

CRICUT CARD MAT 2 X 2

tips & tricks



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TIPS, TRICKS
& IDEAS TO
HELP YOU CRAFT
SUCCESSFULLY

1 The Card Mat 2 x 2 features 4 panels which fit 5 Cricut Card sizes:

- R10 - 3.5 in x 4.9 in (8.9 cm x 12.4 cm)
- R20 - 4.25 in x 5.5 in (10.8 cm x 14 cm)
- R30 - 4.5 in x 6.25 in (11.4 cm x 15.9 cm)
- R40 - 4.75 in x 6.6 in (12.1 cm x 16.8 cm)
- S40 - 4.75 in x 4.75 in (12.1 cm x 12.1 cm)



2 You can make one to four cards on the mat at a time.

3 To align cards properly, insert the Card Mat 2 x 2 top edge first. The top edge has a hole in it, and the Cricut name will be right side up. Unlike other machine mats, the Card Mat only works when inserted top edge first.

4 Allow enough room behind your Cricut for the mat to pull through, or the machine could jam.

5 The card mat is quite sticky. You may need to use the tip of a weeder tool to pry up the edge and insert the card underneath it.

6 While you can use different designs, all cards to be cut on the mat together must be the same size.



7 Know the size of your cards and set them properly in Design Space.

8 When inserted into the mat, cards should line up precisely to the correct size on the mat. Ensure they are in all the way to the right and to the top.

9 Use a brayer to ensure the cards are stuck well to the mat with no bubbles underneath.

10 Avoid wearing out the same spot(s) on your mat by moving cards around to different places. You can drag and drop your designs to other locations when needed.

11 Group and attach each design before cutting.

12 If you used a “Guide” for your design size on your canvas, hide it before cutting.

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All designs must be set to the same color to cut them together on one mat. One way to do this is to use Color Sync in the Layers Panel and drag each design/color into one. You can still use any color cards you want on the mat.

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Move the star wheels on your Cricut to the center of the mat before cutting to prevent leaving marks on the cards, as the card mat is thick.



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To make multiple identical cards, duplicate one design by increasing the Project Copies in Design Space when preparing to draw and cut in the “Make It” function.

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When telling Design Space how to load your materials, select “On Card Mat”.

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To protect the card’s design, if you plan to draw on the inside of your card(s), do that before cutting the front design.

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Design Space will always draw before cutting, have your pens ready to go before starting to cut your cards. Prompts will appear each time you need to switch colors.

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Use a scraper or spatula to carefully remove the edges of your card from the mat when it’s done and then gently pull off the rest to preserve your design.

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Any bits left on the mat can be removed with a scraper or spatula, pushing them to the top or bottom of the mat to avoid them getting caught in the mat’s grooves.

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To keep your mat sticky, replace the liners on your card mat after each use to protect them from dust and dirt.

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For cutaway cards, use a weeder tool to lift the edges of the cuts carefully, if needed, and then pull the rest off with your fingers to avoid damaging the card backer underneath.

