GUIDE TO MAKING STICKERS WITH SILHOUETTE

Making stickers with Silhouette is really no different than Silhouette print and cut...instead of printing and cutting on paper, you're printing and cutting on sticker sheets!

And just like print and cut, once you make your first set of stickers, you'll be hooked!!!

Using Pre-Design Sticker Sets

The easiest types of stickers to print and cut are those that are pre-designed and set up as stickers. This guide includes a practice set of stickers that you can download to practice with. The practice sticker set can be downloaded free from So Fontsy.

The download will include two versions of the stickers: SVG and PNG. If you have Silhouette Studio Designer Edition (or higher) you can open the SVG version in Silhouette Studio and the file will be set up and ready to print and cut. If you have not upgraded to a one-time paid Silhouette Studio software version, you will need to use the PNG version of the sticker set.
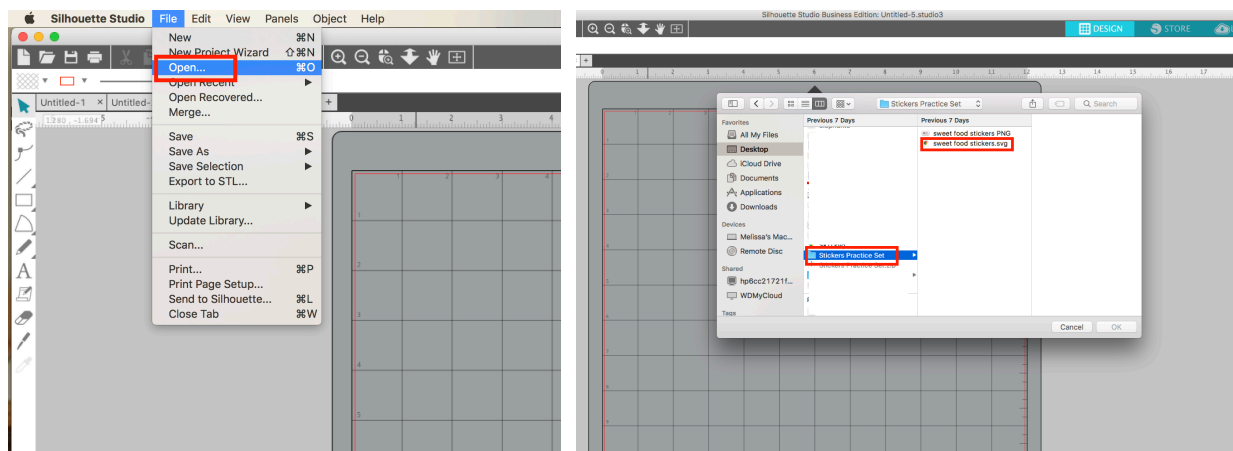
Click here to download the practice sticker set from So Fontsy

