Free Resources for Libraries: Get the Most out of Your Cricut

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Agenda

- Introduction to Cricut
- Program Ideas for Libraries
- Discount Materials Sources
- Free Resources

Introduction to Cricut

What is a Cricut?

What can it do?

Cut

Draw

Image & Directions: Seekatesew

What materials can you work with?

Acetate

Adhesive Foil

Aluminum Foil

Balsa Wood

Canvas

Carbon Fiber

Cardboard

Cardstock

Construction Page

Cork

Craft Foam

Denim

Fabric

Felt

Foil – Paper, iron-on

Kraft Board and Cardstock

Leather

Magnetic Sheets

Paper

Silk, bonded

Stencil Film

Sticker Paper

Vinyl

Washi Sheet

Wax Paper

Window Clings

Wrapping Paper

Wood

Full list

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Program Ideas for Libraries

Create program giveaways

[Download and Image Designs By Miss Mandee]

Paper Crafts

- Cards

Designs

[Cricut Design](https://jennifermaker.com/diy-fairy-house/)

Paper Crafts

[Penguin Paper Bomb]
[Design Center – flowers]
[Design Center - Daffodils]
[Unoriginal Mom]

Lanterns and Luminaries

Images
https://jennifermaker.com/resource-library
https://design.cricut.com

Boxes

Supplies: card stock, decorating materials

https://www.templatemaker.nl/
Design Space

Star Constellations

Link: https://design.cricut.com/

Wood Pallets

Images
Cricut Designs
Kandra Adventures
Pinterest Image

Coffee Mugs and Water Bottles

Images:
[Giggles Galore]
[Crafts n Cards Cricut Corner]
[Kitchen Decor.club]

Back to School Kick-Off Giveaways

- T-shirts
- Custom water bottles
- Coffee mugs
- Stickers
- Custom notebooks

Crafting Programs

Image and Intructions - Clarks Condensed

Adult crafting programs

- Quilling programs
- Embroidery
- Cross Stitch Templates

Image: Domestic Heights

Sewing Program Templates

Cricut Design

Felt Unicorn – sewwhatalicia.com

Library/ Classroom Decorations

Images Pinterest, http://snakeriverlibrary.com/
John C Carver

Shadow Boxes

Images
agiftpersonalized
Clumsy Crafter
Remember to mirror print for shadow boxes

Library Signage

Erasable Board column

Signage Best Practices

- Font Matters
- Size of Font
- Color of Font v. Color of background
- Consider lighting of space

Letter Height & Viewing Distance Chart

Shows letter height (Inches), distance for best visibility

Letter Height *(in inches)*	Ideal Readable Distance *(in feet)*
3”	30’
4”	40’
5”	50’
6”	60’
7”	70’
8”	80’
9”	90’
10”	100’
12”	120’
15”	150’
18”	180’
20”	200’
24”	240’
26”	260’
30”	300’
36”	360’

designworkplan.com/read/signage-and-color-contrast
accessible-colors.com/
signs.com/blog/signage-101-letter-height-visibility/ (Infographic & More)

Holographic Displays

Supplies:
Glass Coasters
Armour Etch Cream
EEEKit

Image: Wei Han-Cricut Design Space with Melody Lane

Free time or just an available Cricut for users

Examples:
Arlington Public Library
Longwood Public Library Available for Checkout!!
University of Laverne
Image: Austintown

What have you used the Cricut for?

