

Cricut Maker FAQ

Is Design Space the same for the Cricut Maker as for the Explore?

Design Space is indeed the same for the Cricut Maker as for the Explore. Use the same URL to access it and the same Cricut ID to sign in. However, in the cut interaction, when you have a Cricut Maker machine selected the Set material and Load tools and mat steps will look slightly different because the Cricut Maker does not have a SmartSet dial. The material is selected in the software instead.

Will I lose my cartridges, projects, or uploaded images if I upgrade to the Cricut Maker?

No. Your cartridges, projects, and uploaded images are linked to your Cricut ID in the Cricut Cloud, not to a machine. Use the same Cricut ID as always and you'll have access to all of your content with your Cricut Maker.

Is the Cricut Maker power cord the same as the one I have for my Explore?

The Cricut Maker power cord has been upgraded to allow for 3 Amps of output. The Cricut Explore machines have an output of 2.5 Amps. The upgraded capacity allows you to charge a mobile device via the charging port on the right side of the Cricut maker machine while the machine is cutting or writing.

Using an Explore power cord with your Cricut Maker will not damage the machine. However, if you are charging a mobile device while the machine is cutting, especially if cutting thicker materials or materials that require more pressure, using something other than the Cricut Maker power cord may cause the motor to stutter, slow down, or the machine to shut off.



Note: We recommend using the power cord that comes with the machine.

How is the Cricut Maker Adaptive Tool System different than the Cricut Explore Smart Cut technology?

The Cricut Explore Cut Smart technology moves the mat in and out of the machine

and the carriage side to side, allowing the fine point blade to drag to cut through materials.

The Cricut Maker also moves the mat in and out of the machine, and the carriage side to side, but with the Adaptive Tool System the gears of the drive housing interlock with the gears of the Adaptive Tool System to lift and turn the blade, intelligently controlling the direction of the blade and the cut pressure to match the material, enabling the Rotary Blade to cut fabrics and the Knife Blade to cut thicker materials.

Does the Cricut Maker have Fast Mode?

Yes; the Cricut Maker does have a Fast Mode option for cutting and writing up to 2x faster when using some Vinyl, Iron-on, and Cardstock settings.

How does the Cricut Maker know which blade I have loaded?

When you proceed to cut your project, the machine will first move the carriage to the right (this is calling “homing”) then scan the blade to find out which one is installed.

How thick can my cutting material be with the Cricut Maker?

3/32” of an inch, or 2.4mm for both the rotary and knife blades. Click [here](#) for an important tip when cutting thick materials.

Does the Cricut Maker have to be connected to the internet?

The Cricut Maker machine is used with Design Space, which is a cloud-based, online software. It does not function stand-alone. When using Design Space on a desktop or laptop computer, an internet connection is required. When using the machine with the Design Space app on an iOS device (iPad/iPhone), you can use the offline feature in that app to use your machine and Design Space without an internet connection.



Note: Click [here](#) to learn how to use the Offline feature in the iOS app.

Does the Cricut Maker fit into the tweed Machine Tote?

Yes; the Cricut Maker does indeed fit inside the tweed Machine Tote.



Additional Resources

[Learn.cricut.com](https://learn.cricut.com)

[Help.cricut.com](https://help.cricut.com)

[Inspiration.cricut.com](https://inspiration.cricut.com)

[What comes in the box?](#)

[How do I set up my Cricut Explore or Cricut Maker machine?](#)

[Cricut Maker: Moving the star wheels on the roller bar](#)

[Cricut Maker Manual](#)

[Cricut Maker: Scoring Wheel FAQ](#)