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Access	A subscription service offered by Cricut that allows users access to a library of images, fonts, and projects that can be used with Cricut machines.
Acetate	A clear, plastic material that can be cut with some Cricut machines and used for stencils, overlays, and other crafting projects.
Adaptive Tool System	A Cricut technology that controls the direction of the blade and the cut pressure to match different material types, allowing for more precise cuts with various materials.
Adhesive Vinyl	A sticky-backed material that can be cut with a Cricut machine and applied to various surfaces for decoration or labeling.
Alignment	The process of arranging objects in a straight line or in correct relative positions before cutting, which can be done manually or using features within Cricut Design Space.
App	The software application used to design and layout projects to be cut by a Cricut machine. It can be accessed on various devices, including computers, tablets, and smartphones.
Artwork, Digital	Images or designs created or edited on a computer that can be uploaded to Cricut Design Space and then cut out using a Cricut machine.
Attach Function	A feature in Cricut Design Space that is used to fasten two or more objects together so that they will be cut out exactly as they are arranged on the canvas, maintaining their position relative to one another.
AutoBlade	A type of blade used in some Cricut machines that automatically adjusts to the correct depth for the material being cut.

B

Background Removal	A feature in Cricut Design Space that allows users to remove the background from uploaded images to create cut-out designs or clean up images for cutting.
Basswood	A type of wood that is often cut with the Cricut Maker's knife blade for various projects such as woodworking, model making, or 3D crafts.
Bitmap	A type of digital image composed of pixels, which can be uploaded into Cricut Design Space. However, unlike vector images, bitmap images may lose quality when scaled up.
Blade	The cutting element in a Cricut machine that can come in different types, such as fine-point, deep cut, or bonded fabric blade, each designed to cut different materials.
Bleed	In printing, bleed is the area that will be trimmed off after printing. Cricut Design Space offers a "bleed" option for print then cut projects, which extends the ink slightly beyond the borders of the image to ensure there are no white edges after the cut.
Bluetooth	A wireless technology that allows Cricut machines to communicate with computers or mobile devices without a physical cable.
Bonded-Fabric Blade	A blade specifically designed to cut bonded fabric or fabric with an iron-on backer using the Cricut Explore or Maker machines.
Brayer	A roller tool used to smooth materials onto the Cricut cutting mat to ensure that they are flat and securely in place before cutting.
BrightPad	A lightbox-style device offered by Cricut that provides an illuminated background to help with weeding or tracing designs onto materials.
Burnish	The technique of rubbing a tool, like a scraper or a credit card, over the surface of vinyl or transfer tape to ensure that it adheres properly and to remove any air bubbles.



Calibration	The process of aligning the Cricut machine to ensure it cuts and prints with precision. This is often necessary when setting up a new machine or when there is a change in materials or tools.
Canvas	In Cricut Design Space, this refers to the virtual workspace on which designs are created and manipulated before being sent to the Cricut machine for cutting.
Cardstock	A heavy-duty paper that comes in various weights and textures. It is commonly cut with Cricut machines for creating cards, scrapbook elements, and other paper crafts.
Cartridge	A physical storage device that was used in older Cricut machines to store images and fonts. Cartridges are inserted into the machine to access pre-designed cut files.
Contour	A function in Cricut Design Space that allows users to hide or remove certain cut lines or parts of an image, giving them the ability to customize designs by excluding details they don't want to cut.
Craft Foam	A soft, foam-like material that can be cut with some Cricut machines. It is popular for creating dimensional projects like stickers, educational tools, and more.
Cricut Design Space	The software platform used with Cricut machines where users can create and design projects, as well as control the settings for cutting, writing, scoring, or printing.
Custom Materials	A setting in Cricut Design Space that allows users to specify and save the cut settings for materials that are not already listed in the pre-set material options.
Cut Lines	The lines that the Cricut machine follows to cut materials. These are visible in Cricut Design Space and indicate where the machine will cut.
Cutting Mat	A sticky mat that holds your material in place while it's being cut by the Cricut machine.

