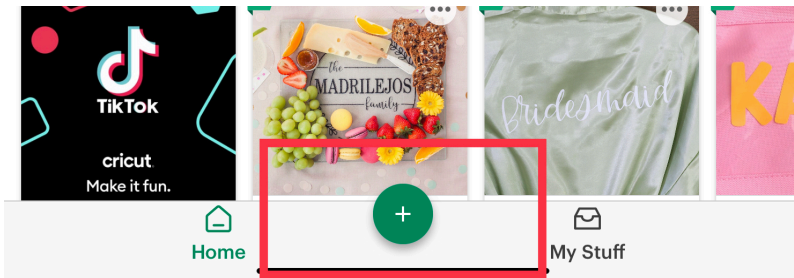


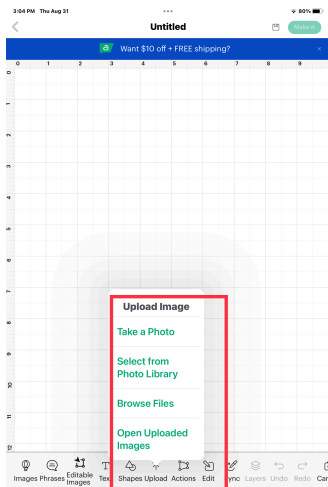
# Personalized Acrylic Keychain - Cricut Instructions

## Setup

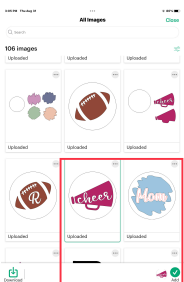
- Note: only one iPad can have a bluetooth connection at a time. Go to **Settings** on the iPad and confirm **Bluetooth** is off until you're ready to cut your design.
- When prompted, click Open Cricut Design Space
- Click on green + circle to open a new project



- Click **Upload** then **Open Uploaded Images**

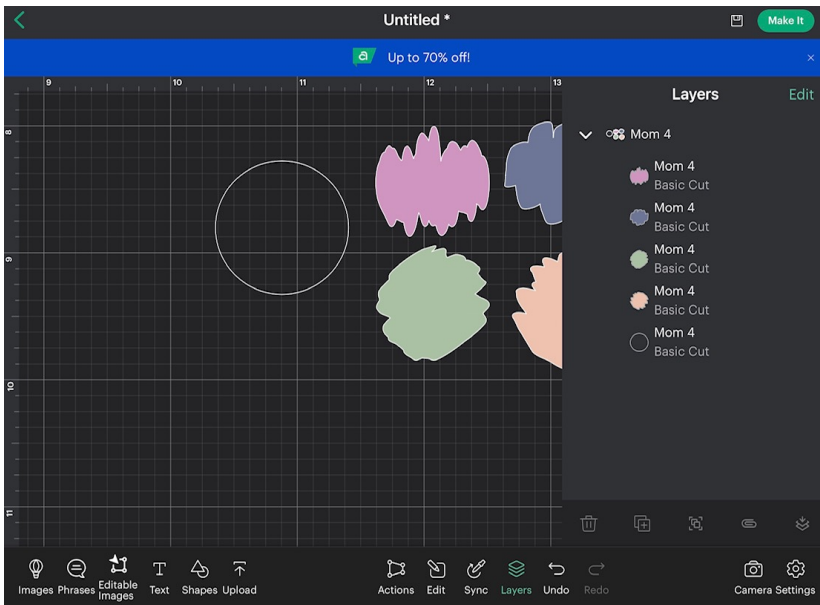


- Choose your design, click **Add**

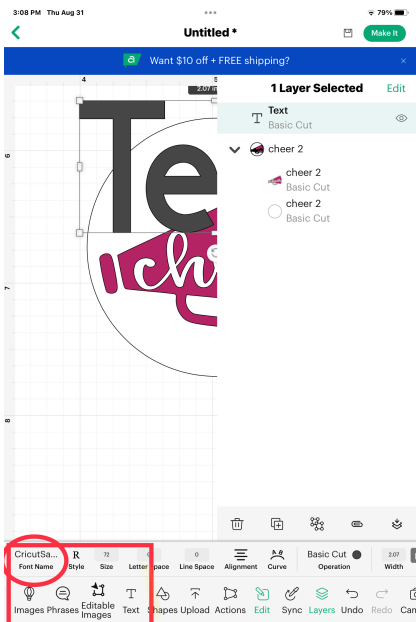


## Customize

- Once DS and the selected image have loaded, click **layers** to Customize. Select the appropriate layer in that panel to customize a particular layer. If the layers are grouped, click **ungroup** icon at the bottom.

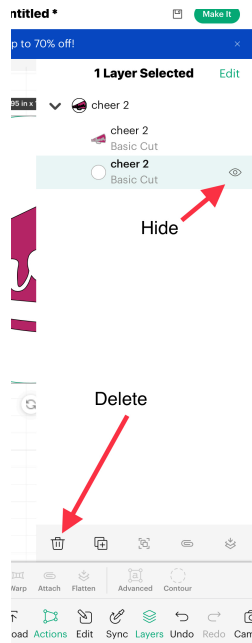


- If the acrylic shape template is not already there, click on **shapes**, select the circle and resize to 2” by click and dragging the corners of the circle or manually change the size at the bottom by clicking **Edit** on the lock and change the W(width) and H(height) to 2”
- Designs can be left as they are or add your own personalization. You can also create a layered look by putting for example paint splash one on side with a name on the other. **IMPORTANT:** design on the back of keychain must be mirrored when you’re about to cut.
- For personalization, click on **Text** icon, then click on the **font name** at the bottom. You may use any font you would like.