https://sofontsy.com/product/sticker-practice-set/

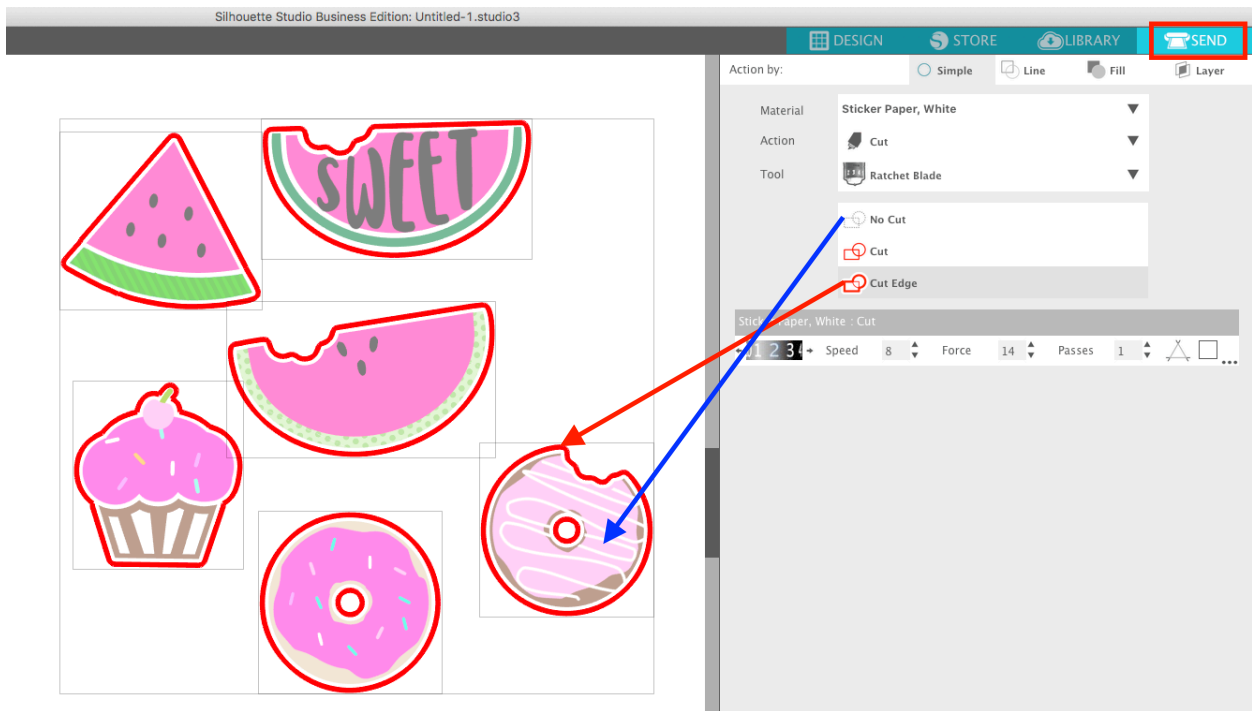### Opening and Setting Up SVG Sticker Sets

Open Silhouette Studio and from the File menu click "Open."

Navigate to the SVG sticker set on your computer and click Ok to open in a new work area in Silhouette Studio.

Select the set > right click > ungroup.

Open the Send Panel and with ONLY the red cut lines selected, click "Cut Edge." Make sure the full color designs are set to "No Cut."
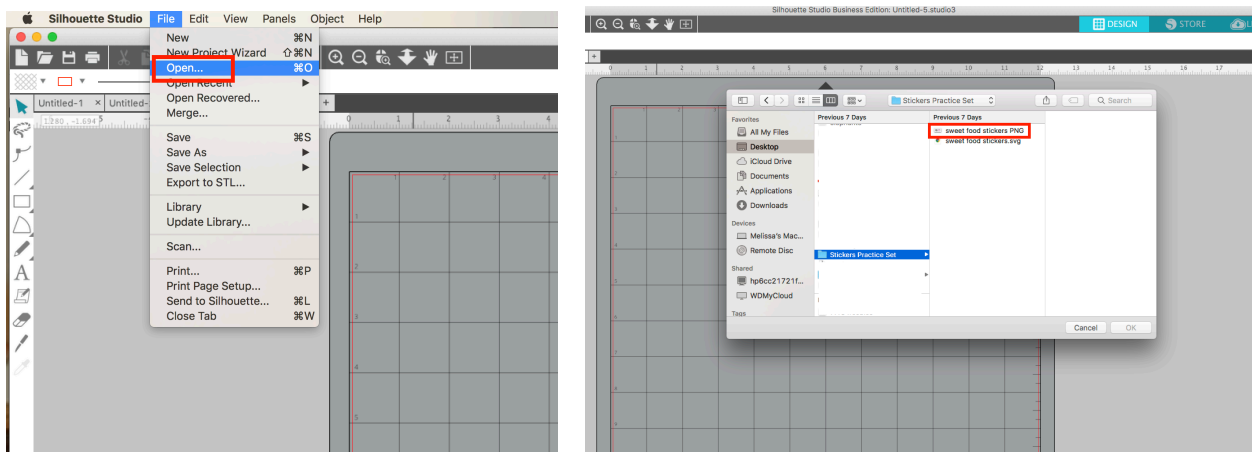