D

Debossing Tool	A Cricut tool that creates depressions in a material to give it texture or to create a design element. The debossing tool is used with the Cricut Maker's Adaptive Tool System.
Deep Cut Blade	A type of Cricut blade designed to cut thicker materials such as chipboard, rubber, and some types of leather.
Deluxe Paper	A patterned paper offered by Cricut that's thicker than standard paper and can be used for more elaborate and decorative projects requiring a sturdier material.
Design Space	The software used by Cricut machine owners to create and design projects, as well as control the machine's cutting and writing operations.
Designs, Digital	The electronic images or patterns that are used to cut, draw, or score with a Cricut machine. These can be bought, downloaded, or created in Cricut Design Space.
Die-Cutting	The process of using a machine to cut out shapes and letters in various materials. While traditional die-cutting requires physical dies, a Cricut machine uses digital designs to cut.
Double Scoring Wheel	A Cricut tool designed for the Cricut Maker that makes two parallel score lines at once for easier folding and more pronounced creases, particularly beneficial for thicker materials.
DPI (Dots Per Inch)	In Cricut terminology, this often relates to the resolution of print then cut images; the higher the DPI, the sharper the printed image will be.
Drawing	Referring to the capability of Cricut machines to hold pens and create hand-drawn effects on projects, which includes writing text or drawing images.
Duct Tape Sheets	Adhesive-backed duct tape that has been formatted into sheets that can be cut with a Cricut machine and used for a variety of decorative purposes.

E

EasyPress	A heat press designed by Cricut for transferring iron-on vinyl (HTV) to fabric. The EasyPress provides consistent heat distribution and temperature control for professional iron-on results.
Edge-to-Edge	A term used to describe a type of cut or design that extends to the very edges of the material being used, often requiring precise placement and sizing within Cricut Design Space.
Eject	The action taken by a Cricut machine when it finishes cutting and releases or "ejects" the cutting mat out of the machine.
End Caps	Small caps that can be placed on the ends of scoring stylus or other accessory tools to prevent injury or to store them more safely when not in use.
Engraving Tool	A tool used with certain models of Cricut machines, like the Cricut Maker, to engrave designs onto a variety of materials such as metal, leather, and acrylic.
Etching	While similar to engraving, etching usually refers to a chemical process. In the context of Cricut, it often refers to the effect achieved by the engraving tool, where the surface of a material is indented with a design.
Excess Material	The material that is not part of the final design and is removed after the cutting process. This is often referred to in weeding, where the excess vinyl or HTV is removed to reveal the finished design.
Export	The process of saving a file out of Cricut Design Space to another format or location. Note that at my last update, Cricut Design Space did not allow users to export projects with proprietary elements in formats that can be edited outside of their platform.
Eyelets	Small metal rings that can be added to a project for decoration or to reinforce a hole. These can be set in place with certain Cricut tools.

F

Faux Leather	Also known as pleather, this is a synthetic material that mimics leather and can be cut with Cricut machines for making jewelry, bags, and other craft projects.
Felt	A non-woven textile that can be cut with a Cricut machine. It is often used for crafting decorative items, toys, and other creative projects.
Fine-Point Blade	This is the standard blade used in Cricut machines for cutting a wide range of materials, from paper to vinyl.
Firmware	The permanent software programmed into the Cricut machine, which sometimes needs updates to ensure compatibility with the latest features in Cricut Design Space.
Flatten	A feature in Cricut Design Space that converts multi-layer images into a single layer for printing, essentially turning a cut file into a printable image with a cut border.
Flex Heat Transfer Vinyl (HTV)	A type of heat transfer material that stretches after being applied, making it ideal for clothing and fabric projects that require flexibility.
Foil Transfer Kit	A set of tools for the Cricut that adds foil embellishments to projects using pressure, rather than heat, to apply the foil.
Font	In the context of Cricut, fonts are the styles of text that can be cut or drawn. Cricut Design Space offers access to a wide range of fonts, and users can also upload their own.
Fusible Fabric	Fabric that has an adhesive backing which can be bonded to another fabric using heat, typically compatible with Cricut's cutting machines for making appliqués or fabric projects.



Gallery	Often referred to in Cricut Design Space as the image gallery or library where users can choose from a wide variety of pre-made designs and images to include in their projects.
Gather	A term that's not exclusively used in Cricut vocabulary but can refer to the process of bunching fabric together, which can be part of a project involving Cricut-cut fabric pieces.
Glitter Iron-On	Similar to glitter vinyl, but with a heat-activated adhesive that allows it to be transferred to fabric and other surfaces using a Cricut EasyPress or a home iron.
Glitter Vinyl	A type of adhesive vinyl that has a glittery finish. It's used for decorative decals and projects that require a sparkling appearance.
Grip	Refers to the stickiness level of a Cricut cutting mat. There are different grips (light, standard, strong) intended for various types of materials to hold them in place during the cutting process.
Group	In Cricut Design Space, this function allows you to link objects together so they move and scale as a unit, but they keep their individual properties for cutting or writing.
GSM (Grams per Square Meter)	A measurement of paper weight and thickness. Understanding GSM is important for knowing which materials can be cut with which blades and mats in a Cricut machine.
Guide Marks	These are lines or other indicators in Cricut Design Space or on Cricut materials that help with aligning cuts, folds, or layers accurately.

