

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 Paper

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](#)





Program Ideas for Libraries

Create program
giveaways



[Download and Image Designs By Miss Mandee](https://www.designsbymissmandee.com)

Paper Crafts

- Cards



Designs

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

<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/DesignSpace>

Star Constellations



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



Adult crafting programs

Quilling programs

Embroidery

Cross Stitch Templates



Image: [Domestic Heights](#)

Sewing Program Templates



Cricut Design
[Felt Unicorn – sewwhatalicia.com](http://sewwhatalicia.com)

Library/ Classroom Decorations



Images [Pinterest](https://www.pinterest.com), <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

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

Letter Height & Viewing Distance Chart

Shows letter height (Inches), distance for best visibility

Letter Height <i>(in inches)</i>	Ideal Readable Distance <i>(in feet)</i>
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'

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?

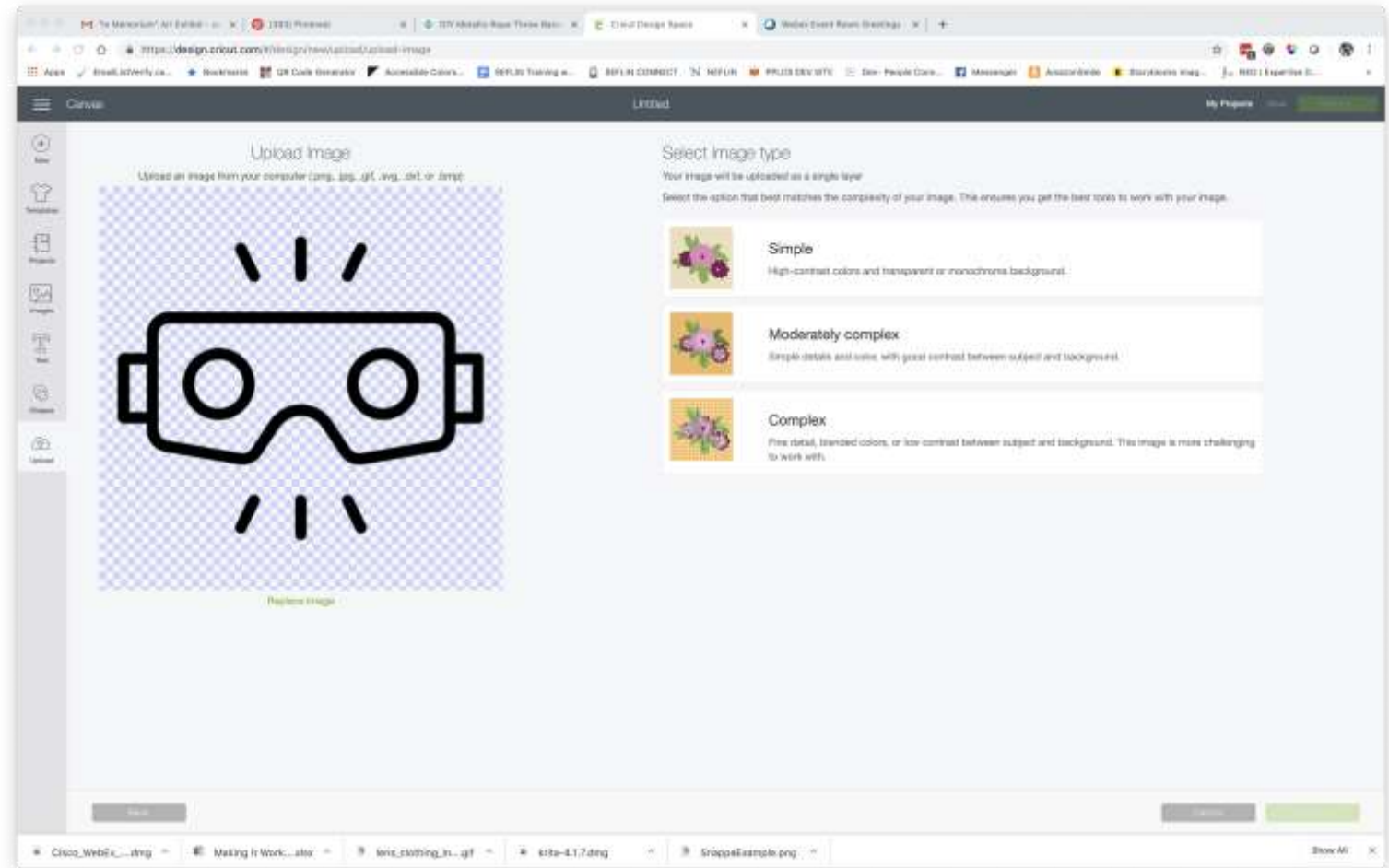
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Tips for the Cricut