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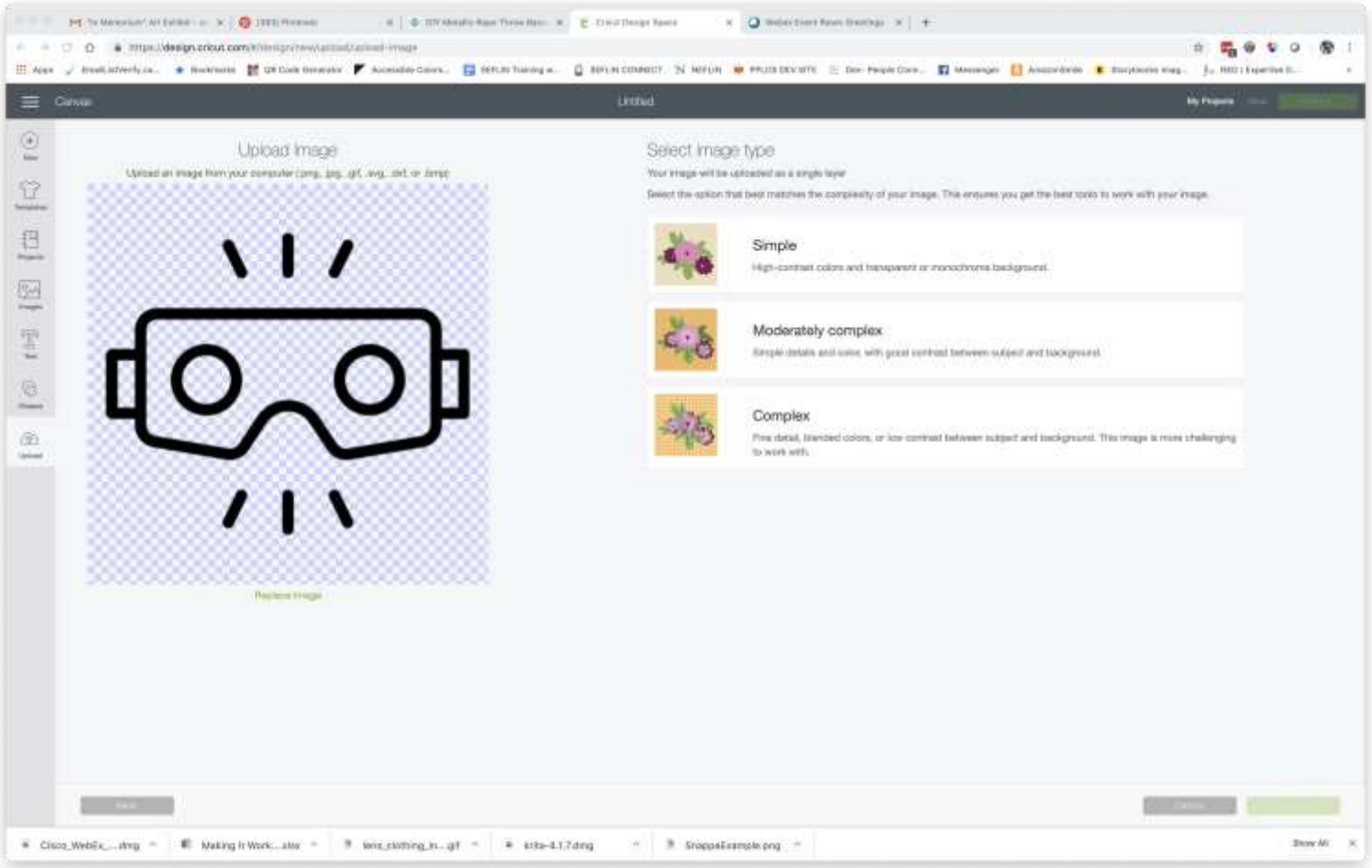
Tips for the Cricut

Uploading images



.jpg
.gif
.png
.bmp
.svg

- All will work
- SVG will allow you to manipulate elements
- PNG is transparent

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Low cost supplies

Dollar Store

- Jars
- Glasses
- Coffee Mugs
- Water Bottles

Vinyl, Iron On and other materials and more

- https://www.michaels.com/ (always wait for the coupon)
- https://www.joann.com/ (always wait for the coupon)
- https://www.651vinyl.com/
- Amazon.com (great deal on transfer paper!)
- https://home.cricut.com/ (always wait for a sale)

t-shirts and other goodies

- https://www.jiffyshirts.com/
- https://www.uline.com/ (wood pallets)

Where else do you buy supplies?