H

Hand Tool Kit	A set of tools provided by Cricut or other companies that aid in the weeding, cleaning, and application of vinyl and other materials.
Heat Guide	Cricut provides an online Heat Guide that offers the recommended heat settings and times for using the EasyPress with different materials and transfer types.
Heat Press	A machine used to apply heat transfer vinyl (HTV) to a substrate, such as a t-shirt. Cricut's version of this is known as the EasyPress, which provides a flat, evenly heated surface for HTV application.
Heat Transfer Vinyl (HTV)	A type of material that can be cut into designs by a Cricut machine and then applied to fabric using heat. It's commonly used for customizing apparel and textiles.
Heavy Cardstock	A thicker form of cardstock that can be used for projects requiring sturdier paper. Its weight is typically over 80 lbs (about 216 gsm) and requires a deep-cut blade to be properly cut with a Cricut machine.
Hinge Method	A technique often used when applying vinyl to a surface, where the vinyl is held in place on one side with a piece of tape (acting as a hinge), which allows for better control and positioning.
Holographic Vinyl	A specialty vinyl with a multi-colored effect that appears to change as the viewing angle changes. It can be cut with a Cricut and applied to various surfaces for decorative purposes.
Housing	Refers to the protective casing around a Cricut blade or tool. For example, the blade housing holds the blade and fits into the machine's carriage.



ID Number	A unique identifier for images or projects in Cricut Design Space, allowing users to find and reference them quickly.
Image	In Cricut Design Space, this refers to a digital graphic or illustration that can be used to create a project. Images can be uploaded or chosen from Cricut's extensive library.
Import	The action of bringing an external file, image, or design into Cricut Design Space for use in a project. Users can import various file types, including SVG, PNG, JPG, DXF, GIF, and BMP.
Infusible Ink	A line of Cricut products that, when applied with heat, create a chemical bond with the material, resulting in professional, seamless transfers that are flake-proof, peel-proof, and wash-proof.
Ink Transfer Sheets	Used with a Cricut Infusible Ink system, these sheets are a form of heat transfer that dyes the fabric or substrate for a permanent, professional-quality finish.
Interface	Refers to Cricut Design Space's user interface, which is the platform where all design and layout work is done before sending a project to the Cricut machine for cutting, writing, or scoring.
Intricate Cuts	Detailed and often complex designs that require precise and careful cutting, achievable with the fine-point or deep-point blades on a Cricut machine.
Iron-On Vinyl	Also known as heat transfer vinyl (HTV), this is a material that can be cut with a Cricut machine and then applied to fabric with heat. It is used to create custom apparel, tote bags, and more.
Isolate	The process of separating elements of a design, typically in Cricut Design Space, to work with or manipulate them individually.
Italic	A font style with letters that slope to the right, used for emphasis or to distinguish certain text in a design. Italic fonts are available in Cricut Design Space and can be used with writing or cutting operations.

J

Jewel Tones	A color palette often used in crafting that includes rich, deep hues similar to gemstones. Cricut materials like vinyl and cardstock may come in jewel tones.
Jig	In crafting, a jig is a tool that helps position and hold pieces in place while assembling a project. While not a Cricut-specific term, it's a common tool in many crafters' arsenals.
Join	A term used in Cricut Design Space and other design software to combine two or more shapes or lines into one continuous cut path.
Journaling Card	Pre-designed cards that can be cut out and used for scrapbooking, planners, or journaling. These can be created with Cricut machines to add a personal touch to memory keeping.
JPEG Engraving	Refers to the process of using a Cricut Maker's engraving tool to engrave designs that have been converted from a JPEG format. This requires converting the image into a path suitable for engraving.
JPG/JPEG	A common file format for images and photos. In Cricut crafting, JPG files can be uploaded to Cricut Design Space and converted into cuttable images.
Justify	A design term referring to the alignment of text within a given space or margin. In Cricut Design Space, text can be justified left, right, center, or fully, which affects the layout of text in a project.

