

Cardstock Cutting Tips

Having trouble cutting cardstock with your Cricut?

Try these tips to help overcome the problems.

1. Use a light blue (light grip) mat or a green (standard grip) one.
2. Use a brayer or scraper to press the card onto the mat to make sure it's stuck really well
3. If your mat is losing its stickiness a little bit, use washi tape or masking tape/painters tape along the edges of the card to hold it firmly in place
4. If the Cricut is tearing the card, try using a lighter cut setting or less pressure. Also try taking your blade holder out and check the blade to make sure it's not got any little bits of card/dust stuck to it as that can cause it to tear the card.
5. If it isn't cutting all the way through, after it finishes cutting don't eject the mat. Instead, peel a little corner of card up to check if it cut, and if it didn't then stick it back down and press the "go" button again without ejecting the mat.

Don't touch anything on Design Space - just press "go" again and it will repeat the cut in exactly the same place which should cut through all the way.

6. Solid core cardstock is easier to cut than white core as it's generally thinner and doesn't have "layers" inside it like white core cardstock so the blade can get through it easier.

7. Recycled card or card with lots of visible fibres in it is difficult to cut because the blade struggles to get through the fibres and it can cause it to tear.

8. If you are using very lightweight card and it keeps tearing, try cutting it on the "copy paper" setting with "more" pressure.

This probably won't cut all the way through on the first time so you will need to press "go" again to do a second cut, but as it's much gentler on the card it should cut through without tearing.

9. If the card is tearing on intricate cuts, try using a different type of card or make the image bigger in Design Space as that can help it to cut better.

10. Metallic, pearlescent or textured card often needs to be cut twice to get it to cut all the way through. I find that cutting on Kraft Board setting always cuts through neatly.

11. Make the design larger so that it will be easier for the Cricut to cut