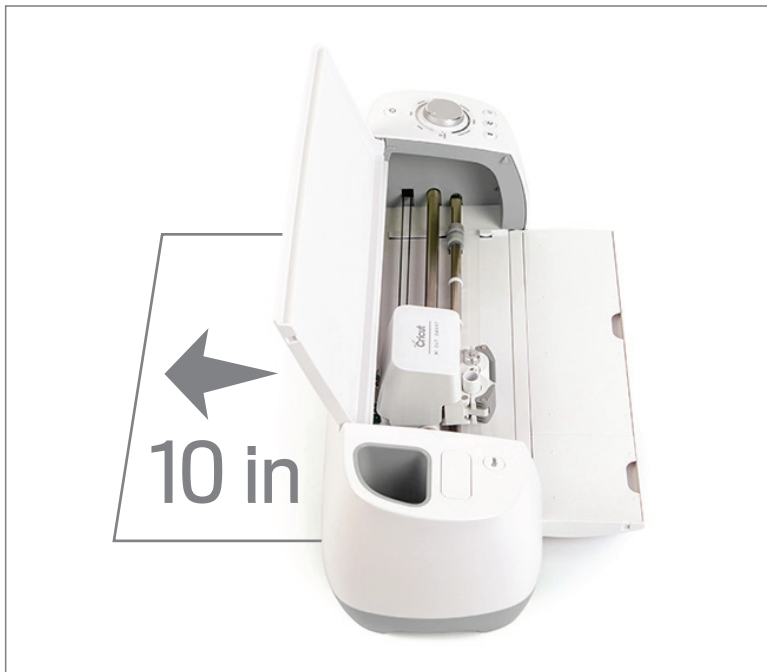
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Step 2: Remove the clear plastic cover from the mat and save it. This cover keeps your mat clean during storage.

Step 3: Smooth the material you will use onto the mat in the top left corner inside the grid.

Tip: You can use the scraper from the Cricut® Basic Tool Set to smooth the material onto the mat for a stronger grip.

Cutting mats

Step 4: Position the mat underneath the mat guides on the machine.
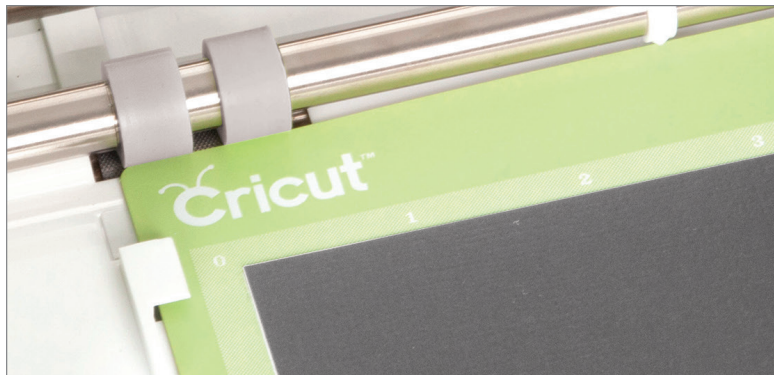
Tip: You can load the mat with the Cricut® logo toward the rollers or in the opposite direction. To lengthen the life of your mat, alternate between the two.

Step 5: Keeping the mat pushed firmly against the rollers, press the "Load/Unload" button on the machine.

Step 6: When the cut is complete, press the "Load/Unload" button again and remove the mat from the machine.

Cricut Cutting Blades

Cricut Explore® machines can use a German carbide premium blade for typical cuts or a deep cut blade for thicker or heavier materials. German carbide premium blades fit the housing included with the Cricut Explore® machine, while deep cut blades have a different housing. German carbide premium blades should be used to cut most materials, such as cardstock, vinyl, iron-on, poster board and light-weight fabrics. Deep cut blades provide better cutting results for thicker or heavier materials such as chipboard, magnet sheets, leather, stiffened felt, foam sheets, cardboard, and fabric backed with interfacing.

After continued usage, the blades will wear out and should be replaced. The number of cuts each blade can make varies depending on the material used. You will know when your blades are getting dull because your cuts will not be as crisp. Replacement blades are available in three varieties:

- German carbide premium blades fit the standard blade housing included with your Cricut® machine. This blade is designed to work with the Cricut Explore family of machines and are recommend to create the most precise cuts. The blade also resists wear and breakage for a longer life.
- Deep cut blades require the deep cut housing. These blades have a steeper blade angle (60° vs. 45°) of harder more durable steel.
- Standard blades fit the standard blade housing. While these blades are compatible with the Cricut Explore family, they will not give the same precision of cut nor last as long as the German carbide premium blades.