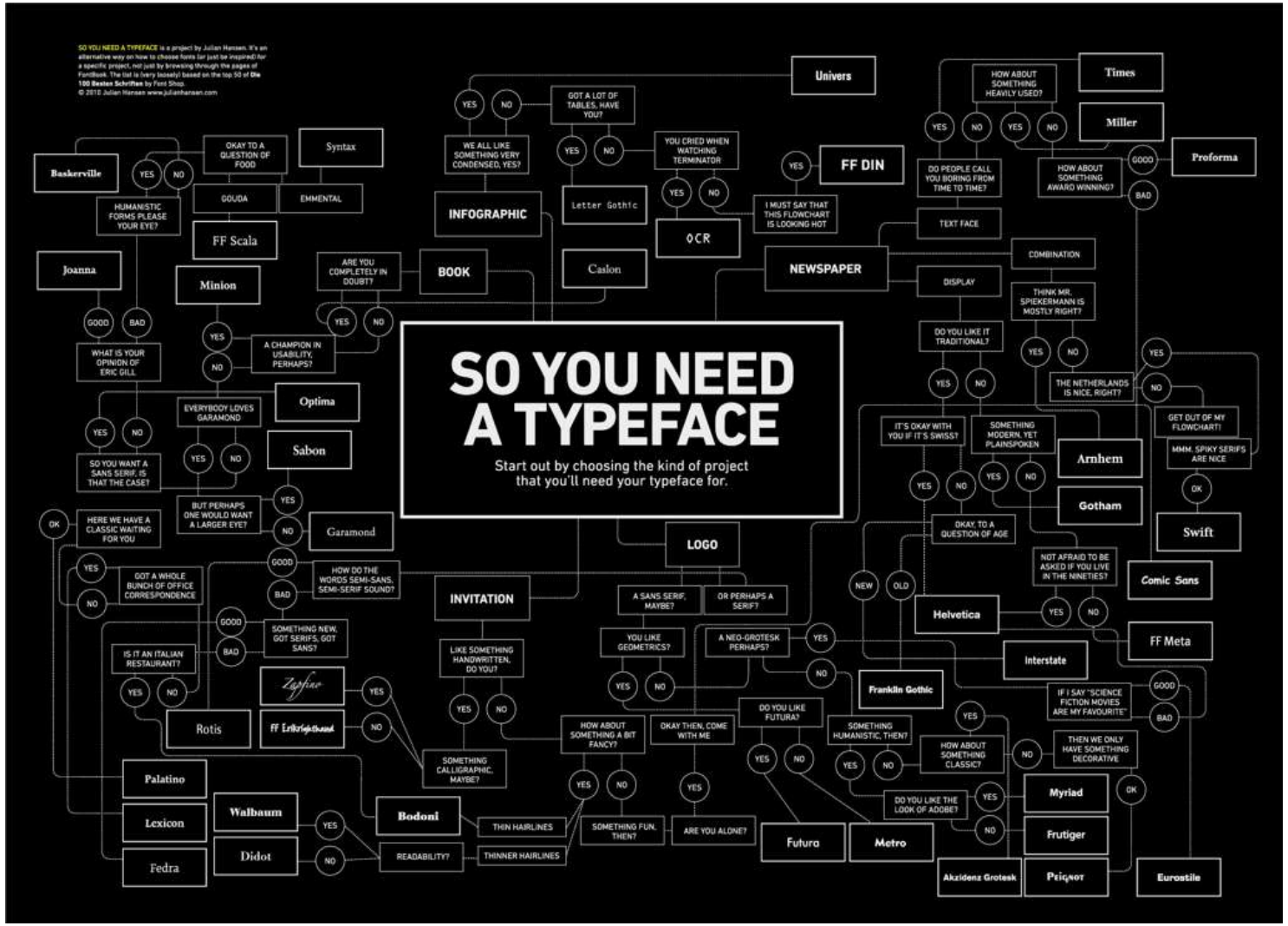
- Harbor Freight

Free Resources

Before you download, review licenses

- Personal Use
- Commercial Use
- Attribution
- Creative Commons License

Free Fonts



Need a font on an iPad try: [AnyFont]

