

Makerspace & Digital Lab

At the MCDL Virginia Wheeler Martin Family History & Learning Center

Holiday Head Start: Appreciative Planter

Supplies:

- Small Ceramic Pot (smooth surface is best)
- Vinyl adhesive
- Transfer paper
- SVG or Cricut design (text is easy to do on the spot but fonts are limited)
 - Bring this either on a flash drive, emailed to yourself, or on your own cricut design space account

Appointment:

Call 330-725-0588 x5017 to schedule an appointment with the **Cricut**

- One pot should take 20-30 minutes

Step by Step Instructions:

- Step 1. Open Cricut Design Space.
- Step 2. If you have a Design Space account, log in. If you don't, ask a staff member to log you into the Makerspace account.
- Step 3. Select "New Project" in the upper right hand corner.
- Step 4. On the left hand tool bar select 'text'.
- Step 5. Type out your text.
- Step 6. Format your image or text for how you want it to cut.
- Step 7. Select 'Make it' in the upper right hand corner.
- Step 8. Make sure your fits within a 12x12" mat.
- Step 9. Select 'Continue'.
- Step 10. Make sure the dial on the Cricut Machine is set to **vinyl**. You can also set it to custom and search for vinyl in Design Space.
- Step 11. Get a green 12x12" mat and remove the plastic covering. Hold your vinyl shiny side down and line up the top edge with the top line of the grid on the mat.
- Step 12. Smooth your material and trim any excess material that hangs off the mat.
- Step 13. To load the material, hold the top of the mat to the rollers on the Cricut. Press the flashing double arrow button and your mat should move to under the rollers.
- Step 14. The Cricut light will start to flash. Press that button to start the cutting process.
- Step 15. While your design is cutting wash, rinse, and dry the surface of your pot so it is clean for adhesion.
- Step 16. Once the design is complete the loading button will begin to flash again. Press it and remove your mat.
- Step 17. Here you will trim all usable excess material and weed the remaining vinyl away from your design.

- Step 18. After weeding you should be left with your image/text on the clear backing.
- Step 19. Cut yourself a portion of transfer paper big enough to cover your design.
- Step 20. Peel off the backing of your transfer paper.
- Step 21. Take your transfer paper and smooth it (with sticky side down) over your design with the Cricut smoothing tool.
- Step 22. Slowly pull up. You should see your design lifting with your transfer paper. If some part doesn't carefully lower your transfer paper back down and use the cricut tool to smooth it out over the area.
- Step 23. Once you've successfully lifted your design you will place it where you want on your planter (careful it is sticky!).
(You can use the smoothing tool again here to ensure that all parts of your design stick before pulling away.)
- Step 24. You are done! Go home and pot your favorite plant!