Return to the Design tab to continue setting up your sticker sheet as described in the How to Set Up Sticker Sheets section below.
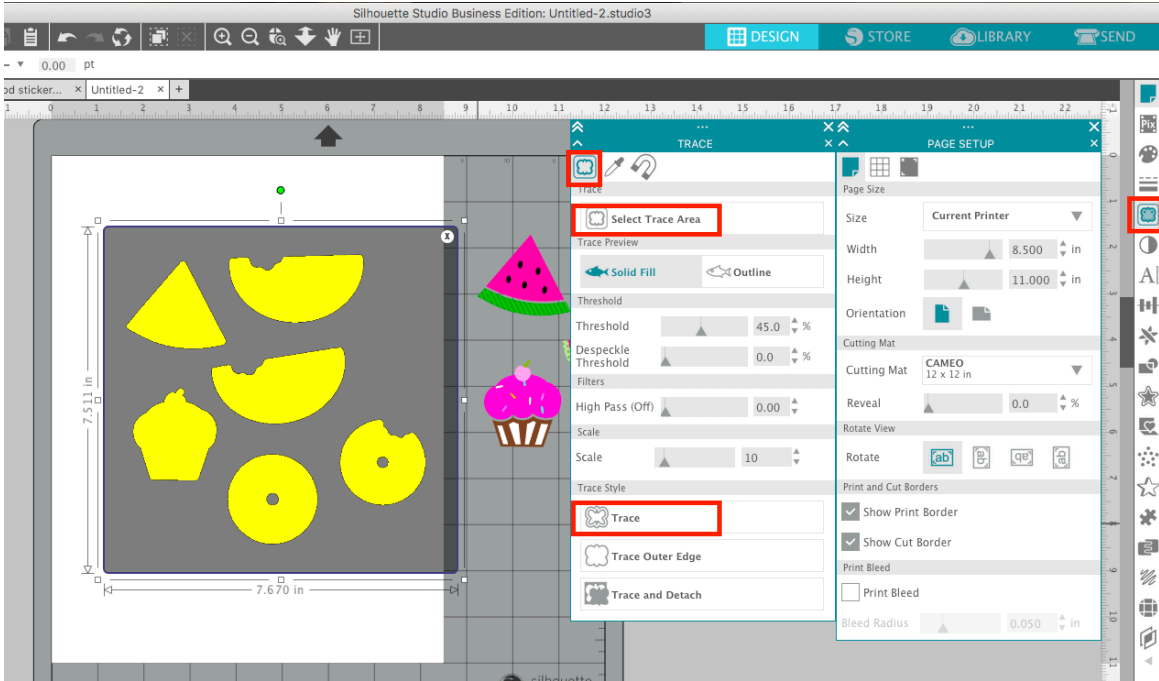
Opening and Setting Up PNG Sticker Sets

Because PNG designs needs to be traced to create cut lines, the practice sticker set includes the full color version of the stickers and a "black out offset" set.

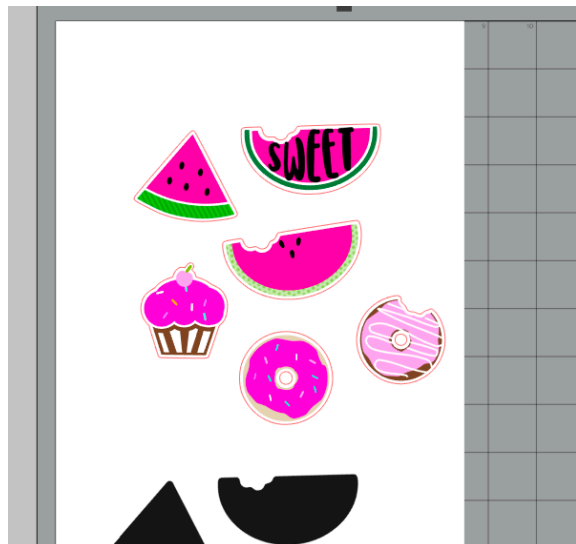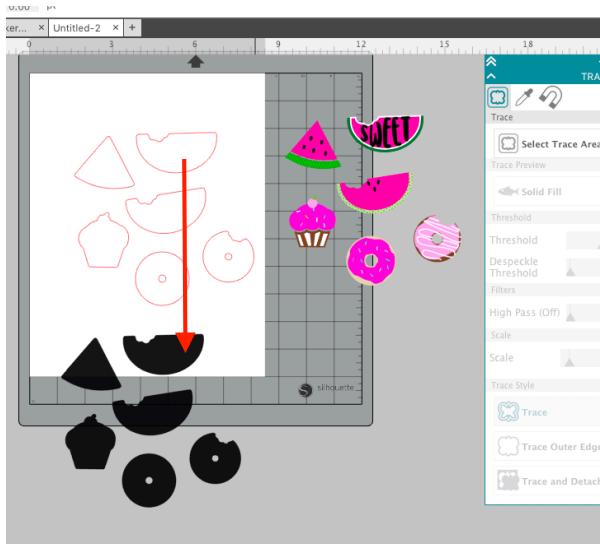To use the set, open Silhouette Studio and from the File menu click "Open."