K

Kerning	In typography, kerning refers to the adjustment of space between characters in a piece of text. In Cricut Design Space, this can be adjusted to improve the appearance of cut or written text in projects.
Kiss Cut	A type of cut that only goes through the top layer of material and not through the backing material, commonly used in sticker making so that the sticker can be peeled away from its backing.
Knife Blade	A Cricut tool used with the Cricut Maker that allows for deeper cuts into thicker materials like balsa wood, matboard, and leather.
Knockout	A design technique where a shape or text is cut out of another shape or text, creating a "knocked out" area that shows the layer beneath or creates a visual effect with negative space.
Kraft Board	A sturdy, wood-based material that can be cut with a Cricut machine. It is thicker and stronger than standard cardstock, suitable for projects that require a more durable material.
Kraft Paper	A type of strong, brown paper that is often used for pattern making, as well as for creating bags, wrapping, and other crafts. It can be cut with a Cricut for various projects.

L

Laminating	While not a Cricut-specific term, laminating a project made with a Cricut, such as a sticker or bookmark, can enhance its durability and finish.
Layer	In Cricut Design Space, layers are used to organize different parts of a design that are to be cut, written, scored, or printed then cut. Each layer can represent a different color or material.
Layering	A technique in Cricut crafting where multiple layers of material (often vinyl or paper) are assembled to create a multi-dimensional effect.
Leather	A material that can be cut using the Cricut Maker with the Knife Blade or the Cricut Explore with a Deep-Point Blade. Leather crafting includes making jewelry, accessories, and embellishments.
License	Many images and fonts in Cricut Design Space come with a license that allows for personal use, and sometimes for commercial use, which dictates how the designs can legally be used.
LightGrip Mat	A cutting mat with a light adhesive grip suitable for lightweight materials such as standard paper, light cardstock, and vellum.
Linen	A type of fabric that can be used in Cricut crafting, especially with the Cricut Maker, which has the capability to cut a variety of fabrics with the Rotary Blade.
Linetype	In Cricut Design Space, the linetype tells the machine what to do with the material (cut, write, score, or engrave).
Luster	Refers to the finish of paper or other materials used in Cricut projects; for instance, some vinyl has a lustrous, shiny surface.

M

Maker	The Cricut Maker is one of the models of Cricut cutting machines. It has additional capabilities compared to the Explore line, such as cutting thicker materials and using a wider range of tools.
Mat	A Cricut mat is a sticky surface on which you place your material (like paper or vinyl) to be cut. They come in several grip strengths (light, standard, strong, and fabric) to accommodate different materials.
Material Settings	These are pre-programmed settings in Cricut Design Space that adjust the cut speed, pressure, and depth to match the type of material being cut.
Matless Cutting	This refers to the ability to cut certain materials using a Cricut machine without a mat, which is a feature of some newer Cricut machines like the Cricut Joy.
Mesh Canvas	A type of material used in crafting for making various projects, including bags and home decor. It can be cut using a Cricut machine with the right settings.
Mirror	This function is used when preparing to cut heat transfer vinyl (HTV). You mirror the image so that it appears backwards on the mat but will be correct when ironed onto fabric.
Mirror Mode	A setting used when cutting heat transfer vinyl (HTV) that flips the design so it's properly oriented when ironed onto a surface.
Monogram	A motif of two or more letters, typically a person's initials, interwoven or combined in a decorative design, used as a logo or to personalize an item. Cricut machines can create monograms in various styles and complexities.
Mosaic	Refers to a pattern or design resembling a mosaic in appearance. Cricut may offer mosaic-style vinyl or paper, and the term can also refer to a crafting technique to create such patterns.
Multicut	A feature in Cricut Design Space that allows the machine to make multiple passes over the material, cutting it several times for a complete cut, especially useful for thicker materials.
Mylar	A type of polyester film or plastic sheet that's used in Cricut crafting for stencils or other projects. It's durable and cuttable with the right settings on a Cricut machine.

