

# Top Terms for Beginners

A glossary of common crafting terms to help you on your Cricut® journey.

<b>Design Space®</b>		The free Cricut design app that connects to Cricut cutting machines. Available for Windows® and Mac® computers and iOS and Android™ devices.
<b>Canvas</b>		The screen within the Cricut Design Space® app where project design takes place.
<b>SVG (Scalable Vector Graphic)</b>		An image file type ideal for Design Space uploads. Because SVG files are not composed of pixels, they can be scaled larger or smaller without losing resolution.
<b>Print Then Cut</b>		A feature in the Cricut Design Space app that allows users to print their design on a home computer before cutting it with a Cricut cutting machine.
<b>Layers</b>		A term used to refer to each element or object in a project design. Layers also refers to a panel in the Cricut Design Space app where each element of a design (or groups of elements) is listed.
<b>Machine Mat</b>		Accessory used to hold materials in place as the Cricut machine cuts, writes, or embellishes.
<b>Vinyl</b>		Thin self-adhesive material used to create decals, labels, stickers, and more. Can be used on a variety of smooth surfaces. Available in permanent and removable varieties.
<b>Iron-On (Heat-Transfer Vinyl or HTV)</b>		Vinyl material with a heat-activated adhesive. Iron-on gets applied to a variety of surfaces (like fabrics, wood, and paper) using a heat press.
<b>Infusible Ink™</b>		A system of Cricut products that work together to create pro-level, permanent heat transfers. Includes Infusible Ink Transfer Sheets, Pens & Markers, and compatible blanks like T-shirts & mugs.
<b>Transfer Tape</b>		Sticky, see-through plastic film used to lift a vinyl design from the liner and apply to a project surface/substrate.
<b>Brayer</b>		Hand tool with roller used to firmly press materials onto a surface to eliminate wrinkles, kinks, bubbles, and puckering. Often used to smoothly adhere materials to a machine mat before cutting.
<b>Weeder</b>		Hand tool with a pointy, sharp head that is used to separate unwanted vinyl, iron-on, or Infusible Ink™ material from its liner to prepare a design for transfer.
<b>Scraper</b>		Hand tool designed to remove scrap material from cutting mats. Can also be used to smooth materials onto the cutting mat or to burnish materials so they stick together.