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Facebook Email Print Make sentimental gifts that will bring someone joy for birthdays, weddings, Christmas, etc. A Cricut handwritten recipe gift will be cherished for years to come! I watched my mother run her fingers over the familiar handwriting, tears welling up in her eyes. I'd found one of Grandma's old recipes and transferred it as a present for my mother, and she was visibly overcome with emotion. Giving sentimental gifts will mean more than any store-bought give ever will. Those gifts will not get tossed out when the next great thing comes out. They will be cherished for a lifetime. My Grandmother made a huge impact on my life and the lives of everyone in our family. We learned so much about unconditional love, helping others, and baking from her! So, when I happened upon her handwritten recipe card of one of my favorite desserts, I knew I had to do something special with it. As it happens, I was walking through the Dollar Tree the next day and I spotted these nice looking oven mitts. Light bulb moment!! I love using Dollar Tree items with my Cricut machine! They have some great items just waiting to be personalized. I came home and got busy. This is what I came up with, and it turned out better than I had imagined. I was able to upload her handwriting into Cricut Design Space and cut out iron-on vinyl with it. You could also transfer the handwritten recipe to a plate using the same method and adhesive vinyl. Disclosure: This post contains affiliate links from Amazon and/or Cricut.com. I receive a small commission at no cost to you when you make a purchase using my links (purple text). I found an app that has changed my life!! Well, maybe not quite that dramatic, but it definitely has changed my crafting life! Enter Adobe Capture CC... have you heard of it?? I read about it somewhere, so of course, had to try it and worked wonders. Since this part would be very hard to describe, I made a video of how to use the app to upload the recipe to Cricut Design Space. Make sure to turn on the volume on and watch it at the top or side of the post. If you do better with written directions, there will be a printable card at the bottom of the post! So, once the handwritten recipe file is cleaned up, upload it to Cricut Design Space. It uploads perfectly! No need to do anymore cleaning up! (Update: CDS has released a new remove background feature that might be able to clean up the text if you have Cricut Access. I don't have access to it, so I don't know for sure!) Save it and add it to your canvas. Size it to fit the oven mitt. Hit "Make It". Make sure the mirror setting on the preview screen. Place some HTV shiny side down on a cutting mat. Set the cut to iron-on vinyl and go. (Watch my cutting and weeding HTV video tutorial here if you need additional help.) Pro Tip: For small font like this, I always make sure my blade is sharp. Poking it into a ball of aluminum foil does the trick! Now, I'm not going to lie... weeding this was a lot of little pieces. Crank up Alexa, roll up your leaves, take a shot... well, that might or might not help! But anyway, devote some time to it. I find it easiest to pull the excess HTV off at an almost 180-degree angle. You made it through the hardest step! Take a breath... Then apply the HTV to the oven mitt with a heat press, EasyPress or iron. If you need additional help with a heat press, read all about using a heat press here. Peel off the plastic backing, sit back, and admire your work! I have to say, this is one of the coolest things I've ever made! Knowing my Mom (or a family member) will always have my Grandmother's writing at her fingertips makes my heart happy. I might have to make a few more of these sentimental gifts to give to my whole family! If you'd like even more unique gift ideas, check out sentimental gift ideas from around the blogosphere. And if you are a fan of DIY handwriting gifts, you might like these other Cricut handwritten gift ideas: If you need some more inspiration on other gift items you can make with a Cricut, feel free to browse my Ultimate Resource of Cricut Ideas or additional gift ideas. If you have those hard to shop for teenagers, check out my list of gifts that your kids will cherish. Here are the printable instructions! Oven Mitt Old Recipe Card Phone with App Heat Transfer Vinyl Cricut Heat Press or Iron Open Adobe Capture app on smartphone Use the shapes tab. Get image centered in view and use slider to get rid of all background noise Crop if needed Click Refine tab. Click down on brush. Use finger to remove any extra black spots. Click Smooth tab and make sure the bottom button says On. Once it's complete, click arrow button. Save to phone On main screen, click on image. Click on share function, then Export As, Then SVG. Export SVG to somewhere you can access it with Cricut Design Space. Open CDS. Upload image. Size to fit oven mitt. Cut it out on mirror setting of heat transfer vinyl. (Place HTV shiny side down on mat) Weed out extra vinyl. Apply to oven mitt with heat press or iron. Enjoy the look on the recipient's face when they realize what it is! The weeding can be a bit tedious if you have a lot of script font, but it's worth