



4 THINGS YOU NEED TO CREATE YOUR FIRST VINYL STENCIL

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STANDARD GRIP MAT (GREEN)

- Be sure to "fuzz it" first!
- Use a clean dry towel to lay, press and pull up 4-6 x to make it a tad less sticky
- I use the 12 x 24" you can find it [HERE](#)
- you can also use a 12" x 12" but the longer mat makes it easier to cut larger stencils in one piece.

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631 ORACAL STENCIL VINYL

- Snag my favorite 150 foot roll [HERE](#) this is the best deal!
- Snag my favorite 50 foot roll [HERE](#)
- Snag my favorite 10 foot roll [HERE](#)

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PAPER TRANSFER TAPE

- This works with 631 oracle vinyl specifically—find it [HERE](#)
- The type of vinyl and project determines the transfer tape

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WEEDING TOOL

- Use a "weeding" tool or a tool with a pointed tip to pull up the areas that you'll paint in, creating the stencil
- Find the weeding tool in this little kit [HERE](#)

HELPFUL TIP— USE CHALK PAINT TO STENCIL

- Chalk paint works best because it's a thicker consistency so there's less bleeding under the vinyl.
- I use Waverly and Home Decor Chalk By Folkart paint but you can use whatever you have on hand.

Cricut Mats Reference Guide

Blue Mat

Light Grip for light weight materials like...

- Printer Paper
- Thin Cardstock
- Really light materials

Green Mat

Medium Grip for Medium weight materials like...

- Vinyl
- Textured paper
- Heavy card stock
- Some bonded fabric

Purple Mat

- Strong Grip for heavy weight materials like...
- Glitter cardstock
- Leather
- Wood
- Chip board
- Bonded Fabric

Pink Mat

- Designed to cut fabric using the rotary blade or bonded fabric blade
- It has a light adhesive but is stronger and more durable for use with those cutting blades

They come in 12 x 12" or 12" x 24" and you can snag yours [HERE](#)

Helpful Tips:

- Keep the clear film cover that comes with them so they can stay cleaner longer
- Once your mat gets too icky to use and loses it's grip, you can clean with a clean, wet sponge with a little dish soap, rinse well and let dry completely.

To avoid the "too sticky" unfuzzed mat nightmare simply fuzz your mat before use



To fuzz your mat grab a clean, dry hand towel and

- lay flat along entire sticky surface of the mat
- pull up and repeat 4-6 times until the mat has less tack.
- do a small test with your material before cutting large pieces to be sure it's fuzzed enough.

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