Navigate to the PNG sticker set on your computer and click Ok to open in a new work area in Silhouette Studio.

Open the Trace panel from the right sidebar and draw a trace selection box around the black designs only. Yellow shading should completely and evenly fill the designs. Click "Trace" to create the cut lines.
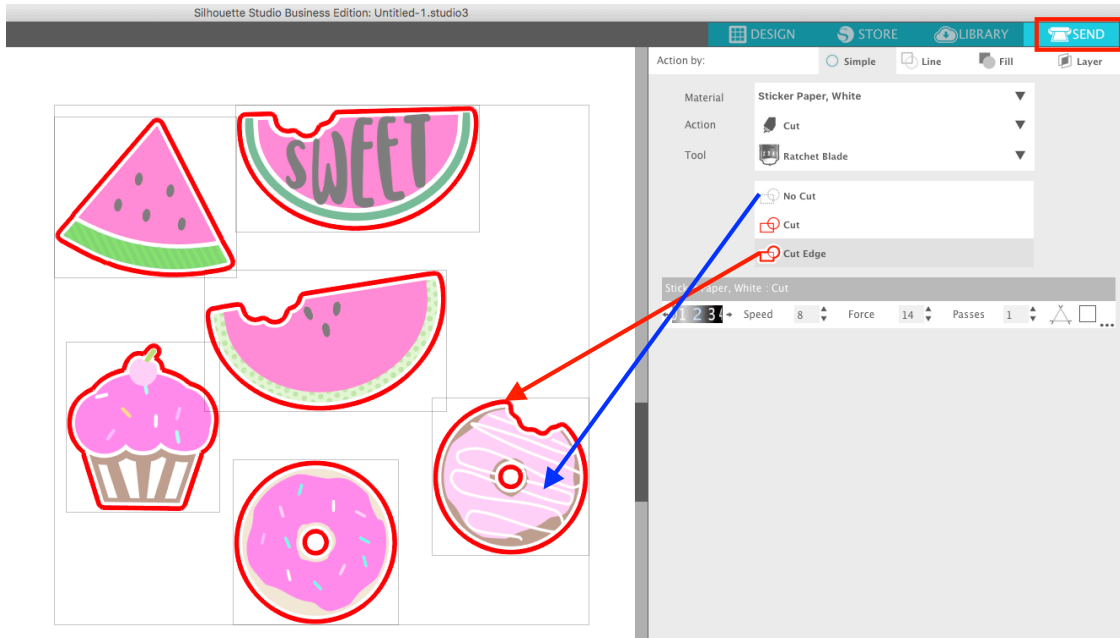

Pull the black designs away from the cut lines you created. Grab the set of cut lines and center them over the full color set of stickers.

Go to the Send panel and with the red cut lines selected ONLY click "Cut Edge."

Select the color sticker set and click "No Cut".

Return to the Design tab to continue setting up your sticker sheet as described in the How to Set Up Sticker Sheets section below.