it! As an Amazon Associate and member of other affiliate programs, I earn from qualifying purchases. Cricut Maker, Champagne Please leave a comment on the blog or share a photo on Instagram if you'd like to save this sentimental gift idea for later, simply hover over the top left of the image below and PIN It now! What memorabilia do you have that would bring joy to someone you know?? Thanks so much for stopping by! Have a creative day! Facebook Email Print Making handmade cards with a Cricut machine can be a fun and rewarding activity. Whether you're making a custom birthday card or a heartfelt thank-you note, the Cricut is a versatile tool that allows you to make intricate designs effortlessly. This guide, with a step-by-step process of making a card with your Cricut machine, focusing on both design techniques and practical advice. This guide is perfect for beginners, even if you've just unboxed your Cricut machine. Before diving into the "how," let's talk about the "why." Card making with a Cricut offers several benefits: Customization: You can design cards tailored to any occasion. Ease of Use: Cricut machines are user-friendly, making them ideal for beginners. Professional Quality: The precision of a Cricut machine ensures a professional look, even if you're just starting out. With a few materials and some basic understanding of Cricut's software, you'll be making beautiful cards in no time. Learn how to make stunning cards with Cricut step-by-step, from setting up Design Space to mastering design techniques for beautiful creations. To make your first Cricut card, you'll need the following supplies: Cardstock: Choose a few colors and patterns. A heavier cardstock (like 110 lb) works best for the card base. You'll also need accent pieces. Cricut Machine: This guide applies to most models, like the Cricut Maker or Cricut Explore Air. Cricut Design Space: The free software where you'll make your card design. Cricut Pen: For writing or drawing on the card. A 0.4 tip black pen is a great versatile choice. Scoring Tool or Scoring Stylus: Helps make neat and precise folds on your cards. LightGrip Cutting Mat: The blue mat designed for paper crafting, ensuring the material stays in place without damage. Adhesive: A dry adhesive like an advanced tape glider (ATG) gun is highly recommended for quick assembly. These materials form the foundation of your card-making journey and ensure you have everything you need for a smooth project. Once you have your supplies ready, it's time to move to Cricut Design Space, where you'll make your card layout. The good news is that even if you're new to the software, Cricut Design Space is intuitive and packed with features that make card design easy. Start with a Square: In the left-hand menu of Design Space, click "Shapes" and select a square. This will act as the base of your card. Unlock the Proportions: In the bottom left corner of the square, you'll see a lock icon. Click it to unlock the proportions, allowing you to change the width and height independently. Size Your Card: Adjust the size of the rectangle to match your desired card dimensions. For a typical folded card, enter 8.4 inches wide by 5.5 inches high. Once folded, this will give you a standard 4.2 x 5.5-inch card. Add a Score Line: To ensure your card folds neatly, add a score line. In the "Shapes" menu, select "Score Line" and adjust its height to match the height of your card (5.5 inches). Place it in the center of the card by selecting both the score line and card base, then choosing "Align" and "Center" from the toolbar. Attach the Score Line: Be sure to attach the score line to the card base by selecting both elements and clicking "Attach." This ensures the score line stays in place during cutting. For the front design, you can customize it based on the occasion or your aesthetic preferences. Here's a simple approach: Add Accent Rectangles: Go back to "Shapes" and add a few smaller rectangles. These will be used to decorate the front of the card. Size them to your preference and place them for a pleasing arrangement. For a balanced look, use three rectangles of different colors. Use Basic Shapes for More Designs: You can also add circles, stars, or other shapes to enhance the design. Just click on the "Shapes" button in the toolbar and experiment with different layouts. Changing Colors: You can change the colors of the shapes for visual purposes. This won't affect how the Cricut cuts them but helps you visualize how your final card will look. To do this, click on the shape and change its color using the "Fill" option. Personalizing your card with text is where Cricut truly shines. You can either use pre-installed fonts or explore fonts available through the Cricut library. Here's how: Add a Text Box: On the left panel, click "Text" and type in your message, like "Hello" or "Happy Birthday." Choose a Font: Cricut offers a variety of fonts to choose from. If you have access to additional fonts, like those available through subscription services (e.g., Makers Gonna Learn), make sure to select one that fits the theme of your card. Adjust Font Size and Spacing: After selecting your font, use the font size and letter spacing tools in the top panel to adjust your