Cricut Maker 3 Instructions

Create Design
Open Design Space

- Use the account on one of the Creative Techspace Design Station computers OR
- Make your own Design Space account and bring your own device.

Create your design or use one of the many free projects available in Design Space.

Select “Make.”

Load material

- Cricut Smart-Material
  - The Cricut Maker 3 can cut Smart-Material without a mat.
  - Insert your material into the machine and select the “Load” button.
- All other materials
  - All other materials require a cutting mat, the Techspace offers a variety of different cutting mats. Refer to Design Space suggestions when choosing a mat.
  - Insert the cutting mat to the edge of the machine opening. Select the “Load” button.

After inserting your material/mat, the machine will calibrate. The “Play” button will flash when your material is loaded correctly.

Select the flashing “Play” button to start making your project.

If you need to stop your project part-way through, you can use the “Pause” button. Select the “Play” button again to resume.

When your project is finished, select the “Load” button again to unload the mat or materials.
Changing Accessories

Clamp A – Pens and markers

Pens can be loaded into Clamp A for “Draw” projects.

1. Open Clamp B.
2. Remove Blade Housing and set aside in a safe place.
3. Close Clamp B.
4. Open Clamp A.
5. Remove cap from Cricut pen or marker.
6. Insert pen in Clamp A and allow it to drop into place. No press or click needed!
7. Close Clamp A.

You’re ready to “Draw” your project!

Clamp B – Cutting and other drive-house tools

It is important that the blade housing is seated on the top surface of the B clamp (right); if the housing is seated too high, your blade will not contact your material. See the images below for some examples of correctly and incorrectly installed blade housings.

1. Open Clamp B and remove blade housing.
2. Place blade housing in Clamp B, ensuring that housing is seated on the top surface of the clamp. For Rotary and Knife blades, make sure the gears fit together.
3. Close the clamp.
When closing the clamp arms around the blade housing, close the left arm first; the left arm has an indentation which will fit snugly around the housing. Holding the left arm in place, swing the right arm around and close the plastic tab. The clamp arms will be very secure around the housing, and it may require some gentle pressure to close the plastic tab; this is normal. When properly closed, the plastic tabs for clamps A and B will align.
Changing the Blade on Cricut Tools

Please see a Creative Techspace staff member if a tool blade needs replacement.