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This is a SIMPLE guide for you to get started using the [Pretty Packaging ©](#) template with the Sure Cuts A Lot software for your Cricut machine.

There are SO many various things you can do with your Cricut. This was made to serve as a quick reference!

When you download your [Pretty Packaging ©](#) template or [Pretty Pieces ©](#) Cut File make a folder for JUST those types of files.

This keeps your files organized so you can easily access them. Then each time you go to obtain a file to cut, it will be readily available in that same folder you opened in the Sure Cuts A Lot program.

#### **When you want to load a file:**

Click SVG Button. Find file where your SVG's are located, and select desired file.

Once file is on the mat, ensure that it is NOT over the area where your Cricut will cut.

Scroll down, click UNGROUP or Break Apart

Once you have done that you can select pieces of that grouped file to move, resize, copy, or delete.

#### **How to resize template/cut file:**

You can resize by inches or by percent.

Go to tool bar at the top. Click on OBJECT

Click TRANSFORM

Select SCALE

It will give you a drop box where you can select inches, or percentages.

### **How to select/delete certain objects in a multiple cut file:**

Select objects by clicking on them.

Go to tool bar to the top. Click on OBJECT

#### **TIP:**

You will most likely always want to maintain proportions. Make sure that box on the right tool menu is selected.

It is easier when resizing multiple pieces of a template to choose PERCENTAGE.

When you resize ANY part of a Pretty Packaging © Template you will want to resize ALL the pieces. Be sure to resize by the same percentage for each portion.

### **How to make a copy of an object:**

Simply click object.

Got to top of tool bar and select EDIT.

Click Copy.

Click Paste.

Select pasted image and alter as desired.

Another quick way:

Select image

Hold down the Ctrl button and hit "c".

Then hold down Ctrl button and click "v"

### **How to connect/combine files:**

If you want to connect something together, like 2 pieces of a template to create ONE, make sure they are touching, or overlapping.

Select entire project.

Go to Properties tool bar on the right of screen.

Click the "WELD" button.

To ensure they are "welding" like you planned click the magnifying glass at the top of the tool bar, on the right.

### **Cutting the final template**

Be sure your Cricut has a cartridge loaded in place.

Turn Cricut ON.

Load your paper.

Be sure the USB port is connected from your Cricut to your computer.

Go to the scissors icon.

Proceed to answer any questions asked by software.

### **For thicker materials**

When using certain materials like chipboard, or thick cardstock you may need your Cricut to go over the image a couple of times.

To do this go to top tool bar.

Click CUTTER.

Select number of times cutter should go over image to ensure a crisp cut.

I hope you found this information, along with the video helpful.

I am looking forward to you sharing what you are able to create with our amazing line of coordinating products!

Thank you for your business

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