text. Make sure it fits neatly onto your card. Convert Text to Draw: If you want your Cricut machine to draw the text with a pen instead of cutting it out, go to the "Line Type" menu at the top of the Design Space and select "Draw." This tells your machine to use the Cricut pen instead of the cutting blade. Now that your design is ready, it's time to cut and assemble your card. Prepare Your Mat: Place your chosen cardstock on the LightGrip mat, ensuring it's aligned correctly. Make sure to press down gently so that it adheres but doesn't damage the paper when removed. Load the Mat: Load the mat into your Cricut machine by pressing the load button. Select Material: In Design Space, choose the appropriate material (in this case, heavy cardstock) from the material settings menu. Start Cutting: Press the "Go" button, and your Cricut machine will cut out the card pieces. It will also draw any text you've added using the pen. Once your card base is cut and the score line is added, remove it from the mat carefully to avoid bending the paper. Use a bone folder (or a credit card, in a pinch) to fold along the score line, making a crisp and professional fold. To assemble the card: Apply Adhesive: Use your ATG gun to apply dry adhesive to the back of your accent pieces. Dry adhesive is preferred for paper crafting because it sets instantly without any mess. Align the Pieces: Carefully place the accent pieces on the card, ensuring they're evenly spaced. Add the Liner: If you've added an internal liner (where you write your message), glue it down as well. Fold the card to make sure everything lines up. Now that your card is mostly assembled, there are a few more details to complete your creation. For added flair, you can tie a simple bow using embroidery floss or ribbon. Here's how: Cut the Floss: Take a piece of embroidery floss long enough to wrap around the card. Tie the Bow: Wrap it around the card and tie a neat bow. You can secure it with a little adhesive on the back to make sure it stays in place. If you opted for a blank liner, use a pen to write your personalized message inside the card. If you want a more finished look, consider having the Cricut write the message for you with a Cricut pen. You would need to set this up before cutting by adding text to the inside of your card in Design Space and attaching it to the card liner. Now that you've mastered the basic steps for making cards with your Cricut, it's time to dive deeper into advanced techniques that will make your cards stand out even more. In this section, we'll cover adding intricate designs, incorporating print and cut elements, using vinyl, and applying extra embellishments like foil. These techniques will elevate your handmade cards to a professional level. Cricut allows you to add more complex and detailed designs to your cards using the various shapes, patterns, and even imported images. Here's how you can take your card-making to the next level: Use the Contour Tool: The Contour Tool in Design Space is perfect for modifying existing shapes or designs. You can use this feature to hide or reveal parts of an image to make custom cut-outs. For example, if you're using a flower shape, you can use the contour tool to remove or modify some petals for a unique look. Import Custom Designs: You can find thousands of designs online to import into Cricut Design Space. SVG (Scalable Vector Graphics) files are especially useful for this because they can be resized without losing quality. If you're making a themed card (such as a wedding or birthday card), you can search for SVGs that match the occasion. Layered Cut Designs: Make depth by layering different shapes or designs on top of each other. For example, you could cut out a background pattern from cardstock and layer a more intricate cut-out (like lace or filigree) over it. The contrast between the two layers will make your card look sophisticated and visually appealing. Use Fine Point Blades for Intricate Cuts: If your design includes delicate or detailed cuts, make sure to use the Cricut Fine Point Blade. This blade allows for precision cuts on intricate patterns, making it ideal for more complex designs like lace borders or mandala patterns. Cricut's Print Then Cut feature is an amazing tool that allows you to print custom images or text and then cut them out perfectly with your machine. This feature is great for adding more personalized touches to your cards, such as custom illustrations, photos, or multicolor designs. Design Your Image: In Cricut Design Space, make or import the image you want to print. This could be anything from a personal photo to a graphic that you've designed in another program. Select Print Then Cut: When your image is ready, select the "Print Then Cut" feature in the settings. Design Space will add a border around your image to help the Cricut machine cut it accurately. Print Your Design: Once you've set up the image, send it to your printer. Use high-quality cardstock or sticker paper for the best results. Cut It Out: Place the printed sheet on your cutting mat and load it into your Cricut. The machine will use sensors to detect the printed border and cut your design perfectly. Print Then Cut allows you to add intricate, multicolored