N

Negative Space	The space around and between the subject(s) of an image. In Cricut projects, it is often the space left behind after a shape has been cut out from the material.
Nesting	A technique used in Cricut Design Space to arrange shapes or patterns efficiently on the mat to conserve material and minimize waste.
New Project	The starting point in Cricut Design Space where you create a new design from scratch or begin with a template.
Nib	The tip of a Cricut pen or marker. Different nib sizes and types can be used to achieve various writing and drawing effects on Cricut projects.
Noise	In the context of images and designs, noise refers to the visual distortion or the appearance of fine, random speckles or grains. When preparing images to be cut, reducing noise can be important for a clean cut.
Non-Woven Material	Materials that are not woven or knitted, such as felt or foam, which can often be cut with Cricut machines if they are of appropriate thickness.
Notch Tool	A tool used to make small notch indents on materials, such as paper or cardstock, to help with folding or piecing projects together.
Note Cards	Small, folded cards that Cricut users can make using the machine. They can be customized with cut-outs, writing, or other embellishments.
Nylon	A synthetic material that can be cut with Cricut machines, often used for making flexible, durable projects like custom bags or appliques.



Offset	A feature in Cricut Design Space that creates a proportional outline around an image or text, which can be used for layering effects or to make stickers easier to peel.
Opacity	In digital design, opacity refers to the transparency level of an image or layer. It can be adjusted in Cricut Design Space to make images more transparent for print then cut projects or for design effects.
Optimize	The process of adjusting the arrangement of images or shapes in Cricut Design Space to make the most efficient use of material and minimize waste.
Ounce (oz)	In crafting, the weight or thickness of certain materials, such as felt or leather, may be described in ounces. This is relevant for understanding which materials can be cut by the Cricut and with which blades or settings.
Outlines	The outer edges of shapes or letters that can be cut or drawn with a Cricut machine. Outlines are often used for creating patterns, templates, or as part of a design element.
Overcut	A setting that extends the cut line past the corner when cutting thick or dense materials, which helps to ensure the corners are fully cut through.
Overlay	In design, an overlay is a layer that is placed over another layer, often used in crafting for adding additional design elements or information on top of a base image.

P

Paper Stock	The type and weight of paper used for crafting. Different paper stocks can be used for various projects, with specific types recommended for the optimal cutting experience.
Parchment Paper	A non-stick paper that is sometimes used in Cricut crafting when working with materials like HTV to protect the iron or heat press and the material.
Pattern Fill	A feature in Cricut Design Space that allows users to fill a shape with a pattern. Users can choose from a variety of patterns or upload their own.
Peel	The action of removing the cut material from the Cricut mat or the excess material from around a design after cutting, often referred to as "weeding," especially in the context of vinyl projects.
Pen Tool	A Cricut accessory that holds various pens and markers for drawing or writing text and images.
Permanent Vinyl	A type of vinyl that has a stronger adhesive for a long-lasting application. It's used for projects that need to withstand the elements or handling, such as car decals or outdoor signs.
Personal Cutter	Refers to Cricut's personal-sized cutting machines, like the Cricut Joy, which are smaller than standard machines and designed for quick, simple projects.
PNG	A file format used for images. PNG files can have a transparent background, which is ideal for creating designs in Cricut Design Space, particularly for Print then Cut projects.
Pressure	The amount of force applied by the Cricut machine blade when cutting materials. The pressure can be adjusted based on the type of material to ensure a clean cut.
Pressure Settings	Adjustments in Cricut Design Space that control how much pressure the machine uses to cut different materials.
Print then Cut	A feature in Cricut Design Space that allows users to print images using a home printer and then use the Cricut machine to cut around the printed designs.
Project	In Cricut terminology, this refers to the entire design that is being worked on in Cricut Design Space.
Provo Craft	The company that originally developed the Cricut brand. It has been instrumental in bringing the Cricut to the crafting market.



Quality	Refers to the resolution and clarity of images and designs, which affects the precision of cuts made by the Cricut machine. High-quality images result in better cutting outcomes.
Quatrefoil	A decorative pattern resembling a four-leafed clover that is popular in design and can be created or cut using a Cricut machine for various projects.
Query	In the context of using Cricut Design Space software, a user might query the help section or use a search function to find specific functions or troubleshooting tips.
QuickSwap Housing	A Cricut tool housing that allows crafters to quickly and easily switch between different compatible tool tips, such as the scoring wheel, engraving tip, and debossing tip.
Quiet Mode	Some Cricut machines may have a feature or setting that reduces the noise made during operation, useful for crafting in a shared space or during quiet hours.
Quilling Tool	While not specific to Cricut, a quilling tool can be used to create coiled designs with paper strips. Some crafters might adapt Cricut-cut shapes for quilling projects.
Quilt Pieces	With the use of a Cricut Maker and its rotary blade, crafters can cut fabric into precise shapes for quilting projects.