To replace blades, follow the steps below. The process is the same whether you are using a standard or deep cut housing.

Step 1: Open blade clamp B.

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Step 2: Remove the blade housing by pulling up.

Step 3: Depress the plunger and carefully pull out the blade. Be sure to safely dispose of the blade.

Step 4: Drop a new blade into the opening. The sharp end will face you; use care to avoid injury.

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Step 5: Hold the blade clamp up while dropping in the housing. The blade housing should be flush against the top of the blade clamp.
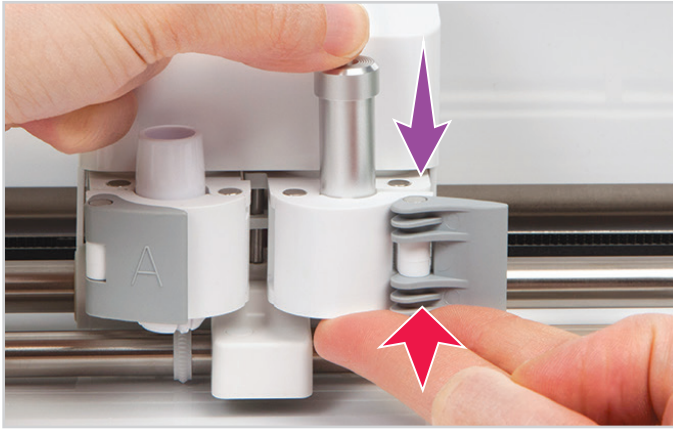
Step 6: Close the clamp.

Pens

Choose from a variety of fine point pens in different colors or medium point pens featured in the metallic set. Pen colors coordinate with Cricut® Cardstock.

Cricut Explore® Candy Shop Pen Set, fine point

Features: Sour Apple, Candy Corn, Blueberry, Candy Crystal, Very Berry

Cricut Explore® Wildflower pen set, fine point

Features: Cactus Pink, Bluebonnet, Lavender, Honeysuckle, Sage

Cricut Explore® Antiquity pen set, fine point

Features: Midnight, Jade, Gemstone Blue, Wine, Crystal Pink

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Cricut Explore® Southwest pen set, fine point

Features: Armadillo, Geode, Indian Red, Adobe Clay, Moccasin

Cricut Explore® Metallic pen set, medium point

Features: Copper, Gold, Silver, Blue, Violet

Cricut Explore One™ Accessory adapter and pen

Features: Cricut Explore One™ Accessory Adapter, Cricut Explore® Midnight fine point pen

Pens

Cricut Explore® and Cricut Explore Air™

Use Cricut Explore® pens to write or draw with your machine. A wide variety of pen sets are available so you can add the perfect touch of color to any project. You'll get beautiful results for invitations, banners, cards, gift tags, and more. Pens are acid free, non-toxic, and permanent after drying. To insert a pen into the machine, follow the steps below.

Step 1: Open accessory clamp A.

Step 2: Remove the cap from the pen.

Pens

Step 3: Hold the accessory clamp up while pushing the pen down into the housing until the arrow on the pen barrel disappears.
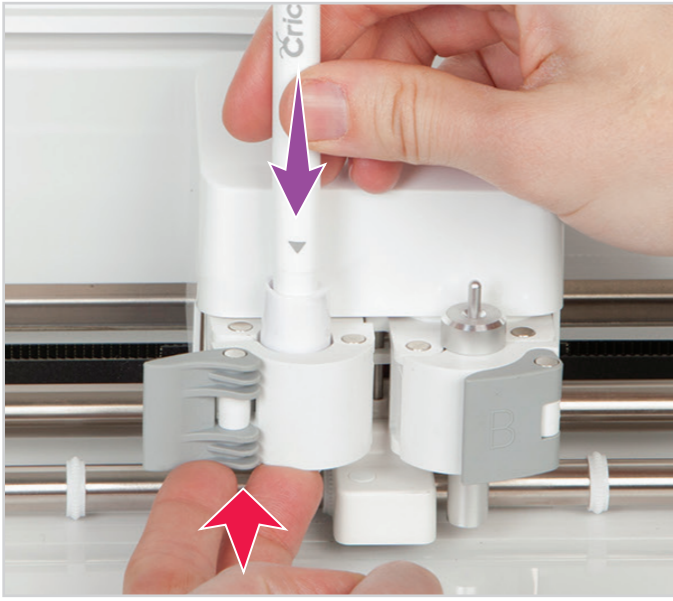
Step 4: Close the clamp.