designs without the hassle of layering cardstock. It's also perfect for adding photographs or custom illustrations to your cards. Vinyl isn't just for home decor projects—it's also a fantastic material to use in card making! You can make beautiful text, intricate designs, and even patterned shapes using vinyl. Here's how to incorporate vinyl into your card-making process: Choose the Right Vinyl: Permanent vinyl works well for designs that won't need to be removed, while removable vinyl is great if you're adding temporary elements to the card. Glitter or patterned vinyl can add an eye-catching effect. Design and Cut the Vinyl: In Design Space, make or import your design and size it according to your card layout. Once ready, select the vinyl setting from the materials list and let your Cricut cut the design. Weed the Vinyl: After cutting, use a weeding tool to remove the excess vinyl from around your design. Be careful to leave the part of the design you want to transfer intact. Transfer the Design: Use transfer tape to lift the vinyl design off its backing and place it onto your card. Smooth it out gently, then carefully peel back the transfer tape, leaving the vinyl design perfectly placed on your card. Vinyl adds a sleek, professional touch to cards and can be used for intricate shapes, elegant typography, or even as a decorative border. To add an extra wow factor to your cards, consider using embellishments like foil, glitter, or embossing. These techniques give your cards a luxurious, polished finish and make them stand out from typical store-bought cards. The Cricut Foil Transfer Kit is a fun way to add metallic accents to your cards without needing any heat or mess. Here's how to use it: Attach the Foil Tip: First, attach the Cricut foil transfer tip into Clamp B of your Cricut machine. The foil kit comes with fine, medium, and bold tips, so choose the one that best suits your design. Secure the Foil: Place the foil transfer sheet (shiny side up) over the area of cardstock where you want the foil to appear. Use the provided tape to hold the foil in place. Cut and Transfer: In Design Space, select your design and set the operation to "Foil" rather than "Cut." Run the Cricut as you normally would, and the machine will apply pressure to transfer the foil onto your cardstock. Reveal the Design: Once done, carefully remove the foil sheet to reveal your shiny, metallic design. Foil transfers are perfect for adding luxurious accents to wedding invitations, thank-you cards, or holiday greetings. Glitter can turn a basic card into a dazzling creation. There are two main ways to incorporate glitter into your Cricut projects: Glitter Cardstock: You can use pre-glittered cardstock for your shapes or reveal parts of an image to make custom cut-outs. Simply cut the design as you would any other cardstock, but be sure to use a Deep Point Blade if the cardstock is thick. DIY Glitter Accents: Apply glue to specific parts of your card (such as the edges or text), then sprinkle loose glitter over it. Shake off the excess glitter, and you'll be left with a sparkly accent. Embossing makes raised, textured designs on your cards, which add a touch of elegance and sophistication. While Cricut doesn't have a dedicated embossing tool, you can use third-party embossing folders and a manual embossing machine to achieve this effect. Cut Your Design: Use your Cricut to cut out the shapes or text that you want to emboss. Place in Embossing Folder: Insert the cut-out design into an embossing folder and run it through a manual embossing machine, such as a Sizzix Big Shot. Assemble the Card: Once embossed, adhere the embossed design to your card for a stunning, raised effect. Even with the best planning, you may encounter a few challenges while making cards with your Cricut. Here are some solutions to common problems: If your cardstock tears during cutting, it's likely that your material settings are too aggressive or your blade is too dull. Here's how to fix it: Check Your Material Settings: Double-check that you've selected the correct material setting in Design Space. If you're using lightweight cardstock, choosing a heavier material may cause tears. Inspect Your Blade: If you've been using your Cricut for a while, the blade might be dull. Try replacing the blade with a new one to see if that solves the issue. Vinyl sometimes has trouble adhering to cardstock, especially if the paper is textured or porous. To solve this issue: Use Transfer Tape: Make sure to use transfer tape to lift the vinyl from the backing and place it on the cardstock. Apply Pressure: Use a scraper tool to apply firm pressure on the vinyl once it's on the cardstock to ensure it adheres properly. Try Different Vinyl: If regular vinyl isn't working, try using adhesive vinyl designed specifically for paper projects. If your score lines aren't folding cleanly, it could be due to improper settings or materials. Here's what to do: Use the Right Tool: Make sure you're using a scoring stylus or wheel, not just a cutting blade. These tools are designed to make precise score lines. Increase Pressure: In Design Space, you can adjust the pressure settings to make deeper score lines, which will result in cleaner folds. Discover expert answers to FAQs about how to make cards on cricut and start crafting beautiful, personalized cards with ease. 1. Can I use regular scrapbook cardstock for card making on Cricut? Yes, you can use regular scrapbook cardstock, but make sure it's compatible with your Cricut machine. Heavy cardstock, such as 80-110 lb, is typically better for sturdy cards. Lightweight paper may tear during cutting. 