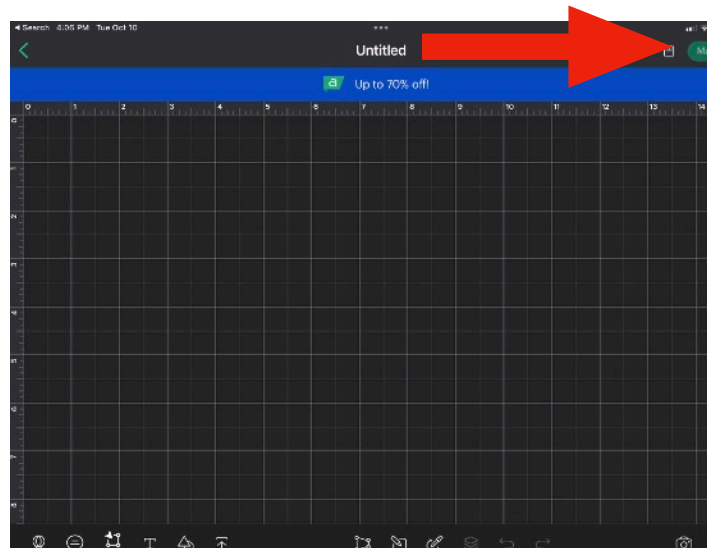# Sublimation Coasters/Ornaments - Cricut Instructions

Materials

- Cricut cutting machine
- Cricut Design Space (DS) software
- Cutting Mat
- Heat press
- SVG files uploaded into DS
- Infusible ink markers/pens
- Heat resistant tape
- Uncoated butcher paper/copy paper
- Sublimation Car Coasters: https://a.co/d/fFFSldn
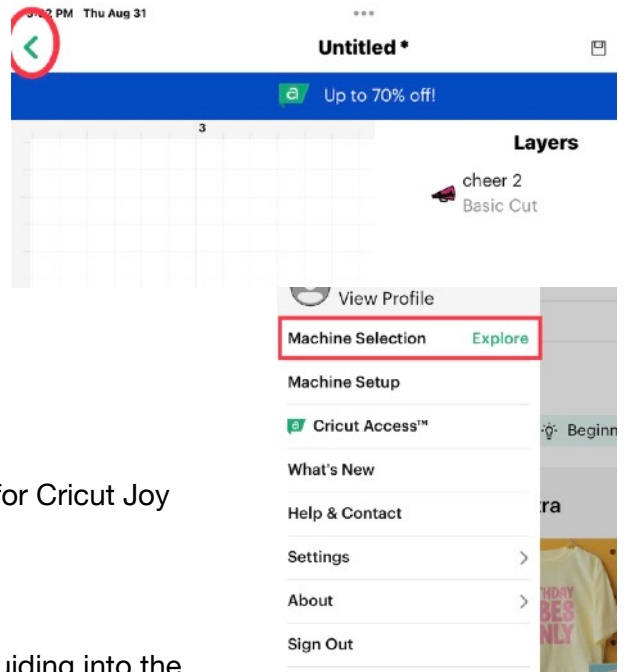- Sublimation Ornaments: https://a.co/d/7DxZNKb

iPad Setup

- **Note**: each cutting machine can only be connected via Bluetooth to one computing device (iPad) at a time.
    - o Go to **Settings** on the iPad and confirm **Bluetooth** is off until you're ready to cut your design to avoid conflicts.
- Open the Cricut Design Space app on your iPad
- Click My Stuff
- Click Projects and select from the following
    - o Ready to Make It
        - ▪ 2023 Christmas Car Coaster
        - ▪ 2023 Christmas Coworkers Ornament
    - o Ready to Customize
        - ▪ 2023 Christmas Car Coaster - Template
        - ▪ 2023 Christmas Ornament - Template
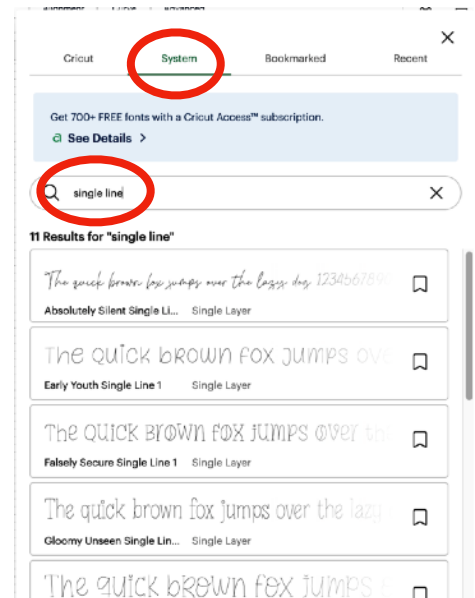- Click **Make It** to use as is or **Customize** to modify

Make It

- 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
- Once you know which machine is available to use (valid options will be Maker, Explore Family, or Joy), go to **menu bar** and select the appropriate machine
- Click **Canvas** at the top right corner to return to your project
- From the **Layers** panel, select all of the design layers
- **Attach** (paperclip icon) all design layers
- Click on **Make it** in the upper right corner
- Select the following specifications:
  - Operation: Pen, Basic Cut
  - Material Load Type: On Mat
  - Material Size: 8.5 in x 11 in (Letter) or max size material for Cricut Joy
  - **Mirror: On [THIS IS IMPORTANT]**
- Click **Next**
- Set your material to **Copy Paper 20 lb (75 gsm)**
- Place a sheet of standard copy paper on the machine mat
- Push the **arrows** to load the mat, slightly holding the mat guiding into the Cricut
- Click the **flashing button** to cut or, in this case, draw and cut
- Once the drawing is complete the Cricut will then cut the circle template
- Remove the drawn and cut template from the mat and add any additional hand embellishments desired

Customize

- If you'd like to create a custom/personalized project, select one of the template projects:
  - 2023 Christmas Car Coaster - Template
  - 2023 Christmas Ornament - Template
- To embellish your template file you can add text or line drawing design elements
  - When selecting a font for your text addition, click **Text, set Operation = Pen** and then choose a Font
    - When choosing a font, stick with the Single Line System fonts (free and pen friendly)
    - To add line drawing design elements, click **Upload** and select **Christmas Card Elements** shown under **Recent Uploads**, then click **Add to Canvas**
  - Make sure all text and design elements added to the template are set to **Operation = Pen** and the **pen color** is set appropriately
- Once your design is to your liking, continue with the **Make It** instructions above

Sublimating

- Place your design, ink side down on top the sublimation surface
  - If you're applying your design to a car coaster, align it so that the cutout of the coaster is in a blank portion of the design
- Once the design is placed, secure with heat resistant tape

- You want the design to be flat and secure on the coaster or ornament. Any gaps will result in fuzzy sublimation
- On a heat-safe surface (or heat press platen), layer:
  - A piece of butcher or copy paper, larger than the item being pressed
  - the coaster or ornament, with the design securely taped face down on top of it it
  - Another piece of butcher or copy paper, larger than the item being pressed
- Press the item at the temperature and for the time appropriate:
  - **Car Coaster**
    - 375F, 60 seconds
  - **Ornament**
    - 356F, 40 seconds
- **Allow the item to cool, undisturbed**
- Remove the taped template from the item
- Sublimation is complete!