

HOW TO CUT VINYL ON YOUR VINYL/CRAFT CUTTER

LOAD THE VINYL



SELECT & INSTALL BLADE



Select the proper blade for your material. When using standard materials, a 45° is best. For thicker materials, such as UpperFlok or Bling Bling, a 60° blade is better. When working with a craft cutter, your standard blade is fine. Place the blade in the blade holder, and make sure it is not sticking out more than the thickness of your material. Typically, about the thickness of a credit card will work.



PERFORM A TEST CUT



This is the most important step. If you do not test, you might not be cutting at the proper pressure for the material you are using. This could lead to wasted material, wear on your blade and blade protection strip, and wasted time trying to weed a design that was not properly cut. Most cutters cut a triangle inside of a square, or a square inside of a circle. You might have to consult your manual to determine the procedure for performing a test cut. The object is to be able to easily weed the outer shape, while the inner shape stays on the carrier. If the outer shape won't weed, increase your force. If the blade has cut too deeply or entirely through the carrier, decrease the force. If the outer shape came up easily, the inner shape stayed down, and the liner was lightly scored, you are good to go.

CHECK THE BLADE OFFSET



Offset
Too High



Offset
Too Low



Offset
Correct

SET THE SPEED

If your design is small and/or intricate, you want a slower speed. If it is larger and/or not as detailed, you can use a higher speed.

OTHER TIPS & TRICKS

If your cutter has created jagged, or "stitched" cuts, it is time to change your blade, blade protection strip, or blade holder.

If you have difficulty seeing your cut lines, try to reverse roll the material to make them more visible.

If you find the adhesive on the liner too aggressive, try placing the design under a heated heat press for a few seconds then try again.

YOU ARE NOW READY TO CUT YOUR DESIGN AND...
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