2. What weight of cardstock should I use for the card base? For the card base, a heavier cardstock between 80-110 lb is recommended. This gives the card a professional feel and ensures it stands up without flopping over. 3. Can I use the Cricut Explore Air 2 for this tutorial? Yes, the Cricut Explore Air 2 can perform all the tasks shown in this tutorial, including cutting cardstock, scoring, and using a pen for drawing or writing. 4. What is the purpose of the scoring tool on card making? The scoring tool creates fold lines on your cardstock, making it easier to fold the card evenly and cleanly without cracking the paper. 5. What if I don't have a scoring stylus? Is there an alternative? If you don't have a scoring stylus, you can fold the card manually using a ruler or a bone folder to create a crisp edge. Alternatively, some users opt for a butter knife or a credit card. 6. Why is my Cricut putting the score line on a different mat from the card base? This issue happens if the score line isn't attached to the base layer. Make sure to select both layers (score line and base) and click "Attach" in Design Space to keep them together during cutting. 7. Can I write custom messages inside the card using the Cricut pen? Yes, you can use the Cricut pen to write messages on the card by choosing the "Draw" option for your text in Design Space. Make sure to attach the text to the layer it will be drawn on. 8. Can I use adhesive alternatives if I don't have a tape dispenser? Yes, you can use double-sided tape, glue sticks, or any adhesive that dries clear and works well with paper. For a repositionable option, consider using low-tack adhesive dots or spray adhesives. 9. Why is my cardstock tearing when cutting intricate designs? Your blade might be too dull, or the cut settings too high. Try using a Fine Point Blade and adjust the material settings in Design Space to match the cardstock weight you're using. 10. Can I make an envelope using my Cricut? Yes, you can make custom envelopes using Cricut Design Space by selecting or designing an envelope template that fits the size of your card. 11. How do I change a word from "Cut" to "Draw" in Design Space? Select the text box and go to the "Operation" menu (previously called "Line Type"). Choose "Draw" from the drop-down menu to change the cut line to drawn lines. 12. What's the best adhesive for adding embellishments like embroidery floss? A dry adhesive like an ATG (Advanced Tape Glider) gun works best for securing embellishments like embroidery floss. It's strong, quick, and doesn't warp the paper. 13. Can I use the green Cricut mat for cutting cardstock? Yes, the green StandardGrip mat can be used for cardstock, but the blue LightGrip mat is recommended to prevent tearing or curling when removing the paper. 14. What do I do if my score line becomes a solid cut line? Double-check your settings in Design Space. Make sure you've selected "Score" rather than "Cut" when adding the score line. Making cards with Cricut is a delightful way to explore your creativity and produce professional-quality, personalized cards for any occasion. From simple, beginner-friendly designs to more intricate techniques involving vinyl, foil, and embossing, the possibilities are endless. By following this comprehensive guide, you now have the knowledge to make stunning cards that will impress your friends and family. Don't be afraid to experiment with different designs, materials, and embellishments. I was so excited to hear about Cricut's new Joy Xtra, a new machine with more functions, including making stickers! I've never made stickers before so have been looking for the perfect project to create some. Enter, a recipe scrapbook for the girls! Frankie in particular has been really getting into cooking, so I thought this could be a nice way of sharing it with her and getting her even more excited. I used the Joy Xtra to create a few different elements for this project and I love how it came together. Read on to see how. Pin It About The Cricut Joy Xtra I was so excited to hear that Cricut had just released a new machine, similar to the Joy but with increased capabilities, making it a great compact machine for anyone looking to get into the world of Cricut. The Joy Xtra is the perfect size for this type of project, it's compact and so easy to use, like the original Joy machine but it fits an A4 piece of paper in it which opens up a whole lot more options and sizes. Plus, the thing I was most excited to make for this project - stickers! And I think it goes without saying they were Frankie's favourite part too. She already wants me to make her more. Pin It Creating the Design First begin by making your design in Cricut's Design Space. This is where the magic happens and your imagination can create anything you want, which I love! I was