

The Attach tool has two functions. Attach holds your cuts in position so that images on the cutting mat will appear exactly as they show up on the design canvas. Attach can also fasten a write or score layer to a cut layer. The Detach tool separates attached layers.

**Tip:** If there is more than one layer in a project, any write or score layers must be attached to another layer so that they will be written or scored on the correct mat.

### Using Attach to hold position on the mat

**Step 1** Tap the Actions button to open the Actions panel and the Layers button to open the Layers panel.

**Step 2** Select the layers or layer groups you would like to cut in a specific position on the mat. They will all be cutting from the same mat, so it's a good idea to attach layers that share a color groups (see "Selecting" in the "Working with images" section of this manual for tips on selecting layers).

**Tip:** You may wish to ungroup layers of a layer group before attaching, as the Attach tool will convert all selected layers into a single color that will be cut from the same mat (see "Grouping & ungrouping" in the "Actions panel" section of this manual). Once layers have been attached, they can then be grouped with other layers without affecting the way the project cuts on the mat.







**Step 3** Tap the Attach button to attach the selected layers so that they hold their position on the cutting mat as they appear the design canvas. You will know the layers are attached because they appear in the Layers panel with the label "Attached Set" (grouped layers that have been attached will appear as subsets of the attached set).





**Step 4** When you are send the project to the mat, the images appear on the mat preview exactly as you have them arranged on your project.









*Tip:* If items are not attached, the project will cut in paper saver mode, meaning it will automatically place objects on the cutting mat as close together as possible to conserve material.





#### Using Attach to fasten a write or score layer to a cut layer

**Step 1** Tap the Actions button to open the Actions panel and the Layers button to open the Layers panel.

**Step 2** Select the write or score layer along with a single layer or layer group to which it will be attached (see "Selecting" in the "Working with images" section of this manual for tips on selecting layers).



**Tip:** You may wish to ungroup layers of a layer group before attaching, as the Attach tool will convert all selected layers into a single color that will be cut from the same mat (see "Grouping & ungrouping" in the "Actions panel" section of this manual). Once layers have been attached, they can then be grouped with other layers without affecting the way the project cuts on the mat.





**Step 3** Tap Attach to attach the write or score layer to the other layer. You will know the layers are attached because they appear in the Layers panel with the label "Attached Set."

*Tip:* Text layers that have been attached are converted to images and the text cannot be edited. If you wish the edit the text, detach the text layer. Reattach it when you have finished editing the text.



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# **Attaching & detaching**

#### **Detaching layers**

**Step 1** Tap the Actions button to open the Actions panel and the Layers button to open the Layers panel.

**Step 2** Select the attached set from which you want to detach the layers.



**Step 3** Tap the Detach button in the Actions panel to split the attached set into individual layers. You will know the layers are detached because they appear individually in the Layers panel without the label "Attached Set."