R

Raster Image	A type of digital image made up of a grid of pixels or points of color, which can be used in Cricut Design Space, though vector images are generally preferred for their scalability without loss of quality.
Registration Marks	Marks printed on materials when using the Print then Cut feature that allow the Cricut machine to align and cut around printed images accurately.
Removable Vinyl	Vinyl with a temporary adhesive that's used for decals and decorations that need to be removed easily, such as wall art or seasonal decorations.
Repeat	A function in Cricut Design Space that allows users to duplicate a selected object or design multiple times.
Repositionable Vinyl	A type of vinyl that has a lighter adhesive so it can be removed and repositioned without leaving residue or damaging the surface it's applied to.
Resize	The action or ability to change the dimensions of an image or text within Cricut Design Space to fit the requirements of a project.
Reveal Wheel	A paper crafting technique often used in card making where a wheel can be turned to reveal different images or messages through a cut-out window.
Reverse Weeding	A technique used in vinyl projects where the negative space is weeded out after the design is transferred to the transfer tape, which can be easier for intricate designs.
Rhinestone Template	A pattern cut with the Cricut to create a template for placing rhinestones in a design.
Rip Cut	A term borrowed from woodworking that refers to cutting a material along the grain or in a straight line. In Cricut terminology, this could apply to making long, straight cuts in materials like vinyl or paper.
Rotary Blade	A cutting tool used with the Cricut Maker that can cut through a variety of fabrics without the need for a backing material.
Ruler	An essential tool for precise measurements and cuts; the Cricut also has a ruler along the top and bottom edges for quick measurements.

S

Score	A feature used to create fold lines on materials such as paper or cardstock.
Score Line	A fold line created by the Cricut machine using a scoring tool or wheel. It allows for precise folds in paper and cardstock projects.
Scoring Stylus	A tool that can be used in the accessory clamp of Cricut machines to create score lines instead of cuts.
Shadow Box	A crafting project that involves creating a three-dimensional display with layers of materials cut by the Cricut, often with depth and shadow effects.
Silhouette	Often used generically for cutout shapes and designs, but it's also the name of a competing brand to Cricut, known for similar cutting machines.
Slice	A function in Cricut Design Space that allows users to cut overlapping images or text out of each other, creating new shapes.
Smart Materials	A range of Cricut-branded materials designed to be cut without a mat. They are fed directly into Cricut machines such as the Cricut Maker 3 and Cricut Explore 3.
SnapMat	A feature in the Cricut iOS app that allows users to take a photo of their material on the mat to place designs precisely in the Cricut Design Space app.
Space	In Cricut Design Space, spacing refers to the distance between letters or lines of text, which can be adjusted for different visual effects.
StandardGrip Mat	A cutting mat with a standard adhesive grip suitable for a wide range of materials, including cardstock, heat transfer vinyl, and iron-on.
Stencil Vinyl	A specific type of vinyl that's used to create stencils for painting or adding designs to a variety of surfaces.
Sticky Mat	The adhesive mats used to hold materials in place as they are being cut by the Cricut machine. They come in different grip strengths (light, standard, strong).
SVG File	Stands for Scalable Vector Graphics, a type of file that can be used in Cricut Design Space to create intricate designs without losing quality when resizing.
System Fonts	Fonts that are installed on the user's computer and are accessible in Cricut Design Space to create text for designs.

T

Tack	Refers to the stickiness of the adhesive on Cricut mats and materials such as vinyl. For example, a 'low-tack' mat would be less sticky for lighter materials.
Tear-Away Material	Some materials are designed to be torn away after a part of the project is completed, commonly used in sewing or embroidery projects cut on a Cricut.
Template	In Cricut Design Space, a template is a helpful guide to visualize how a design will look on different objects like t-shirts, tote bags, etc.
Test Cut	A small cut made in an inconspicuous area to ensure settings are correct for the material being used before proceeding with the full cut.
Text Tool	A feature in Cricut Design Space that enables users to add and edit text in their designs.
Thermoplastic	Material such as heat transfer vinyl (HTV) that becomes pliable when heated. It is often used for applying designs to fabric.
Tile Function	A feature in Cricut Design Space that allows users to repeat a pattern across a larger surface area to create tiled effects.
Tool Set	A collection of tools by Cricut which typically includes items like scissors, tweezers, spatula, scraper, and weeding tools to assist with various crafting tasks.
Top Coat	A sealing coat applied over materials such as vinyl to protect the design and extend its longevity, especially if it's going to be exposed to elements like water or UV light.
Transfer Tape	A clear adhesive material used to move vinyl designs from their backing to the final surface without distortion.
TrueControl Knife	A precision cutting tool offered by Cricut that allows for detailed hand cutting on various materials.
Tweezers	A tool used to help place and position small pieces of material or to help with the weeding process in vinyl projects.

