12. Layers Panel

D. Changing image contour

The Contour tool allows you to hide a portion of an image layer, removing any unwanted cut paths.

If you would like to hide portions of a text layer, you must first Weld your text. This will change it into a single image layer, which will then allow you to hide cut paths.

**Step 1** Ungroup your image if it has multiple layers. An image must be ungrouped to use Contour.

**Step 2** Select the image layer you will be working with.
Step 3 Click *Contour* in the Layers Panel.

A new screen will appear with a grayscale preview of your image layer. The dark gray lines of the image represent the cut path(s). Each cut path is also represented in the panel on the right.
Step 4 Click on the portion of the image you do not want. The fill and outline will change in the image preview and the tile on the right will be highlighted, indicating this will no longer show as part of the image and will not cut.

Note You cannot hide all cut paths. At least one contour must be visible. Clicking Hide All Contours will hide all cut paths except the base.

Step 5 When you are finished hiding portions of the image, click on the X in the top right corner to dismiss the screen.
You will see the hidden contours no longer appear as part of the image.