able to find all the shapes and fonts I needed using the app, and simply put it together and mocked up the book. The watercolor images I used for the stickers were so perfect and easy to find in the app. Making the Stickers Pin It Pin It Pin It Pin It Pin It I was so excited to experiment with making stickers! I used these images from the Design Space app: #M2A9CBAAC #M2A9CBA8D #M4AD86608A #M4F38991B #M2AB3081B #M2A9CBAAF #M2A9CBAD9. You need: Cricut Joy Xtra Cricut Printable Waterproof Sticker Set Ink Jet Printer Cricut Xtra machine mat Scraper tool How to Once you have designed your stickers in the Design Space app, it's time to print and then cut them out. If this is your first time using print then cut with your machine you will be prompted to calibrate, follow the steps and do not skip this part. Click calibrate and print the test sheet, add it to a cutting mat and run it through your machine. The machine will cut a series of lines and you will choose which cut is most precise. Now you can move on to printing the stickers. You may need to feed the sticker paper through the rear feeder. Print the stickers and let them dry for a few minutes. Place the sticker sheet onto a cutting mat. Apply the laminate. This is the top covering that comes in the sticker pack and makes your stickers waterproof. Tear off the top strip on the back and line it up with the top of the sticker sheet. Use the scraper tool to push it into place as you remove the backing. In Cricut Design Space choose the printable waterproof sticker paper, then load the mat into the machine. Unload the mat when the cut is complete. Remove the stickers from the paper and use! Making The Book Cover Pin It Pin It Pin It Pin It Pin It Pin It I wanted to give the cover of the recipe book a fun feel so I personalised it with a gingham inspired vinyl and a little "Frankie's Diner" detail. You'll need: Cricut Joy Xtra Cricut Joy Xtra standard grip mat Cricut weeding tools Cricut Smart Vinyl in black, white and red Cricut Transfer Tape A blank book (I used this one) How to: You can load your materials into the machine and follow the prompts in design space to cut all your materials. Once cut, I simply transferred the vinyl gingham onto the cover and then added the circle and lettering on top. It was so easy! Making the "Handwritten" Labels Pin It Pin It Pin It I love how perfect the Cricut pen looks but still has a handwritten vibe, and that was perfect for this recipe book! You need: White card Cricut Joy Xtra Joy Xtra pen in 0.3 How to: You'll need to choose a font for your labels that is compatible to be hand written with the pen. You can filter fonts using the check box in the drop down. Once you have a font, write your labels onto the canvas and then put a cut box around them. Lay your white card onto the mat. Insert your mat into the machine and follow the prompts in the Design Space app, you will have to switch from the pen to the fine point blade. Remove the labels from the mat. Once I had all my elements ready and had done the cover, I simply laid out the pages and hand wrote the recipes. I love this so much! Pin It Pin It Pin It Pin It Pin It These recipe cards are super simple. All you need is a black Cricut pen, kraft cardstock, a blue mat, and you machine! Feel free to customize with different colors of cardstock/link to match your own kitchen! You can find the project here: Kraft Brown Recipe Card Once you have the project open to the landing page, all you need to do is: 1. Click "Make It" 2. Click Continue (You may be prompted to purchase the image if you do not have Cricut Access) 3. Select your machine to connect to it 4. Set your material to cardstock (or other material depending on what you are using for your card) 5. Load a midnight or black Cricut Pen into clamp A 6. Load your fine point blade into Clamp B 7. Place your paper on a blue mat and load it into your machine 8. Press go and watch your machine draw out your recipe cards! (optionally, you can increase the copies of your card if you want your machine to draw more than one at a time) Remember to share your project with the rest of us in Cricut Community Explorers and Makers on Facebook with the hashtag #thewritestuff. Click here to find all of the weekly prompts for this challenge. Reddit and its partners use cookies and similar technologies to provide you with a better experience. By accepting all cookies, you agree to our use of cookies to deliver and maintain our services and site, improve the quality of Reddit, personalize Reddit content and advertising, and measure the effectiveness of advertising. By rejecting non-essential cookies, Reddit may still use certain cookies to ensure the proper functionality of our platform. For more information, please see our Cookie Notice and our Privacy Policy. I think that making cards can unfairly get grouped into either a "too easy" or "too hard" category. But in reality, you can make cards with Cricut at ANY skill level. Let me show you how! This post is brought to you in partnership with Cricut. All thoughts and opinions are my own. Click here to enroll in a 30 minute card class over at Creative Fabrica - you'll keep learning more about card making! To start with basic Cricut cards, all