U

Ultra-Violet (UV) Resistant	Some materials, such as certain vinyls, are UV resistant to prevent fading from sunlight, an important feature for outdoor projects.
Underlay	In some crafting contexts, especially when dealing with embroidery or appliqué made with Cricut-cut fabrics, it refers to a layer of fabric placed underneath the top layer for stability or to enhance the colors.
Undo	A common feature in many software applications, including Cricut Design Space, which allows users to reverse the last action taken.
Unfold	This term could be used in the context of preparing a 3D project cut on a Cricut, where the user unfolds the design to assemble it.
UnGroup	A feature in Cricut Design Space that allows users to separate grouped elements so they can be edited individually.
Ungroup Layers	In Cricut Design Space, this allows the user to separate layers of an image for individual editing or arranging.
Universal Overlay	A term from older models of Cricut machines that used physical cartridges. The universal overlay was a standard keyboard overlay that worked with any cartridge.
Update	Periodic software and firmware updates for Cricut Design Space and Cricut machines that enhance functionality or fix bugs.
Upload	The action of adding your own images or designs to Cricut Design Space for cutting or printing.
USB Cable	The cable used to connect Cricut machines to a computer. Even though newer models often have wireless capabilities, a USB cable is sometimes necessary for updates or direct connection.
User Interface (UI)	Refers to the layout and design of the Cricut Design Space software that users interact with during the design process.
Utility Blade	While not a Cricut-specific term, crafters may refer to a utility blade for tasks like trimming materials before or after they're cut with the machine.

V

V-Score	A term borrowed from traditional paper crafting that refers to a fold line cut in the shape of a "V" to make folding easier, which can also be done on a Cricut machine with a scoring tool.
Vanish Lines	Not a standard term in Cricut vocabulary, but it could hypothetically refer to the fine, cut lines that almost disappear in intricate designs or after a perfect weed.
Variable Settings	This term can refer to the customizable settings in Cricut Design Space that allow users to adjust blade depth, speed, and pressure to match the material being cut.
Variance	In the context of Cricut, this can refer to the slight differences in cut results due to material irregularities or blade wear.
Vector	An image format consisting of paths which allows for scaling without loss of quality, commonly used in Cricut Design Space to create clean cuts.
Vector Image	A type of digital image created using geometric forms like points, lines, and curves. Vector images can be scaled without losing quality, making them ideal for use in Cricut Design Space.
Vectorize	The process of converting a bitmap image (like JPG or PNG) into a vector image (like SVG) that can be scaled and cut with precision on a Cricut machine.
Vellum Setting	A specific material setting in Cricut Design Space used when cutting vellum paper, ensuring the right cut pressure and depth.
Velum	A translucent paper that can be cut using a Cricut machine, often used for invitations, envelopes, and as overlays in scrapbooking.
Velvet Paper	A type of specialty paper with a velvet-like texture that can be cut with Cricut machines for luxe effects on projects.
Vinyl	A versatile material that can be cut with Cricut machines and applied to various surfaces. It comes in many forms, such as permanent, removable, and heat transfer (HTV).

V

Vinyl Roll Holder	An accessory that can be used with some Cricut machines to hold and feed rolls of vinyl directly into the machine for cutting larger projects.
Vinyl Sampler	A variety pack of vinyl sheets offered by Cricut or other brands, which includes multiple colors or patterns for crafters to try out.
Vinyl Weeder	A tool used to remove excess vinyl from around and inside designs after they have been cut, part of the weeding process.
Virtual Mat	The on-screen representation in Cricut Design Space where users lay out their designs before cutting; it corresponds to the physical cutting mat used with the machine.
Visualize	In Cricut Design Space, the ability to preview how the design will look on the chosen material or object before actually making the cut.
Vivid Brights	Refers to a collection of vinyl or other materials offered by Cricut that are in bright, vivid colors.

