

14. Using your own images

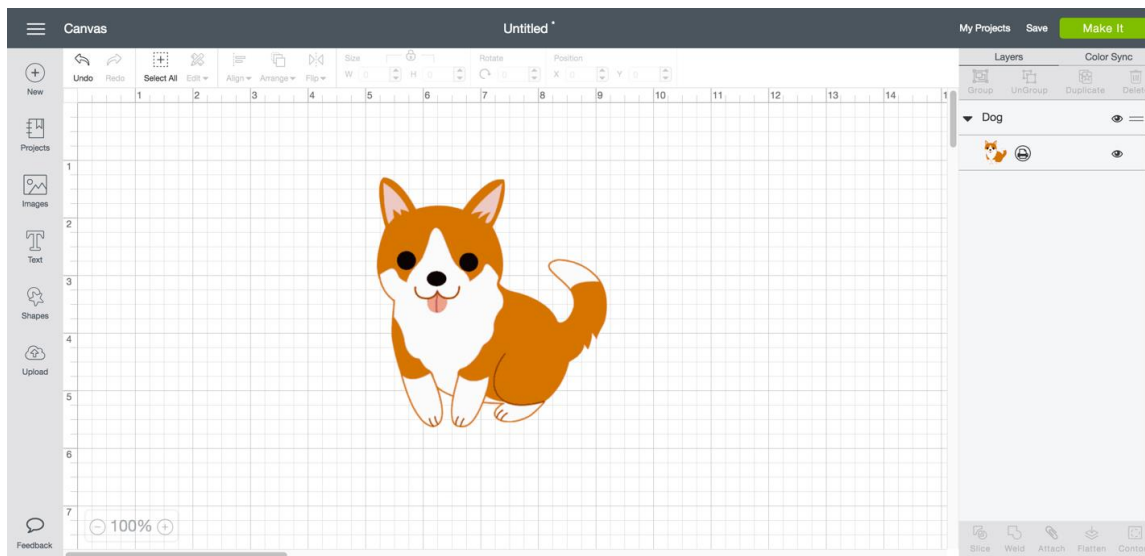
B. Preparing artwork from Adobe® Photoshop®

Cricut Design Space™ lets you upload most .jpg, .gif, .png, .bmp, .svg, and .dxf images and convert them into cuttable shapes. The tool doesn't allow you to make modifications to the design itself, which is why working with Adobe Photoshop to prepare your files is effective. With Adobe Photoshop, you can use the full range of tools to create and modify your designs, and then upload them to Cricut Design Space.

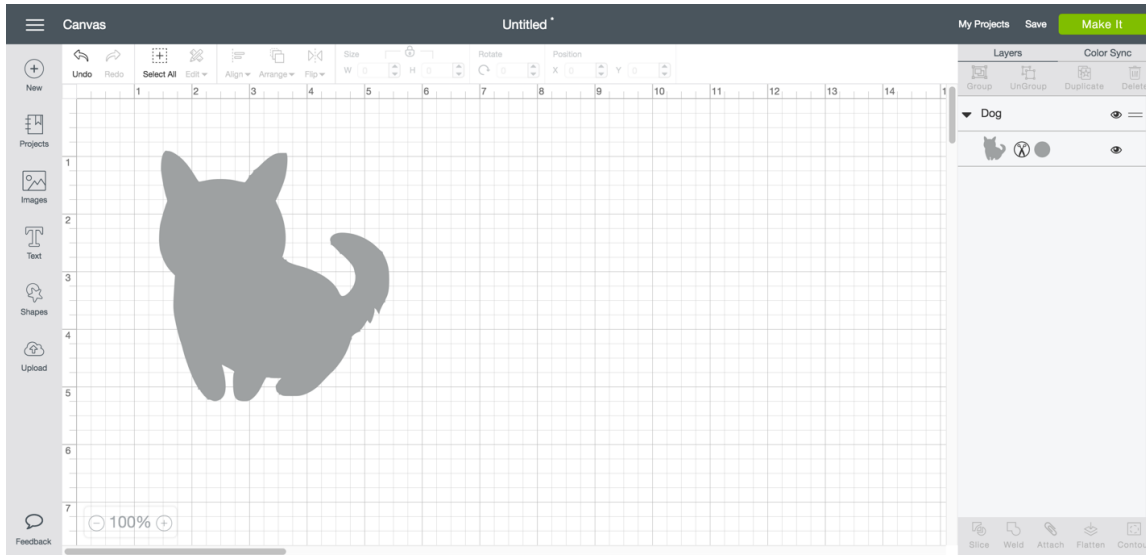
The two different types of images are Basic and Vector. Adobe Photoshop is not a vector program, which means it cannot save vector files like .svg and .dxf.