Creative Market

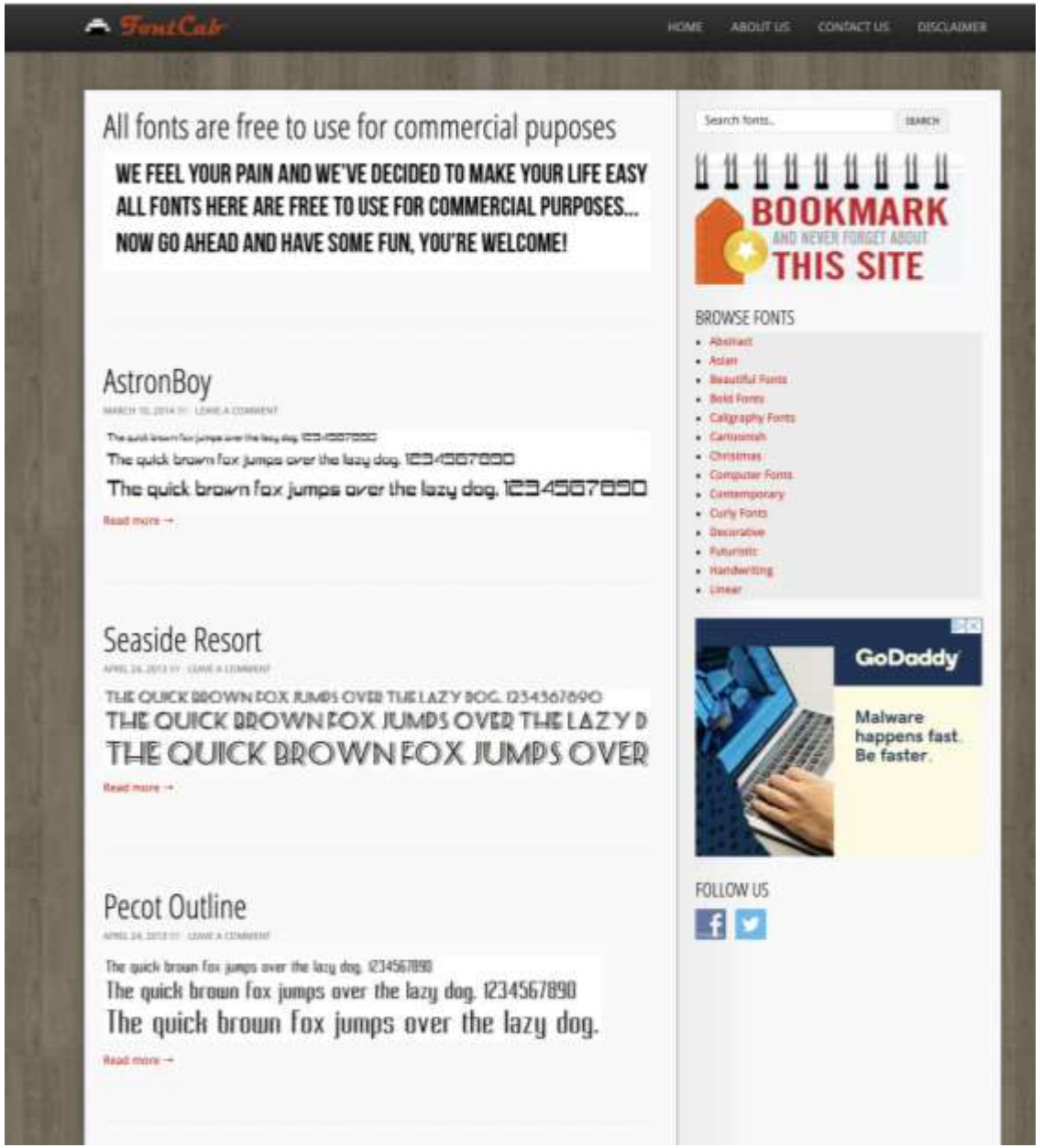
https://creativemarket.com/free-goods

Font Squirrel

https://www.fontsquirrel.com/

Additional Font Sites