W

Warp Tool	A feature in Cricut Design Space that allows you to distort or warp images and text to fit a particular shape or style.
Warranty	Many Cricut machines and accessories come with a manufacturer's warranty, which guarantees repair or replacement under certain conditions.
Washi Sheet	A type of adhesive paper similar to washi tape but in sheet form that can be cut with Cricut machines, often used for scrapbooking or card making.
Wavy Blade	A specific type of blade that can be used with some Cricut machines to create a wavy edge on cut materials.
Weeder Tool	A tool designed to help in the weeding process, usually with a fine point to remove small pieces of excess material.
Weeding	The process of removing excess vinyl from around and inside letters and designs after they have been cut.
Weight (Paper Weight)	In the context of Cricut crafting, this refers to the thickness or sturdiness of paper and cardstock, which is important to know for proper machine settings.
Weld	A function in Cricut Design Space that combines multiple shapes to create a single, continuous cut line.
Window Cling	A type of material that can be cut with Cricut machines, often used to create decorative and repositionable designs for windows.
Wireless (Bluetooth) Connection	The feature that allows Cricut machines to connect to Design Space wirelessly through Bluetooth technology.
Workshop	Often, Cricut enthusiasts or retailers will host workshops or classes to teach various techniques and projects one can do with a Cricut machine.
Write (Writing)	The Cricut machines can hold a pen to write or draw on materials. This is done using the "write" function in Design Space to create handwritten projects and drawings.

X

X-Acto Knife	A brand name that has become synonymous with precision cutting tools, similar to a craft knife, which can be used for detailed hand trimming of materials after they've been cut with a Cricut machine.
X-height	In typography, this refers to the height of the lowercase letters, not including ascenders and descenders. While not specific to Cricut, it is relevant when designing text for cutting or drawing.
X-Press It Transfer Tape	A type of transfer tape brand that may be used to transfer vinyl designs created with a Cricut machine onto surfaces.

Y

Y-Axis	In the context of a Cricut machine, this refers to the vertical axis on the grid of the cutting mat or the direction of the vertical cut in the Design Space software.
Yearbook	A common project made with Cricut machines, where users may create customized decorations, lettering, or images for school yearbooks or memory books.
Yellowing	Sometimes used to describe the discoloration that can occur with certain adhesives or clear materials over time. It's important for crafters to select high-quality materials that do not yellow, especially when making products to sell.
Yield	In crafting terms, this might refer to the amount of material that can be effectively used or produced from a larger piece of material without waste.
Yoke	In garment making, a yoke is the part of a garment that fits around the neck and shoulders. While not a direct Cricut term, Cricut machines can be used to cut fabric patterns or heat transfer vinyl for yokes.
Yupo Paper	A synthetic, waterproof paper that can be cut with a Cricut machine. It is known for its durability and is often used in alcohol ink art, which can be combined with die-cutting for mixed media projects.

Z

Z-axis	While not commonly used in Cricut terminology, in 3D space, the Z-axis could refer to the depth or layer aspect of a material or an object. In the context of the Cricut machine, which operates primarily on the X (width) and Y (height) axes, there isn't a Z-axis function. However, the term might come up in discussions about 3D crafting or when using the Cricut to cut elements for 3D projects.
Z-score	In statistics, it's a measure of how many standard deviations an element is from the mean. In crafting, this concept could be loosely referenced when discussing the distribution or variability of design elements in a larger project or set of projects, though it's admittedly a stretch and not common.
Zebra Patterns	Patterns with alternating stripes, which can be used in various Cricut projects, from vinyl decals to iron-on transfers.
Zero-Centering Ruler	A ruler that starts with zero in the middle and measures out to the ends. It's a useful tool for finding the center of a project, which could be important when aligning materials on a Cricut mat.
Zigzag Cutters	A tool used for cutting a zigzag pattern, often used in sewing to prevent fabric from fraying. A similar effect can be achieved with a Cricut machine using a corresponding pattern.
Zigzag	A sewing stitch pattern that can be mimicked with Cricut pens or scoring tools to create a decorative edge or pattern on materials.
Zip File	A compressed file format that can contain multiple files or folders. Cricut Design Space users may download digital designs in zip files that then need to be extracted before use.
Zots	A brand name for small dots of clear adhesive that can be used to stick lightweight items together in crafting projects. They could be used to assemble pieces after cutting them with a Cricut.