You Will Need:

- A Cricut (Yea I'll start with the obvious)
- A SVG File ... The one in this tutorial is available on our Crafty Fun Cuts Page
- Adhesive Vinyl .. Cricut makes their own and you can find it at any craft store that sells the Cricuts but it's kind of pricey. I really like the stuff we found on Amazon or sometimes you can even find it at Dollar Tree.
- Transfer Tape/Adhesive (basically clear contact paper or shelf liner.) Again Cricut makes their own, we really like the Duck EasyLiner Adhesive affordable, easy to work with.
- Something to adhere your decal to. In the case a DT Tray, but could be a mug, a board, glass jar etc.
- Weeding Tool. One came with your Cricut or you can get them at DT. (It's the plastic thing shaped like a pen with a sharp point on the end) Tweezers help too.
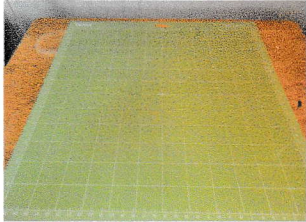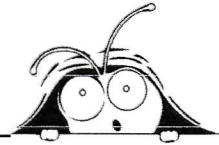
1. For this project you will use the Standard Grip Mat. Cricut's Mats are all color coded so you know hat they are for. i.e The Standard Grip Mat is green, The Fabric Mat is pink etc. Remove the plastic overlay. DO NOT THROW THIS AWAY. You'll want to put it back on when you're done to help keep the mat sticky. If this is one of your first projects on your mat, consider the side of the mat with the cut out arrow the top. As the mat loses it's stickiness you can turn it.
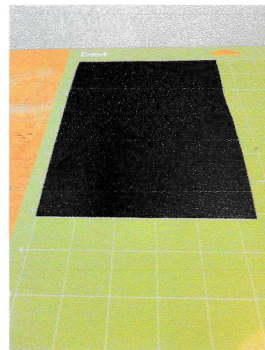
2. Cricut is automatically set to cut from the top left hand corner. You want to cut your vinyl BIGGER then the design. The vinyl has 2 parts, the actual vinyl and the removable backing. Place BOTH parts onto the sticky mat, vinyl side up. Press FIRMLY, making sure the vinyl is secure to the mat. If it can move your project will not cut properly. If the vinyl has bubbles or creases you can use a credit card or a straight edge to work them out. Work from the center, pushing the air out the sides.
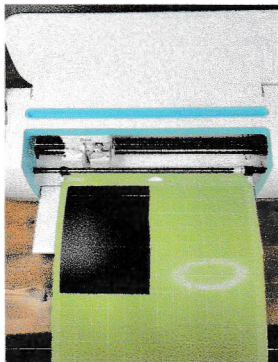
3. Insert the mat into the Cricut, just up to the roller bar. Do Not try to force it any farther in. There are small plastic tabs on either side of the roller bar that will help secure it until you actually load it.
* You want to make sure there is nothing obstructing the BACKSIDE of the Cricut. Cricut is going to push the mat through the backside. Now you're ready to actually Load the mat.

4. Right below the power button is another button with arrows going up and down. This is the Loading/Unloading button. Push that button ONCE and the mat will load.
* If mat does not load push the button again to unload, EVEN IF for some reason THE BOARD IS NOT IN THERE. The Button is set up if you push it Once it Loads, the next time you push it it unloads etc. If you pull out the mat without pushing the button to unload. The next time you use it, it's automatically going to Unload.