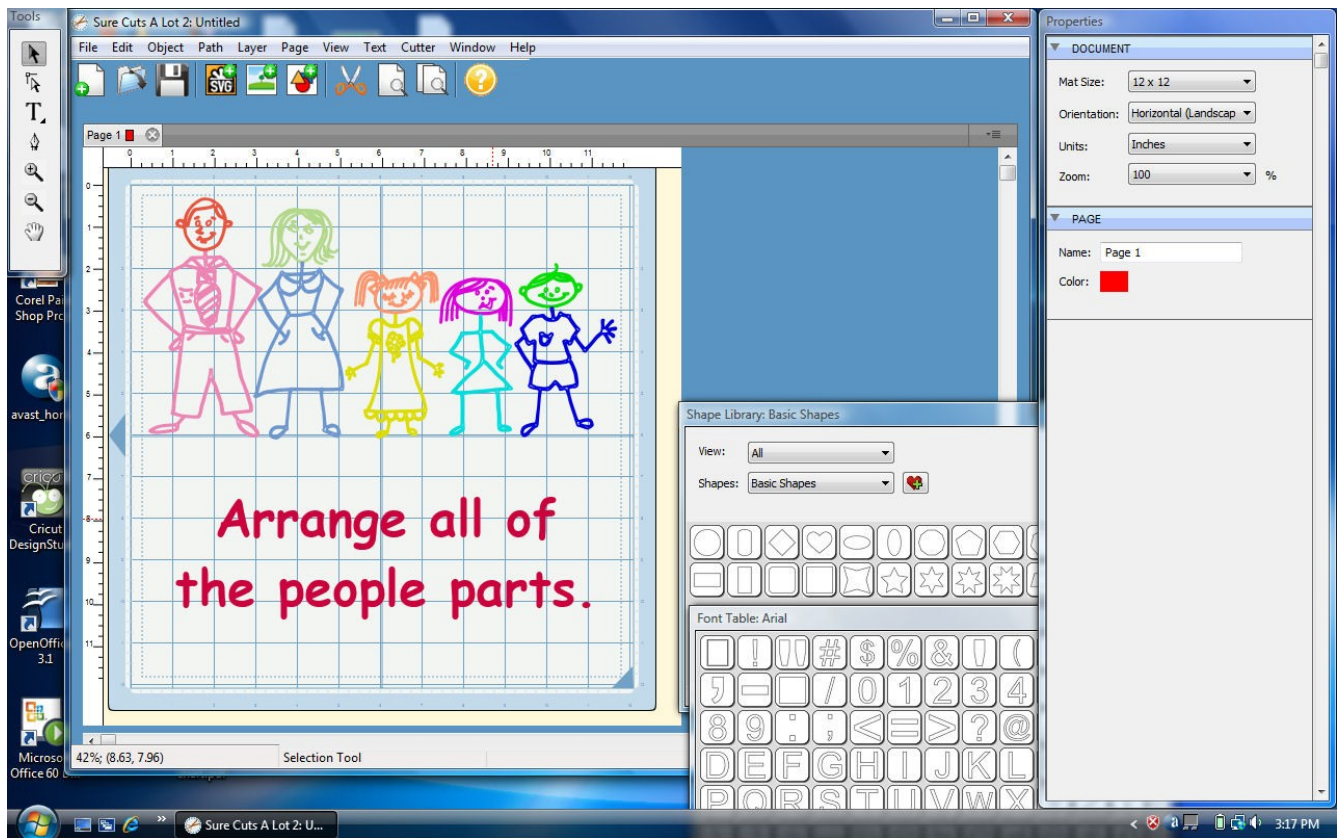


How to make a vinyl decal with your Cricut

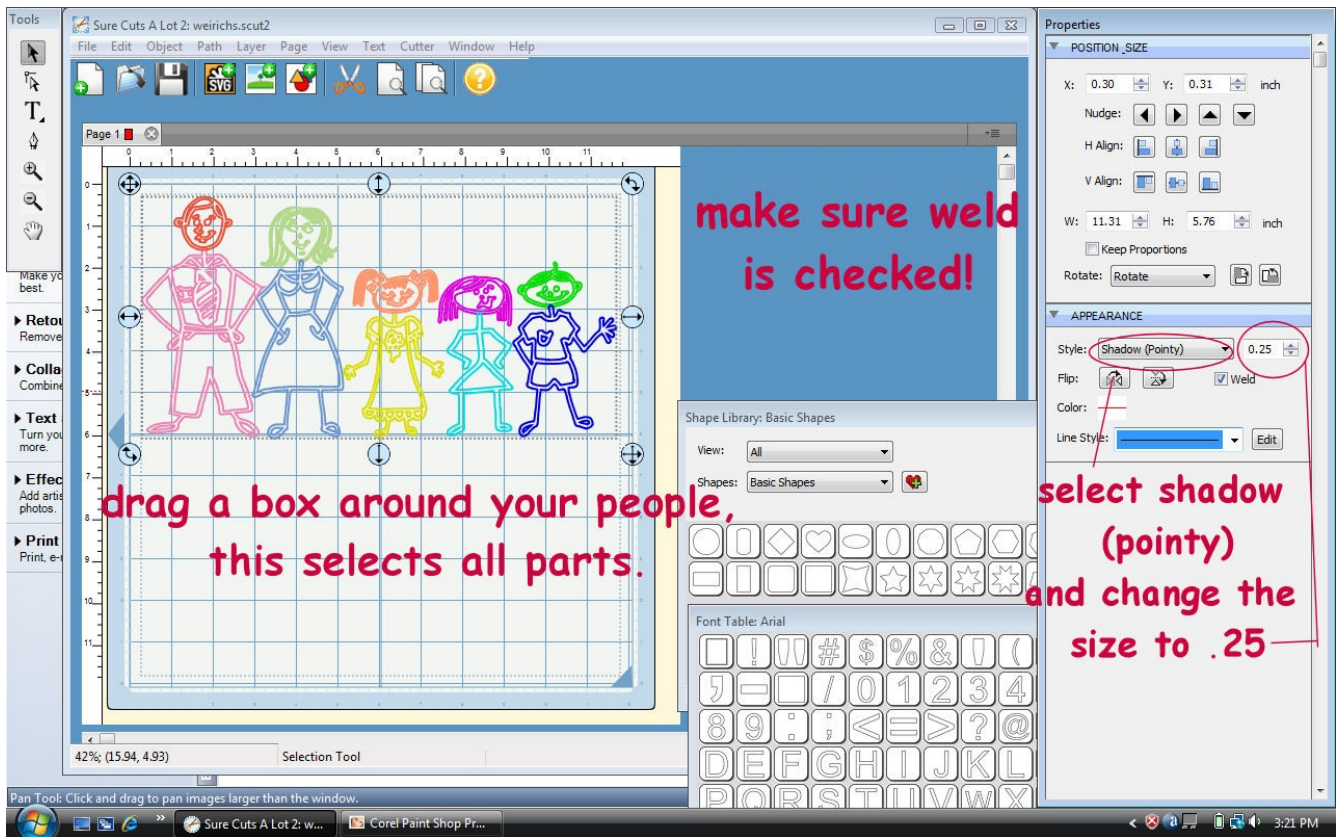
It is easy to make custom decals with your cricut machine using self adhesive vinyl. In this tutorial you will learn how to make a window sticker for your car but the same steps apply if you want to make wall decals or custom signs for fun and profit.

The first step is to design your decal. I am using the [People Mix and Match SVG](#) set from [Lindsay's Stamp Stuff](#) and [Sure Cuts a Lot \(SCAL\)](#) software.

Step 1. Arrange your elements on the virtual mat. Adjust the size and be sure all shapes are welded together.



Step 2. You may want thicker lines on your decals as they are easier to work with, the thickness of the lines depends on the materials you are cutting, the size of the image and the look you want. I chose a slight shadow of .25. To add a shadow on all elements I dragged a box around all of the images before applying the shadow (A feature in scal2 only)



Step 3. When you are pleased with your design load your mat with vinyl (do not peel it off the backing) into the Cricut. Adjust the settings on your machine: Blade depth=3, pressure Low (or 2 if using the original cricut) press cut. You are cutting the vinyl but not the backing.



Step 4. This is the most time consuming part of the process. You need to remove all of the waste vinyl from the backing leaving the design intact on the mat. Have a pair of scissors and a needle tool (paper piercer) handy while you work. Peel up the waste vinyl and trim it off as you go. Use the needle tool to lift small bits of vinyl or to hold down parts of the design on the mat while you remove the waste. This process is called weeding.



Step 5. Cut a piece of clear Contact paper to fit your design and press it on top. Burnish (rub firmly with the edge of a credit card or scraper) the Contact paper to the vinyl design.



Step 6. Peel back the contact paper, the vinyl is now stuck to the contact paper.



Step 7. Press the contact paper with the vinyl attached to the surface you want the design on and burnish. Peel off the contact paper and the design should stay stuck to the intended surface.



Step 8. Viola! Now you have a custom decal!