you need is a Cricut machine, some cardstock, and a mat (Blue or Green). You'll also need adhesive - a good quality liquid glue like this one, or a tape runner. As you work on more advanced cards, or want to acquire more tools or supplies, you may want: Links to the Design Space Projects for each design I used: If you see yourself mainly making cards and organizational labels, Cricut Joy is the perfect machine for you! I wrote more details about Cricut Joy here. But to summarize, it's compact, lightweight, cuts cards easily, and can cut smaller-size vinyl projects, or continuous long cuts with Smart Materials. The introduction of the card mat was really a game changer in making Cricut cards. You can cut the front only of a pre-folded card, tack in the corners of a colored insert, and the card is done! I like to use the Insert Card material setting and add more pressure. In my experience, this gives the cleanest cuts. It's perfect for making several cards in a short period of time, or when you need something fast at the last minute. The newer cutaway cards have an adhesive inside the card already. You peel away the backing and stick the insert to it. Then you cut the card on the card mat like normal, and peel away the cardstock pieces to reveal the slick-surfaced insert underneath. You also want to make sure that you DO use the insert that comes in the kit, and not another piece of cardstock, because the adhesive won't release from regular cardstock. I classified it as intermediate, because it takes some time and can be a little finicky to get the cardstock and sticky layer off of the insert. I also added a foil design to this card. The card design I chose had a cut layer and a pen layer, so I changed the pen action to foil. Choose a card base and insert. Peel away the paper from the adhesive. Lay the colored side of the insert on the adhesive and press down to secure. Position the card on the card mat. Design Space will instruct you to tape on the foil and put the foil tool in the Joy. Load the mat into the machine and press go on your computer. When the foil design is finished, leave the mat in the machine, but remove the tape and foil. You'll get prompts in Design Space. Put the cutting blade back in the Joy and click Go. Then the design will be cut. When it's finished, click Unload. Remove the card from the mat and then work on peeling away the unwanted parts of the design. You'll be taking off the cardstock and the adhesive layer. I had to use my weeding hook in several places, so I took a bit of time. Just be patient and try to not scrape into the insert layer so you don't damage it. If you have a Cricut, two pieces of cardstock, and some glue, you can make adorable cards! You can search for card images and find cards with rounded corners, simple cutouts, and decorative edges, like the one I'm using. Then find a phrase or image (look for ones that cut out in one attached piece, like this Happy Birthday I'm using.) If you have a scoring tool or a scoring wheel (for the Maker) the machine will make the fold line for you. Otherwise, you can delete the score line in Design Space and fold the card on your own. Cut the two pieces of cardstock, fold the card base, and use glue to attach the front of your card. Voila! This card is a really cute lion cut-out. The card base is a mirrored shape of the lion, and there are several layers of cardstock to assemble. When making a layered card like this, I find 3 things to be really helpful. Change the colors in Design Space to the actual colors of cardstock you'll be using. Making a layer purple instead of blue? Change it to so it's easy to organize the mats. Stack cardstock colors in order. After you click Make It, scroll down the left and look at the order that Design Space will be cutting the mats and line up cardstock accordingly. Open the project on your Canvas again when assembling the card to make sure you get the placement right and don't forget any pieces. When you are ready to really up your card-making game, check out the pop-up cards in Design Space! Search the projects section, or in the images for "pop up." I chose to make the sunflower pop-up, and often these large cards come with a custom envelope cut out too. After picking my cardstock and pen colors, I began loading mats into the machine to cut. Again, I used my tips for cutting layered cards, and set the piece off to the side of my work space. When it comes to assembly, honestly the best tip is to find someone making it on YouTube! Once you have done a couple of this style of card, you get the hang of it. But the first time through, just looking at all the pieces, it can be very confusing. The extra advice I would give specifically for this pop-up sunflower card, is to use tiny amounts of glue on the slits of the center cross-cut piece. Part of my problem was probably that I used a thinner black cardstock than normal, so perhaps a regular thickness would hold together better. But mine kept slipping out of place until I added some tiny bits of glue. So have you been inspired to make cards with your Cricut? I hope so! Which level of card do you feel like you're at now? What would you like to try next? Let me know, or share it on Instagram and tag me!