How Do I

Write and Cut in One Step?

Your Cricut Explore or Maker machine can write, cut, or score, and telling it which one you want to do is easy! There are just a few steps to the process:

First, Change your image or text line type to “Write.”
Then, Use the Attach tool to fasten your image or text to a cut layer.

Let’s Start

Selecting Line Type

You can change Line type from the Layers panel by accessing the Layer Attributes panel.

1. Insert your images or text onto the canvas.

2. When using Design Space on a computer, click the line type icon or layer thumbnail in the Layers panel to open the Layer Attributes panel. The current line type will be highlighted. When using the iOS app, tap on Layers at the bottom of the screen; you will see the line type displayed next to your item in the Layers panel that opens. Then tap the arrow next to your image to access the Layer Attributes panel. The current line type will be highlighted.

Design Space - Windows/Mac
3. Click or tap the icon or tab that represents the desired line type. The image line type on the design screen will change to reflect changes in the Layers panel. When you are done with your selections, click outside the Layer Attributes panel to close it. In the iOS app, tap the Layers button at the bottom of the screen to close the Layers panel.

Note: To use a font with single strokes, which most closely resembles handwriting, select "Writing" (on a computer) or "Has a Writing Style" (iOS App) from the Font Filters menu. The Font list will then refresh and show you only those fonts that have been specially designed with single-strokes for writing with a pen. When a font that has a writing style is selected, your text on the screen will change to show the letters as single strokes. Fonts that have a writing style automatically select "Write" as the line type; there is no need to manually change this in the Layer Attributes panel.
Attaching to fasten a write line to a cut layer

1. Design your image as desired.

Note: If you will be attaching a write or score line to a multi-layered image, ungroup the multi-layered image first to avoid attaching all the layers together. Text containing a write layer does not need to be ungrouped before attaching.
2. Select the draw, write, or score line and the layer you would like it placed on.

3. Once images have been selected, click Attach on the Layers panel (computer) or under the Actions menu (iOS).
4. Your text will be converted to an image and the text or your score line will be placed on the layer it has been attached to. You will know that your images are attached because they will appear as an Attached Set on the layers panel. Click Make It to begin the cutting process.

5. The writing will appear on your image in the Mat preview screen exactly as you have it arranged on the canvas.

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