Once you get comfortable with the Silhouette Studio software you can also design and create your own stickers. The Ultimate Silhouette Print and Cut Guide and the Ultimate Silhouette Guide to Designing in Silhouette Studio will take you step by step through the designing process.
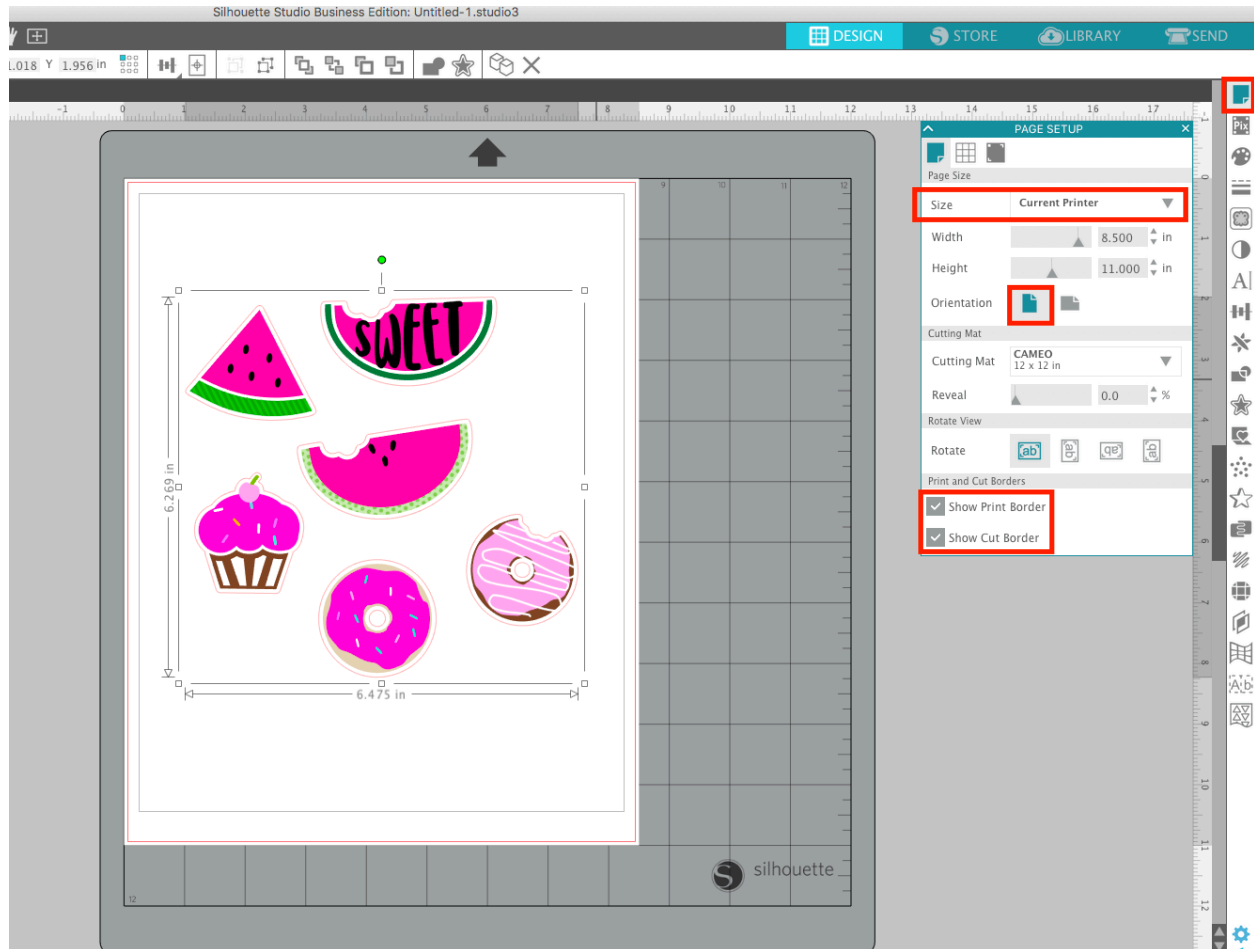
No matter where you get sticker designs from - either an outside source or by designing your own - you'll want to make sure your sticker sheets are set up correctly in Silhouette Studio for an accurate print and cut.

How to Set Up Sticker Sheets in Silhouette Studio

With your sticker designs ready in Silhouette Studio, now you can begin setting up the page.

Open the Page Set Up panel and from the first tab change the Page Size to "Current Printer." Make sure the orientation is Portrait.

