

CUTTING CREPE PAPER WITH CRICUT MAKER

Cutting machines are excellent for crepe paper, but you must have a machine that holds a **rotary blade**. A fine point blade will only ruin the paper since it will drag to cut, stretching the crepe and pulling it off the mat. A rotary blade rolls over the crepe and presses down to cut.

UPLOAD SVG TO CRICUT DESIGN SPACE:

1. Download the file to computer. You will find the zipped file in **DOWNLOADS** folder on your computer.
2. Double-click to unzip the file.
3. From Design Space, upload the unzipped SVG and place onto canvas.
4. Read over the designer notes then hide notes layer.
5. Press the **Make** button to view each mat.
6. If file is unlocked, arrange petals or leaves to maximize crepe paper. Do not rotate any templates. They are positioned to match the grain of the paper.
7. Click **Continue** to proceed to cut settings.

CRICUT CUT SETTINGS

EXTRA-FINE CREPE PAPER

SETTING	PRESSURE
CREPE PAPER	DEFAULT

DOUBLE-SIDED CREPE PAPER

SETTING	PRESSURE
COTTON	DEFAULT

HEAVY CREPE PAPER

SETTING	PRESSURE
COTTON	MORE

NOTE: These settings may vary by machine, blade use, and software version. We recommend a small test cut before cutting a full mat of crepe paper.



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A CRAFTER'S GUIDE
TO CRICUT MAKER

CUTTING MAT TIPS

1. Cut crepe paper to the width of the mat (10" tall x 12" wide).
2. Place the crepe paper onto the mat with the grain running vertically.
3. Use a brayer to press the paper securely onto the mat.
4. For additional support, attach the edges of the crepe with tape to keep them from catching on the machine.
5. Once cut, remove the crepe paper pieces by rolling mat or by using needle-nose tweezers.

CUTTING CREPE PAPER WITH SCISSORS

When cutting by hand, you can maximize efficiency by cutting multiple layers of crepe paper at once. Use the mini clips to hold the layers and your template in place while you cut the shapes. Of course, I recommend using sharp craft or detail scissors.

MAXIMUM LAYERS FOR HAND CUTTING CREPE PAPER		
EXTRA-FINE	DOUBLE-SIDED	HEAVY
6 LAYERS	4 LAYERS	3 LAYERS

ANGLE CUTS

Cutting a half petal or leaf at an angle, then gluing centers together over a wire spine is an excellent method of using the pattern of the grain to create beautiful, realistic petals and leaves. Here are my simple steps for cutting petals and leaves with V-shaped grain lines.

1. Place your template on the crepe paper, matching the grain line marks with the grain line of the crepe.
2. Trim the paper to be large enough for a second petal or leaf half in the negative space and clip your template onto the crepe.
3. Cut along the angled straight line of the template.
4. Rotate the loose piece of crepe to align with the first, matching grain lines.
5. Clip into place and complete cut with two layers.

PRO TIP: If you are cutting double-sided crepe paper, cut an additional matching set starting with the other side/color facing up. You will then have two matching sets.