- DaFont
- Font Cab
- Google Fonts

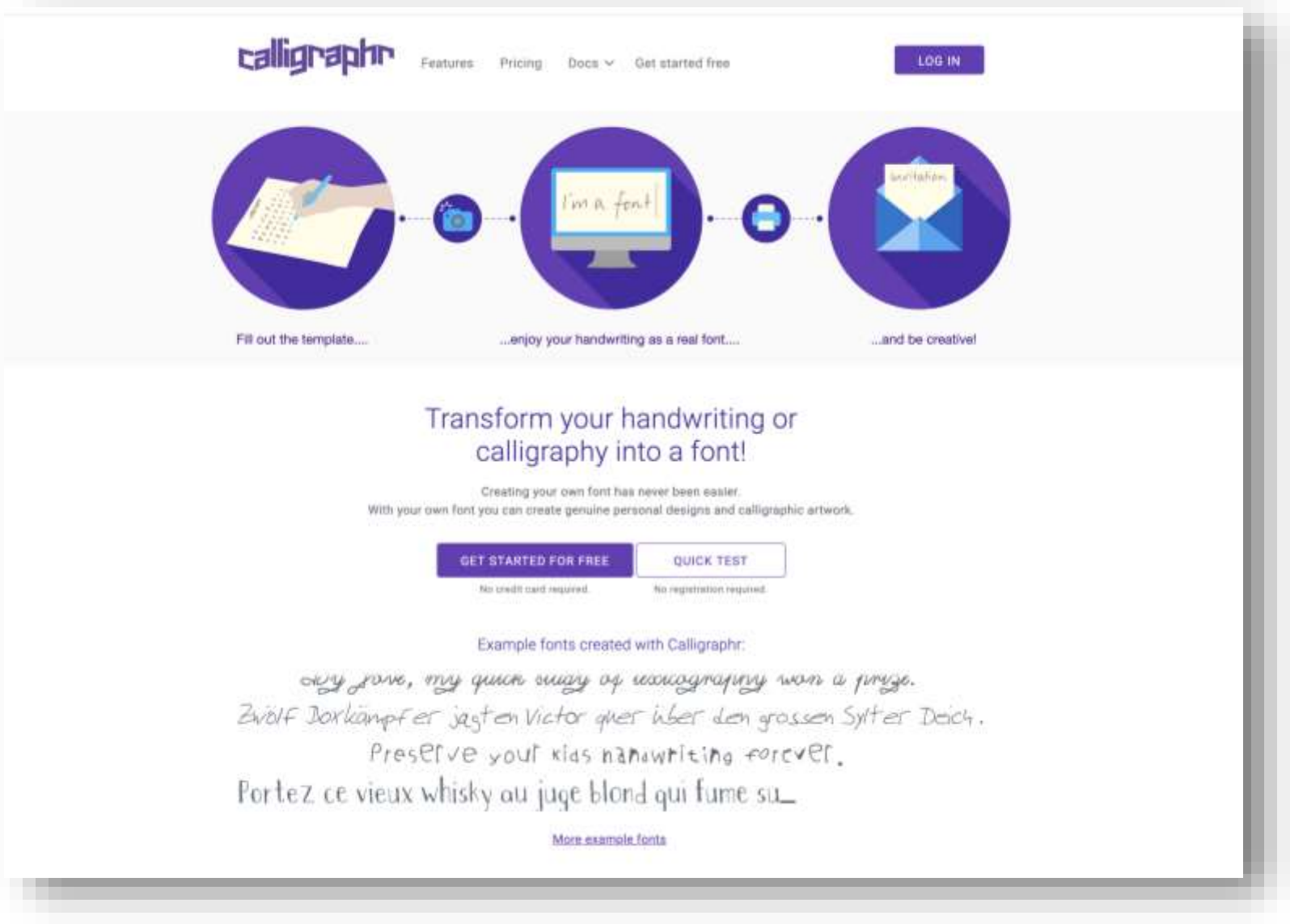


Create your own fonts

MetaFlop

https://www.metaflop.com/modulator