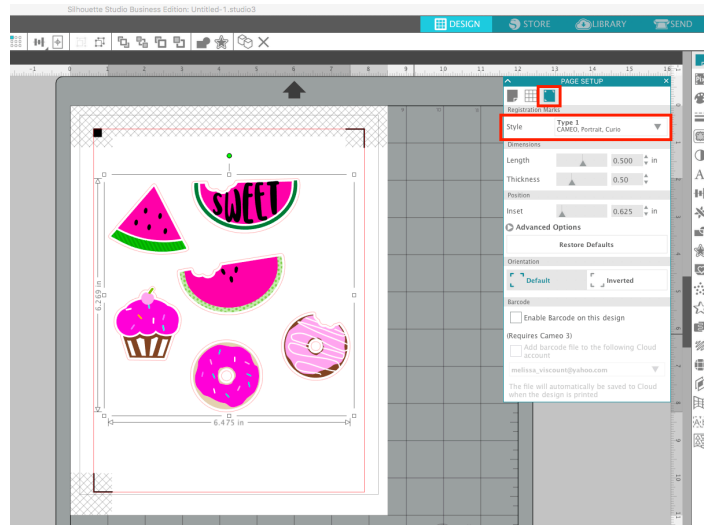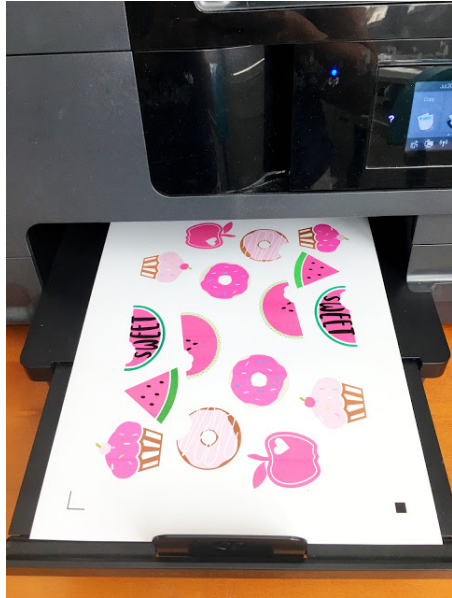At the bottom of the panel check the boxes to turn on both the Print Border and the Cut border.

Silhouette Studio Registration Marks for Stickers

The next step is to add registration marks. This can be done by either clicking "M" on your keyboard or by going to the Registration Marks tab in the Page Setup panel and selecting "Type 1: CAMEO, Portrait, Curio".

If any of the sticker designs are touching the registration marks or the hashed areas or are outside the safe print and cut borders, move the designs inside. You can add more designs or duplicate your sticker set to fill the space, if you wish.

Now you're ready to print to your home printer. I printed on the Silhouette brand sticker paper.

Click the Printer icon from the top tool bar in Silhouette Studio and send the designs to print on your home printer.
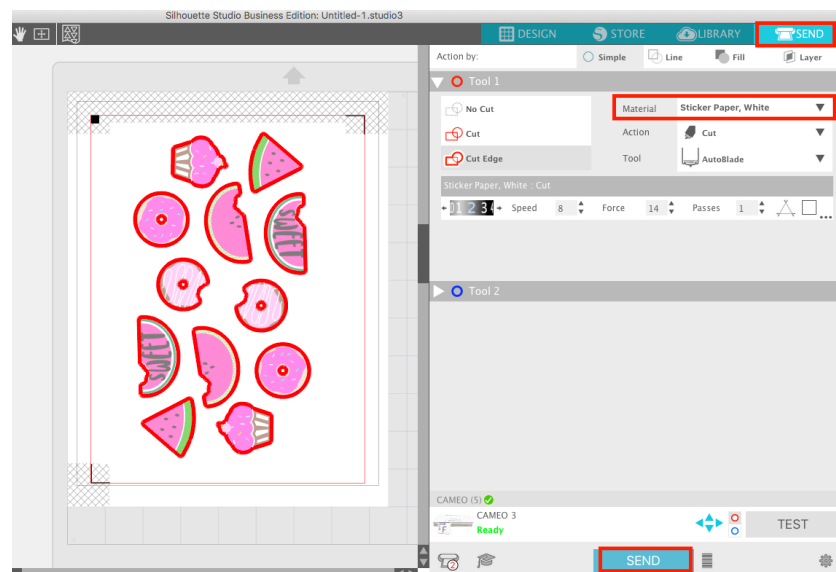

After printing, it's time to cut. Return to Silhouette Studio and from the Send panel select Sticker Material, White.

The cut settings will update to reflect the selected material. If you're using the Autoblade the blade will automatically adjust to the recommended depth before cutting.

Place your printed sticker sheet on your Silhouette cutting mat and load it into your cutting machine.

When you click "Send" in Silhouette Studio from the Send panel, the Silhouette machine will first search for the registration marks. That's how it knows exactly where to cut.

Once the registration marks are successfully found, the cutting will begin.

These stickers cut beautifully and only through the top sticker sheet - not the liner which is what we want. That's called a 'kiss cut' when the blade cuts through the top sheet, but not the bottom.

Then just peel up the top sheet to 'weed' and you've got your DIY custom stickers made with Silhouette!