Step 5: When writing is complete, open the clamp remove, and cap the pen.

Pens

Cricut Explore One™

Step 1. Remove the cap from the pen.

Step 2. Insert the pen into the accessory adapter until the arrow on the pen disappears.

Pens

Step 3. Open the clamp.

Step 4. Hold the clamp up while pushing pen and adapter down into housing until adapter snaps into place.

Tip: Holding the clamp up prevents the pen from marking your machine or, if you have already loaded the mat, the material on it.

Pens

Step 5. Close the clamp

Step 6. Once the machine has finished writing, open the clamp and pull the pen upward to remove both the pen and the adapter.

Pens

Step 7. Remove the pen from the adapter.

Tip: Store the accessory adapter in the storage compartments found in the door of the machine.

Step 8. Recap the pen to prevent it from drying out.

Scoring stylus

Use the Cricut® Scoring Stylus with your Cricut® machine to score lines for easy folding on cards, boxes, 3D projects, and more. Cricut Explore® and Cricut Explore Air™ can house the scoring stylus and a cutting blade at the same time, so you can cut and score in one step. Purchase the Cricut Explore One™ accessory adapter and your Cricut Explore One™ machine can easily accommodate the scoring stylus as well.

Scoring stylus

Cricut Explore® and Cricut Explore Air™

Inserting the scoring stylus follows the same steps as inserting a pen. To insert the scoring stylus into the Cricut Explore® or Cricut Explore Air™ machines, follow the steps below.

Step 1. Open accessory clamp A.

Step 2. Hold the accessory clamp up while pushing the stylus down into the housing until the arrow on the stylus disappears.
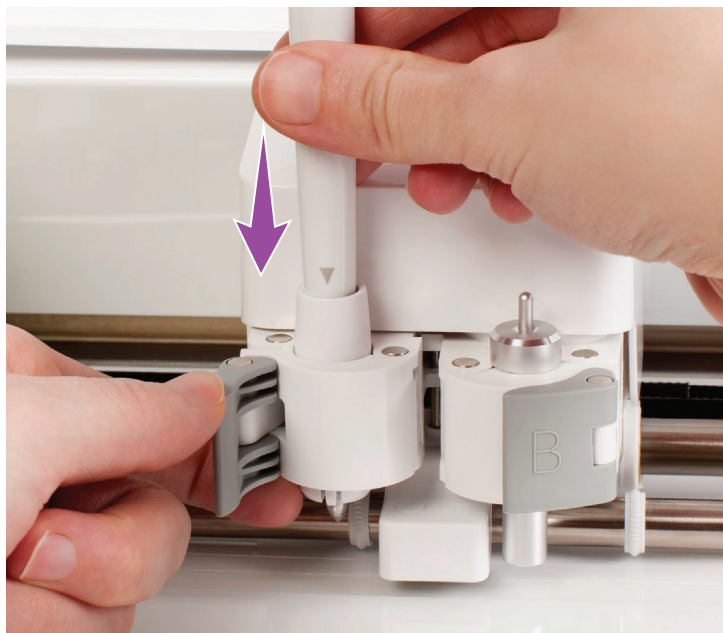
Scoring stylus

Step 3. Close the clamp.

Step 4. When scoring is complete, open the clamp and remove the stylus.
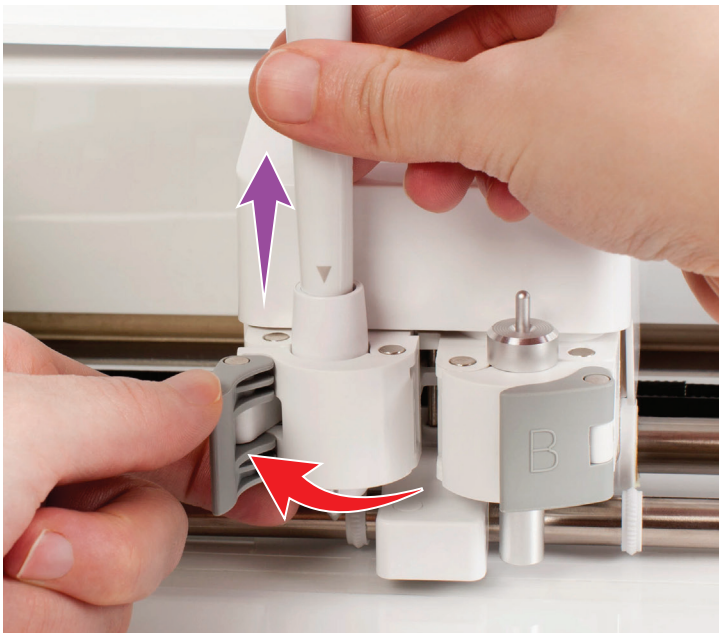
Scoring stylus