Artwork created in Adobe Photoshop can be used to:

- A. Print the image on your home printer and cut out the image using your Cricut® machine with the Print then Cut feature.



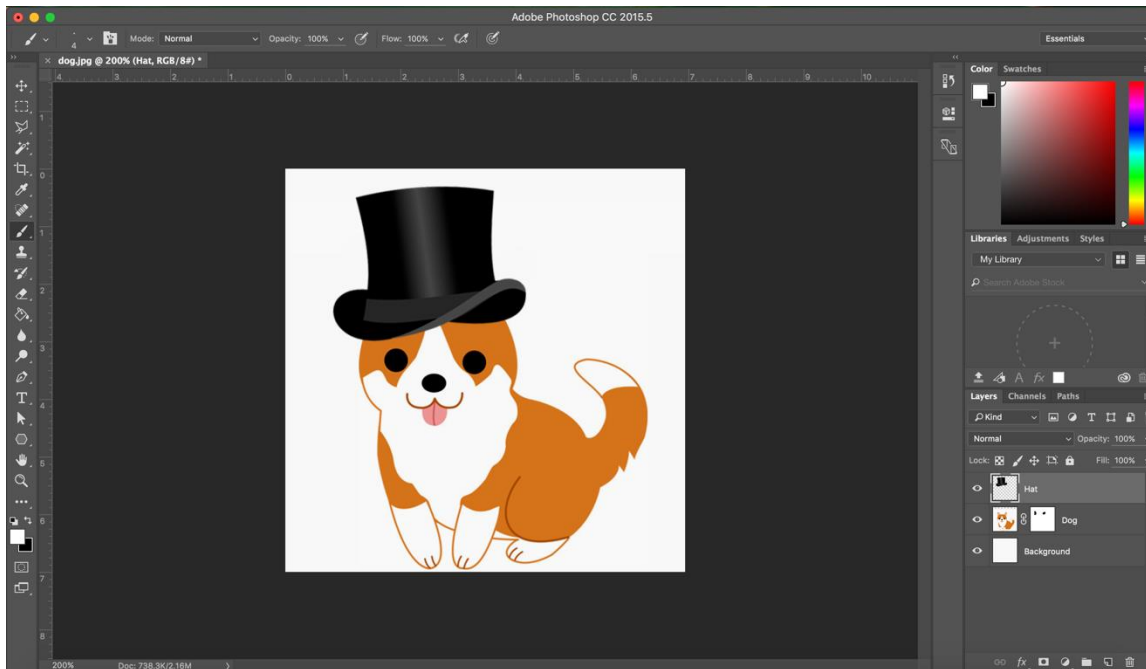
- B. Cut or draw the outline of the image.