Uploading images



.jpg
.gif
.png
.bmp
.svg

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





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](https://www.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

Creative Market

Free Goods of the Week


Download these 6 free goods before it's too late! 0 items 14 items 1 item 32 items

Unlock **6 more free goods!**
Get 3 bonus free goods this week and 3 more next week when you spend **\$15** before May 20th.


\$0 **\$15**

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by May's Project in Paris [Free Download](#)




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by Design in Denmark [Free Download](#)




AIRSPACE | Minimal San...
by Maria Louisa in Paris [Free Download](#)



Vintage Logo Badges Col...
by Miroslav in Denmark [Free Download](#)



Welcome to Urban Jungle
by Kate Warden in Brighton [Free Download](#)



Interior Social Media Kits
by Heidi Colwell in Dallas [Free Download](#)

Font Squirrel

The screenshot shows the Font Squirrel website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Hot', 'Recent', 'Top Font Deals', 'Swag', 'Generator', 'Font Identifier', 'Font Talk', and 'Blog'. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, the main content area features several font listings. Each listing includes the font name, a sample of the font in various weights and styles, and a 'Download this fontset' button. The fonts listed are 'Free Font Utopia', 'Acherus Grotesque', 'Eurocine', 'INTRO RUST', 'Milkshake', 'Source Sans Pro', 'NEXA RUST', and 'Open Sans'. On the right side of the page, there are several promotional banners and advertisements. One banner for Amazon.com features a 'Gray Bunny DB-6847M Classic Metal Tube Fawcett Premium Metal' product. Another banner for NBA Store.com offers a '32% OFF' discount on eligible items. A third banner for Font Squirrel Swag features a purple t-shirt. Below the banners, there is a 'Font Lists' section with links for 'Recently Added', 'Most Popular', and 'New Tutorials'. The website has a clean, modern design with a dark purple header and a white background for the main content area.

<https://www.fontsquirrel.com/>

Additional Font Sites

- [DaFont](#)
- [Font Cab](#)
- [Google Fonts](#)

The screenshot shows the FontCab website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, ABOUT US, CONTACT US, and DISCLAIMER. The main content area features three font listings:

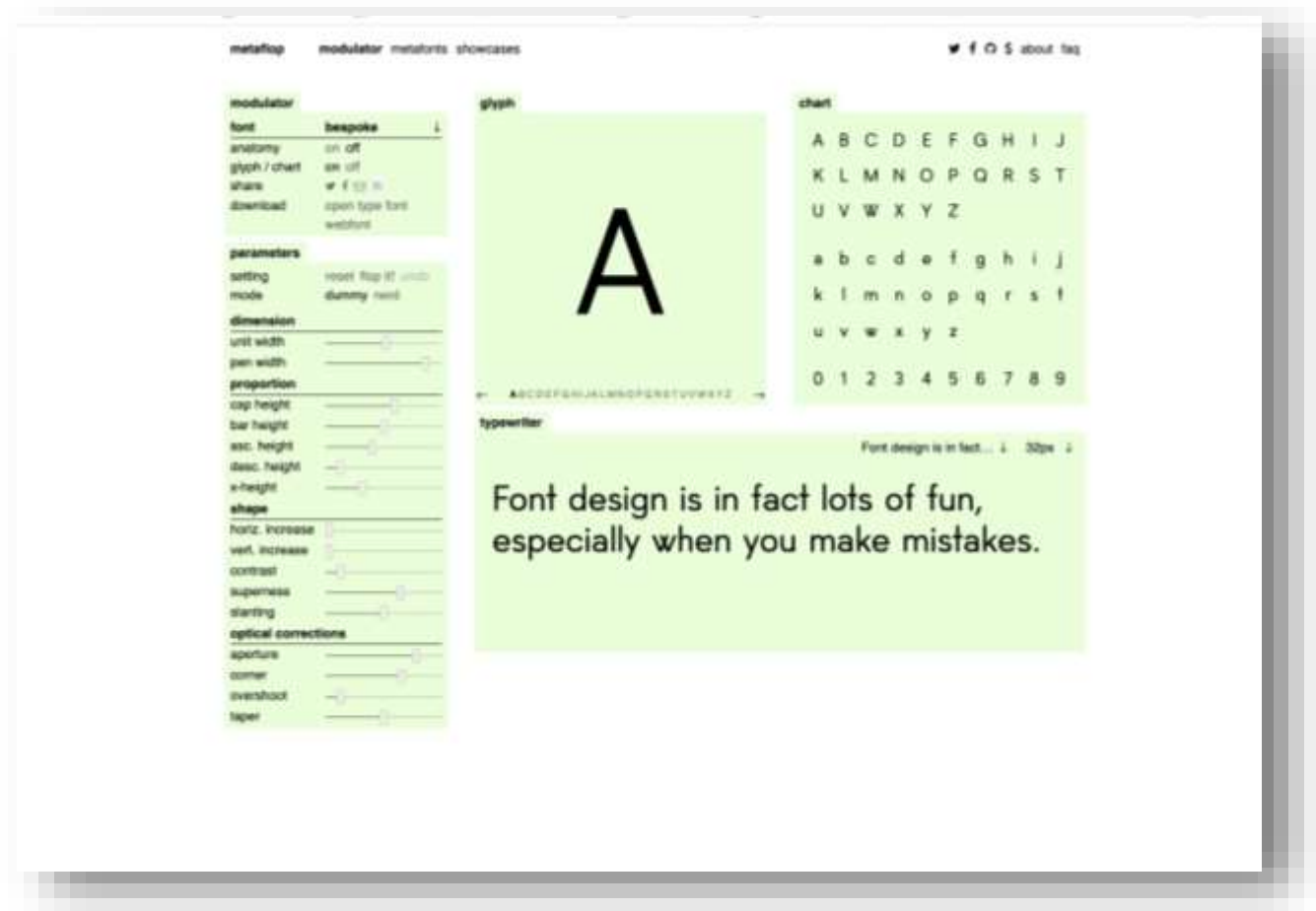
- AstronBoy**: Includes a date (MARCH 10, 2014), a comment link, and sample text: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. 1234567890" and "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. 1234567890".
- Seaside Resort**: Includes a date (APRIL 24, 2013), a comment link, and sample text: "THE QUICK BROWN FOX JUMPS OVER THE LAZY DOG. 1234567890", "THE QUICK BROWN FOX JUMPS OVER THE LAZY D", and "THE QUICK BROWN FOX JUMPS OVER".
- Pecot Outline**: Includes a date (APRIL 24, 2013), a comment link, and sample text: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. 1234567890", "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. 1234567890", and "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog."

The right sidebar contains a search bar, a "BOOKMARK AND NEVER FORGET ABOUT THIS SITE" banner, a "BROWSE FONTS" list with categories like Abstract, Aotai, Beautiful Fonts, Bold Fonts, Calligraphy Fonts, etc., a GoDaddy advertisement with the text "Malware happens fast. Be faster.", and social media follow links for Facebook and Twitter.



Create your own fonts

MetaFlop



Calligraphr

The screenshot shows the Calligraphr website homepage. At the top, the logo 'calligraphr' is in a purple, handwritten-style font. To its right are navigation links: 'Features', 'Pricing', 'Docs' (with a dropdown arrow), and 'Get started free'. A purple 'LOG IN' button is in the top right corner. Below the navigation is a horizontal process flow with three main steps in purple circles: 1. 'Fill out the template....' showing a hand writing on a notepad. 2. '...enjoy your handwriting as a real font....' showing a computer monitor with 'I'm a font!' written on it. 3. '...and be creative!' showing an envelope with a card that says 'Invitation'. Small icons of a camera and a printer are between the steps. Below the flow is the main heading 'Transform your handwriting or calligraphy into a font!' followed by the subtext 'Creating your own font has never been easier. With your own font you can create genuine personal designs and calligraphic artwork.' Two buttons are present: a purple 'GET STARTED FOR FREE' button with 'No credit card required.' below it, and a white 'QUICK TEST' button with 'No registration required.' below it. Below the buttons, it says 'Example fonts created with Calligraphr:' followed by three lines of text in different handwriting styles: 'My love, my queen sways at noonography with a purple.', 'Zwölf Dorkämpfer jagten Victor quer über den grossen Sylter Deich.', and 'Preserve your kids handwriting forever.' The last line is 'Portez ce vieux whisky au juge blond qui fume su...'. A link 'More example fonts' is at the bottom.