Cricut Explore One™

To insert a scoring stylus into the Cricut Explore One™, follow the steps below.

Tip: The Cricut Explore One™ accessory adapter is required to use the scoring stylus with the Cricut Explore One™ machine. The accessory adapter comes with a black fine point pen and is sold separately.

Step 1. Insert the scoring stylus into the accessory adapter until the arrow on the stylus disappears.

Step 2. Open the clamp

Scoring stylus

Step 3. Hold the clamp up while pushing the scoring stylus and adapter down into the housing until it snaps into place.
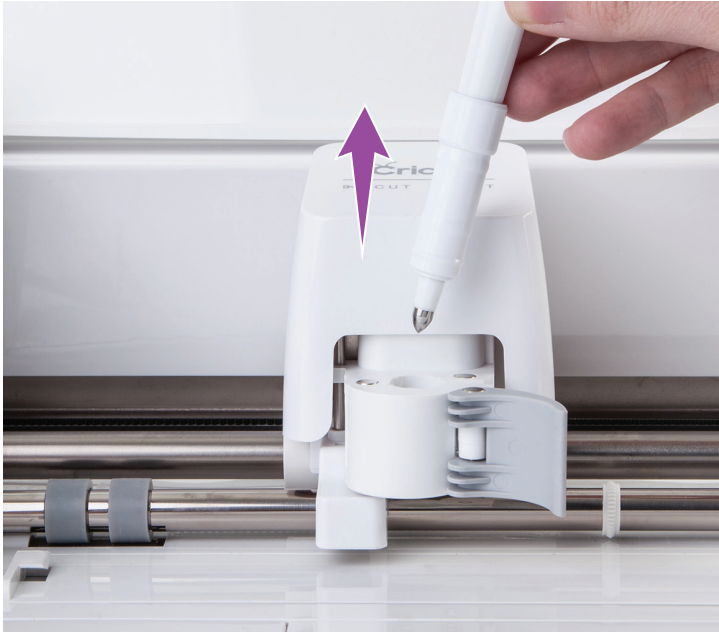

Step 4. Close the clamp

Scoring stylus

Step 5. When scoring is complete, open the clamp and pull the scoring stylus upward to remove both the stylus and the adapter.

Step 6. Remove scoring stylus from the adapter.

Tools Basic Set

Cricut® Tools help you get the most out of your Cricut machine. The Cricut® Tools Basic Set includes five handy tools for using your Cricut® machine.

- Cricut® Tools Scissors have hardened stainless steel blades for durability and smooth, even cuts. The micro-tip blade gives you greater precision on all materials. A removable cover protects the blades.

- Cricut® Tools Tweezers lift and secure in one step with their reverse grip design—squeeze the handle together to open, and release pressure to clamp together. Smooth interior points help prevent tearing or marring your materials.

Tools Basic Set

- The Cricut® Tools Scraper is custom designed to clean unwanted scraps from the Cricut® cutting mats, contributing to a longer lasting mat. It can also be used to smooth materials onto the mat or burnish materials such as vinyl to remove air bubbles or wrinkles.

- The Cricut® Tools Spatula precisely lifts images from the Cricut® cutting mat, preventing intricate images from tearing or curling. The angled head of the spatula allows it to slide underneath the material with ease.

Tools Basic Set

- The Cricut® Tools Weeder is for "weeding," or removing negative pieces around a cut image. When working with iron-on or vinyl images, it helps you precisely remove everything that isn't part of your design from the carrier sheet. It's also great for poking out tiny negative pieces from a cut cardstock image.

Carry bag

The Cricut Explore® Carry Bag protects your machine during storage and lets you easily take it on the go. You can store and transport accessories in the pockets. The secure drawstring and hook-and-loop closure keep your machine safely secured but offer easy access.

The carry bag is also sold separately in these stylish colors.

Dark Grey

Denim