Calligraphr



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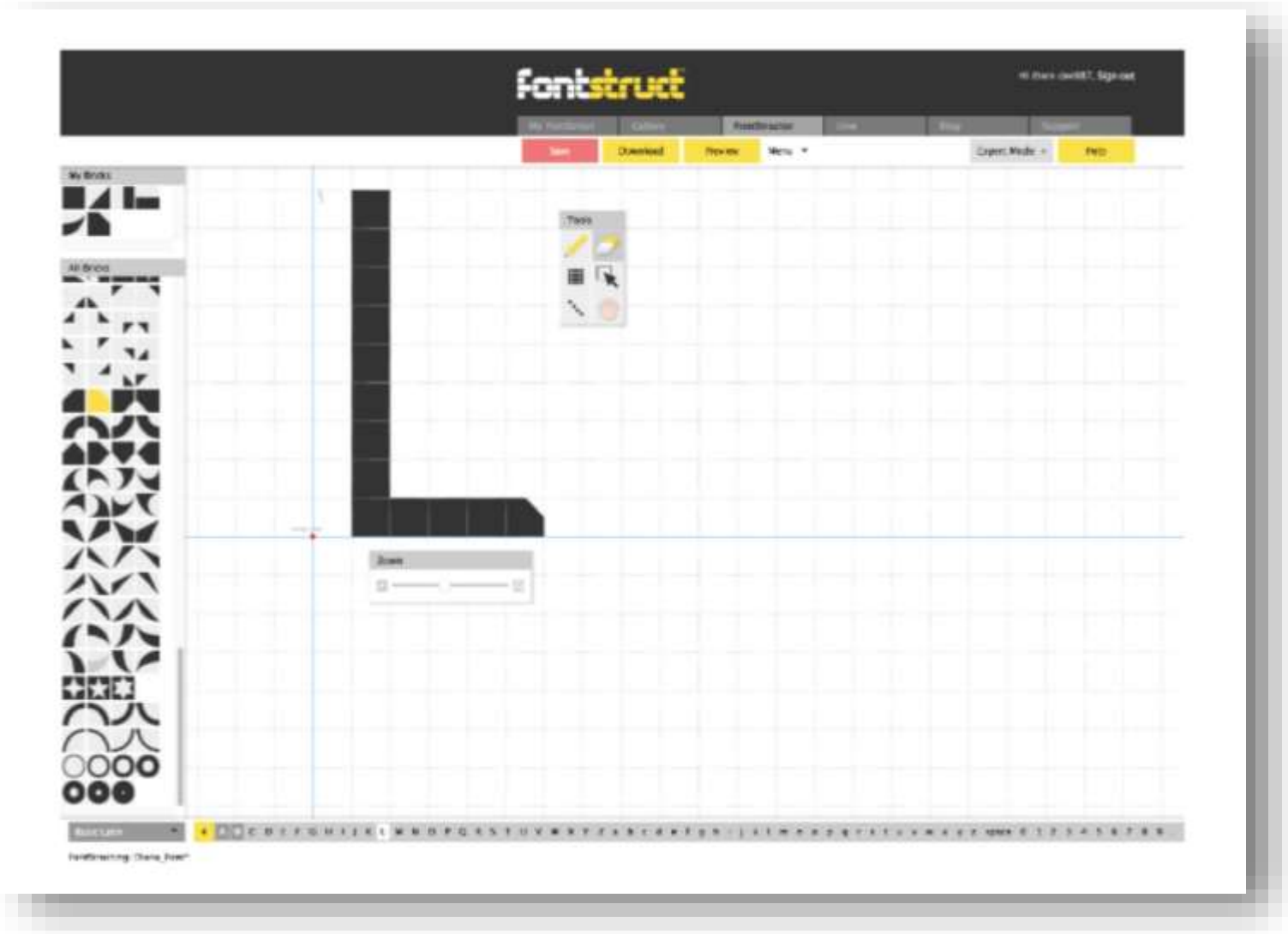
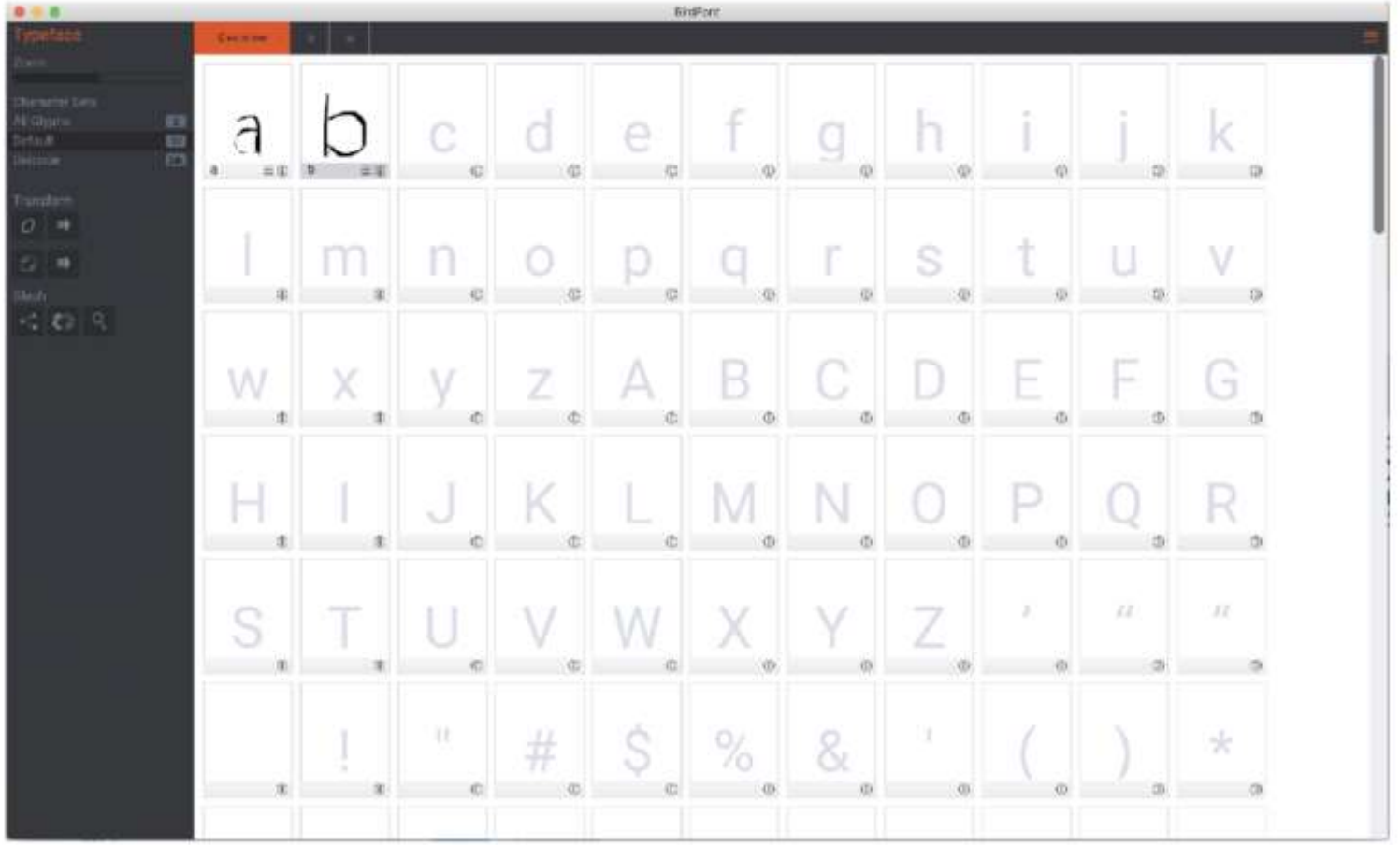
Fontstruct