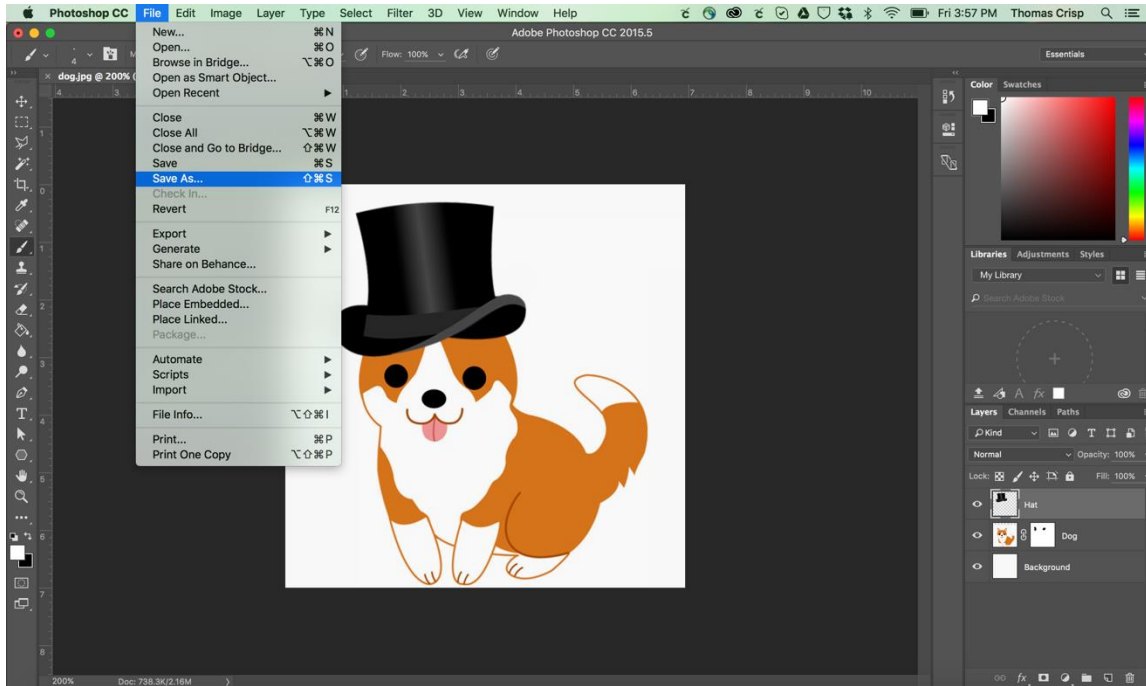
Preparing artwork

The following steps use Adobe Photoshop CC 2015.5. Although the screenshots will be different in older versions, the process is the same.

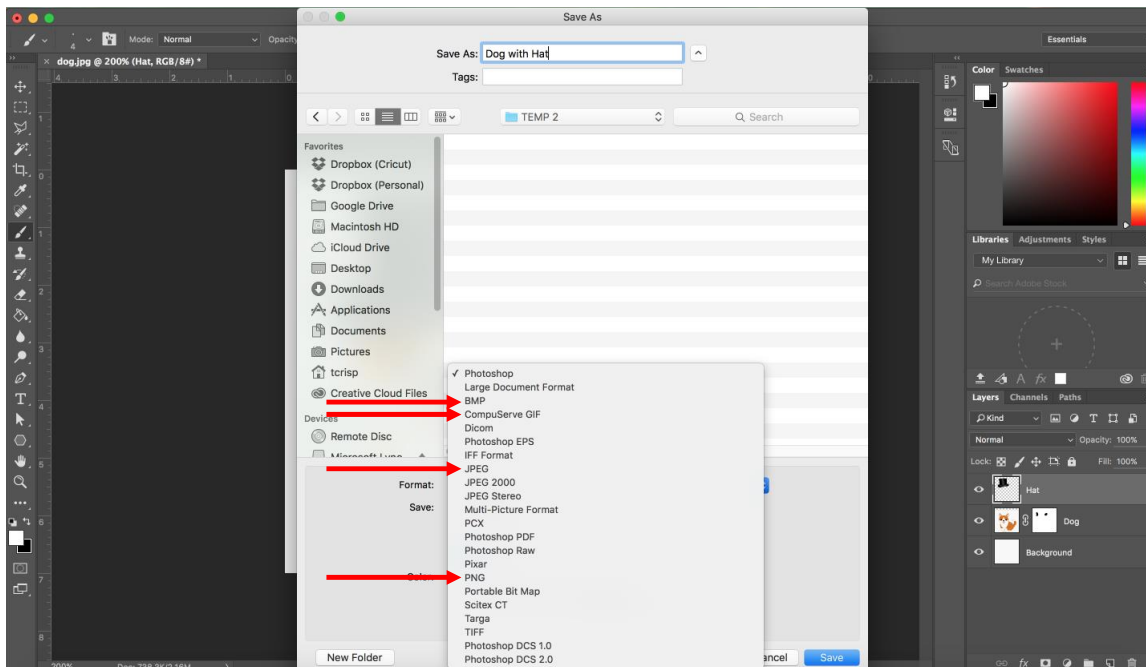
Step 1 Create or modify an image using any of the Adobe Photoshop tools. The file can be made of single or multiple layers, but will be flattened to a single layer when saved.



Step 2 Under the File Menu, click *Save As*.



Step 3 After naming your file, select any one of the following file types: JPEG (.jpg), CompuServe GIF (.gif), PNG (.png), or BMP (.bmp).



Step 4 For best results with .jpg files, select 10 (Maximum) on the Quality slider. For .gif, .png, and .bmp files, use the default settings if prompted with additional screens.