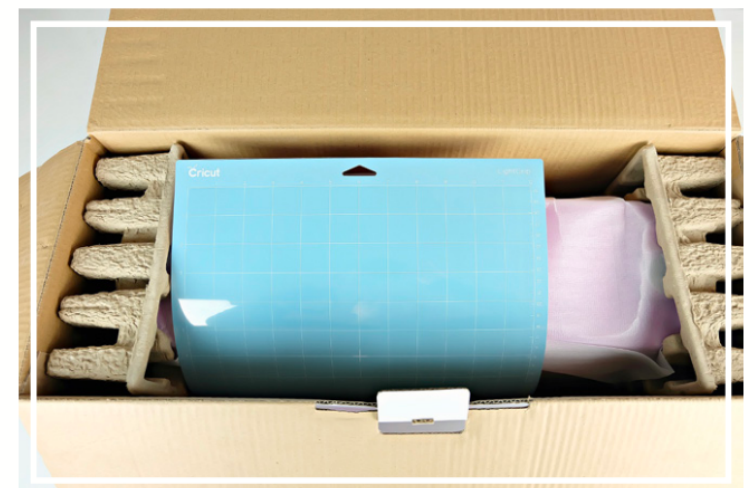# Unboxing Your Cricut and Setting Up

So, you've picked the Cricut that's right for you. You've gone to the craft store to pick it up or have waited patiently for it to arrive in the mail. It's the big day! Time to unbox your brand new Cricut! Are you excited? I feel like Cricut owners fall into one of two categories:

1. The people who dive right in and unbox their Cricut as soon as humanly possible.
2. The people who leave their Cricut in the box for months, who want more than anything to start crafting but are feeling daunted.

No matter which category you fall into, I've got your back! Unboxing your Cricut and setting it up for the first time is so simple! I'm going to walk you through each step of unboxing so you'll be all set to get your Cricut out and start having fun with it!

When purchasing your Cricut Maker or Cricut Explore from the Cricut website, you'll have the option of buying just the machine or a machine bundle. Most craft stores sell just the machine (not bundles). Regardless of whether you get a machine or a machine bundle, your Cricut is going to come in a box, and each box will come with the same basic components inside. They are:

- Your Cricut Cutting Machine
- Cutting mat
- Power cord
- USB cord for connecting your Cricut to your computer
- A pen
- Cutting blade (This may be loaded inside of your Cricut, so don't panic if you don't see it right away.)
- Let's Get Started packet (This will have an instruction book, step-by-step guide for setting up your new machine, materials for a new project, and a trial membership for Cricut Access.)

Let's Get Started Unboxing Your Machine!

Step 1: Remove everything from the box and make sure that all the components are there for your machine. Check the side of the box for the list of the pieces that come with your machine.

Step 2: Remove the plastic covering from your Cricut.

Step 3: Open the "Let's Get Started" packet.

Step 4: Turn your Cricut around and plug in the power cord.

Step 5: Go to cricut.com/setup and follow the instructions to connect your Cricut via Windows, Mac, IOS, or Android.

Note: If you already have a Cricut, navigating to cricut.com/setup will take you straight to Design Space. Connect your Cricut to your computer with the USB cord, click on a project you want to make, click "Make It," and Design Space will connect to your new machine.

   To learn how to connect your Cricut's bluetooth connection with Windows, Mac, IOS or Android, go to https://tinyurl.com/cricutbluetooth.

Step 6: Now you're ready to make! Your Cricut will come with a project that's perfect for a first timer!