https://fontstruct.com/

Similar: http://www.glyphrstudio.com/

BirdFont



https://birdfont.org/

Images

Creating Vectors: Software Options

- Adobe Illustrator
- GIMP
- Vectr

Create your own SVG file: Adobe Capture

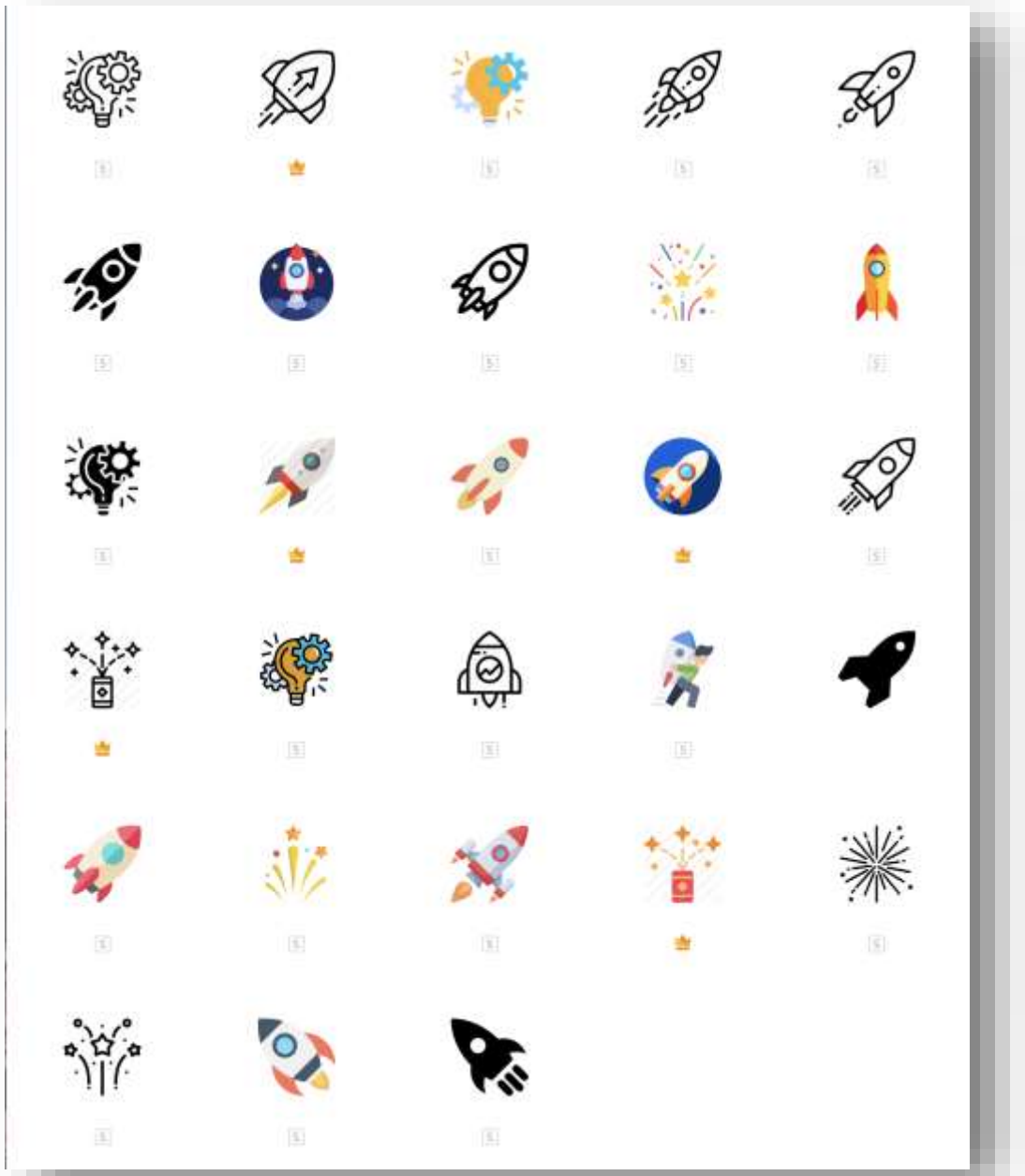
Free Clipart & Images

flaticon.com

pdclipart.org

pixabay.com/images/search/clip%20art/

vecteezy.com/free-vector/clipart



Free Images

geeksvgs.com

[Jen Goode]

svgbomb.com/ (image)

[Caluya Design]

More: pinterest.com/dee987/cricut-ideas/free-svg/

Word Art

https://wordart.com/

Files for Paper Cutting

jennifermaker.com (popup cards)
unoriginalmom.com (rose wreath)
3dcuts.com
3dsvg.com