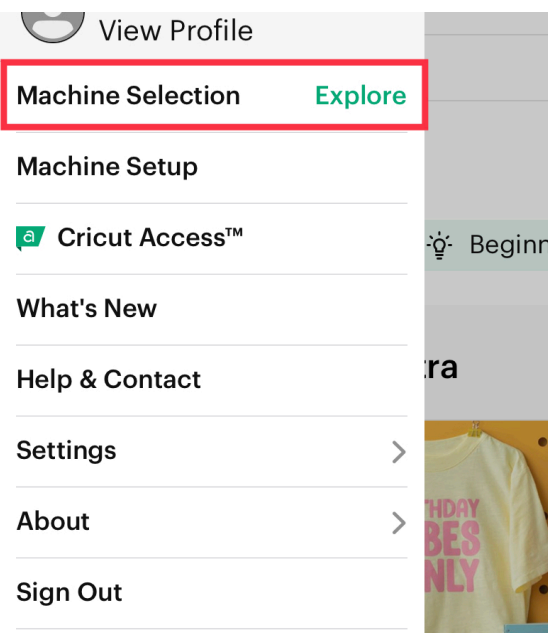
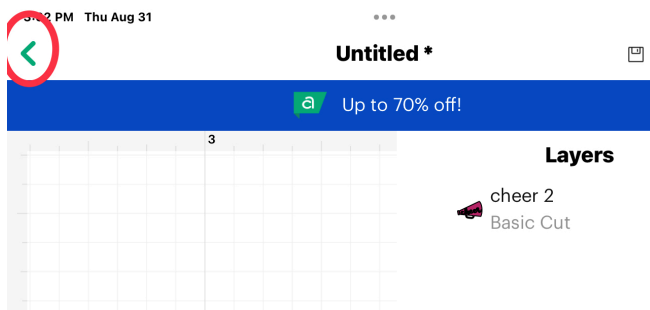
- Once you have clicked on the font, type in the Name or Initial you would like to use for personalization.
- Click and drag the name over the design, the text will be large so use the resize handle to adjust the name to fit on the acrylic shape template
- To align the design and text, on the layers panel highlight both by clicking on them and click **Align** and **Center** from the popup menu

- Choose the color of the name you would like to cut, Click on the name in the layers panel and the **Edit**, **Basic cut** to bring up color pallet, click **Apply**.
- Once completed with the design, hide or delete anything you don't want to cut ie: the acrylic shape template in the layers panel that was only there to assist with visualizing the end product.



## Cutting

- Go to **settings** on the iPad, **Bluetooth** is turned **ON**
- Once back in the design, click the **green back button** at the top left corner



- Go to **menu bar** and determine from the class which machine is available to use, the choices will be Maker, Explorer or Joy
- Click **Canvas** at the top right corner to return to your project
- Click on **Make it** in the upper right corner
- The top should show, On Mat, Mirror Off if one sided, Mirror On for two sides. Click **Next**
- If your design will be on the front and back side of the keychain, be sure to mirror all designs that will be placed on the backside.
- If your design will only be on the front of the keychain, do not mirror
- When done click **Next**
- Set Base Material: Select **Premium Vinyl**
- Place vinyl on machine mat with the pretty vinyl side facing up
- Push the **arrows** to load the mat slightly holding the mat guiding into the Cricut
- Click the **flashing button** to cut
- When your first mat is done, click the **arrow buttons** to unload

and then load the next mat. Repeat the process until all of your colors are cut

## Weed and Apply Design

- With the weeding tool, gently remove all the excess vinyl from your design. Anything you do not want to transfer to the keychain needs to be removed. Be patient with this process.
- Use a small piece of transfer tape to match the size of your design.
- Peel off the backing of the transfer tape and place it on the vinyl
- Press the transfer tape to the vinyl and peel away the vinyl backing
- Make sure you remove the protective coating from each side of the acrylic keychain
- Place your design on the acrylic keychain and adhere the design to the keychain
- Peel away the transfer tape
- For double sided vinyl designs, follow the same steps but one layer will be on the front and one on the back for a layered effect

## Assemble Keychain

- Use pliers to attach the chain to the acrylic keychain
- Repeat the process to attach the tassel, you can place the tassel anywhere on the chain you would like

## Options

- To protect the vinyl from getting scratched by keys, you can either spray with Mod Podge Acrylic sealer. Spray on the keychain in a well ventilated area on the vinyl side only. You can barely tell it is there. OR
- Wearing rubber gloves, apply UV Resin (clear or mixed lightly with glitter) with a popsicle stick to spread a thin layer evenly, place under a UV light to set. Or place outside in the sun for 4-7 minutes depending on temperature and cloud coverage (instructions in packaging). If too hot or outside too long can cause small bubbles to appear.