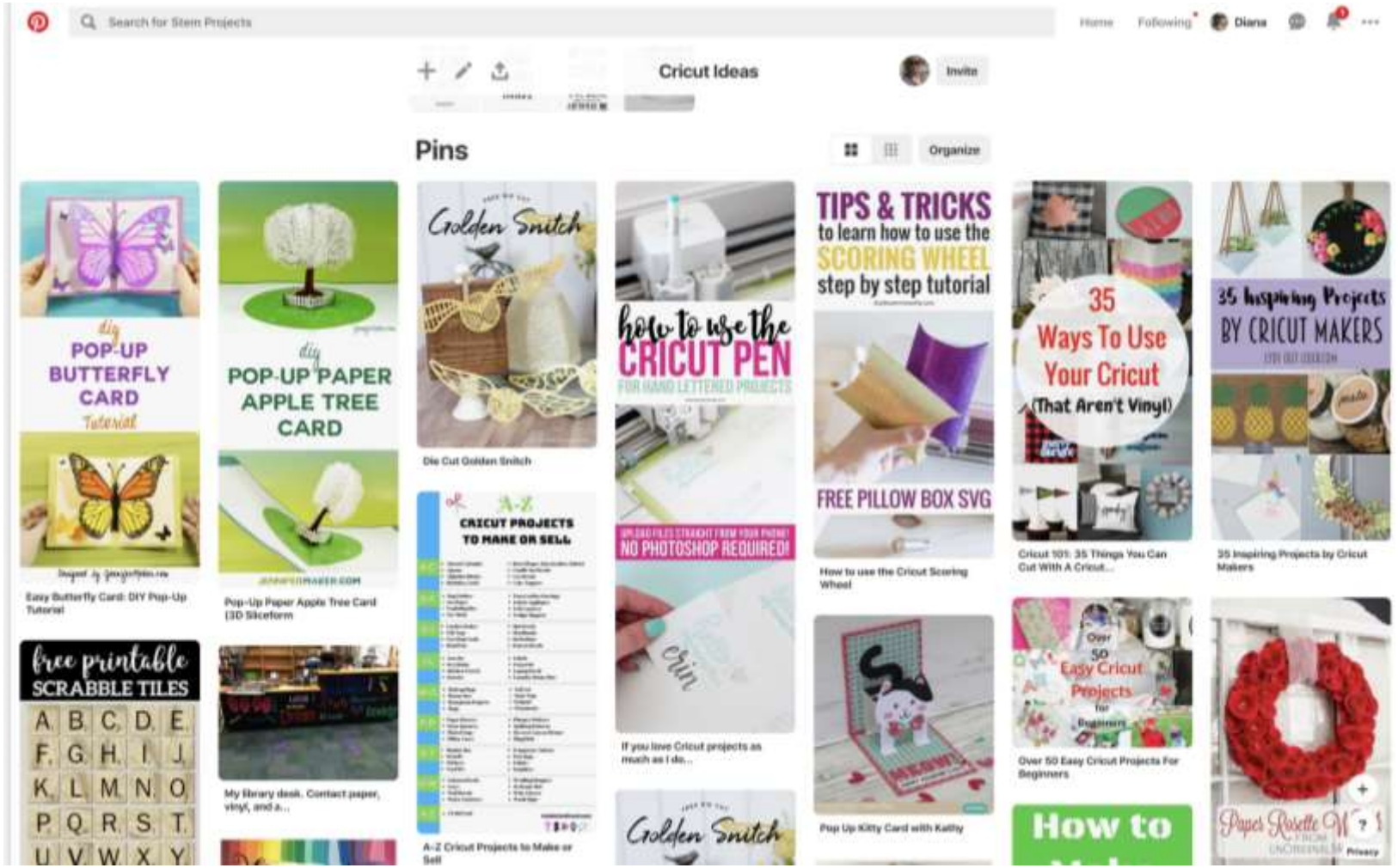
Where do you find your freebies?

Additional Resources

More inspiration: Facebook Groups to Join

- Cricut Design Space with Melody Lane
- Cricut Newbies & Tutorials

Pinterest



pinterest.com/dee987/cricut-ideas/

Any additional resources you want to share?

- https://www.facebook.com/groups/651vinyl/

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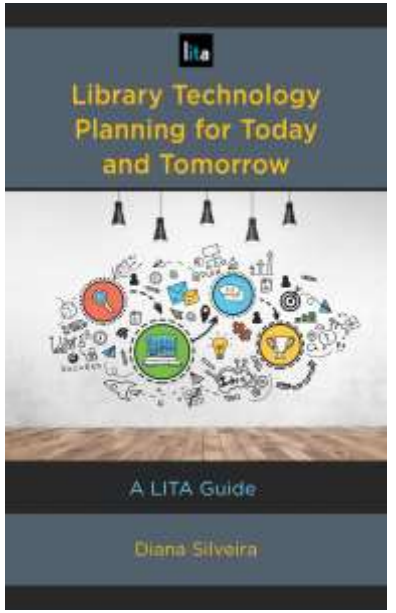
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