calligraphr

Features Pricing Docs Get started free

LOG IN

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Example fonts created with Calligraphr:

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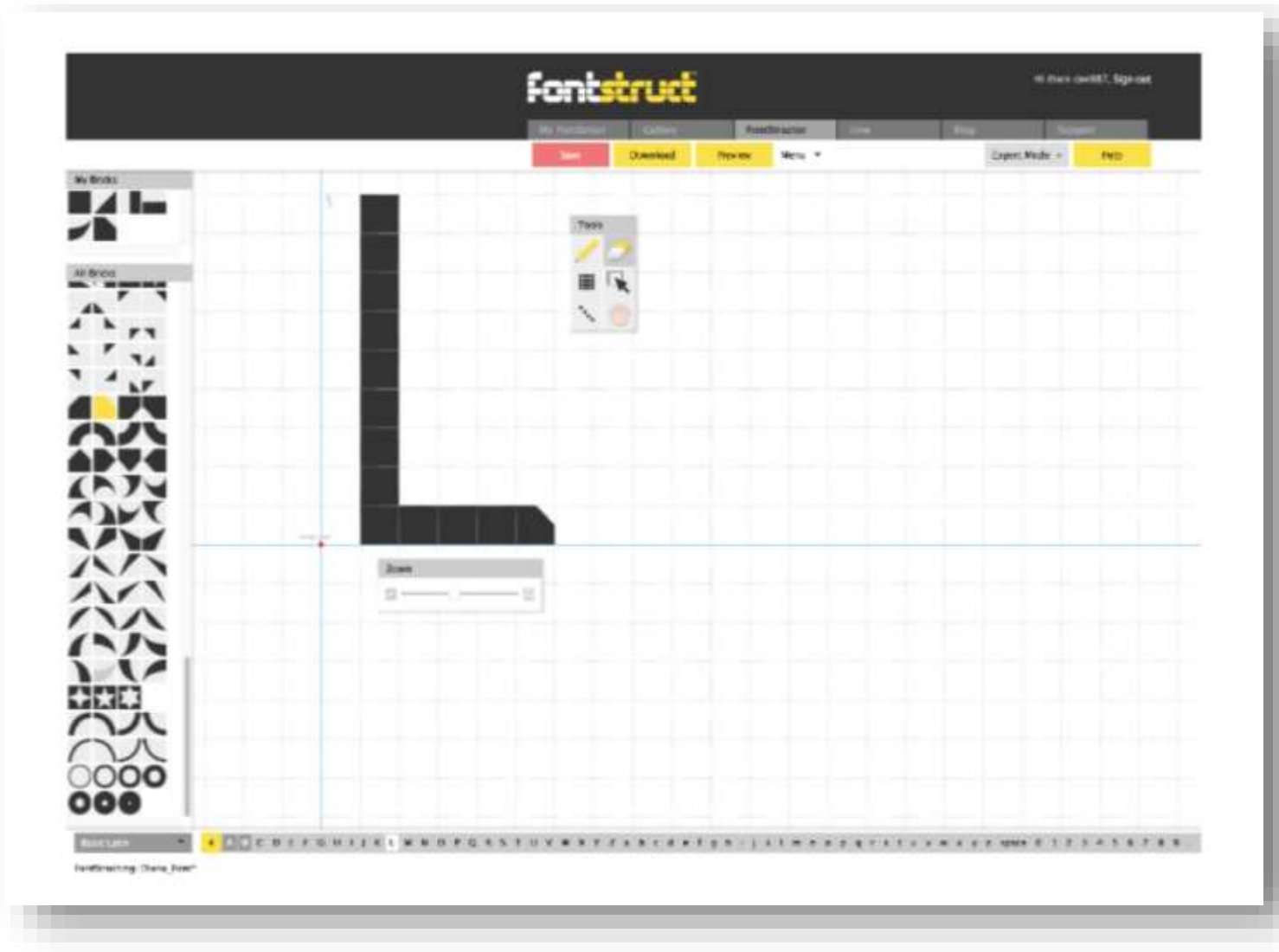
Preserve your kids handwriting forever.

Portez ce vieux whisky au juge blond qui fume su...

[More example fonts](#)

<https://www.calligraphr.com/en/?rtom=myscriptfont>

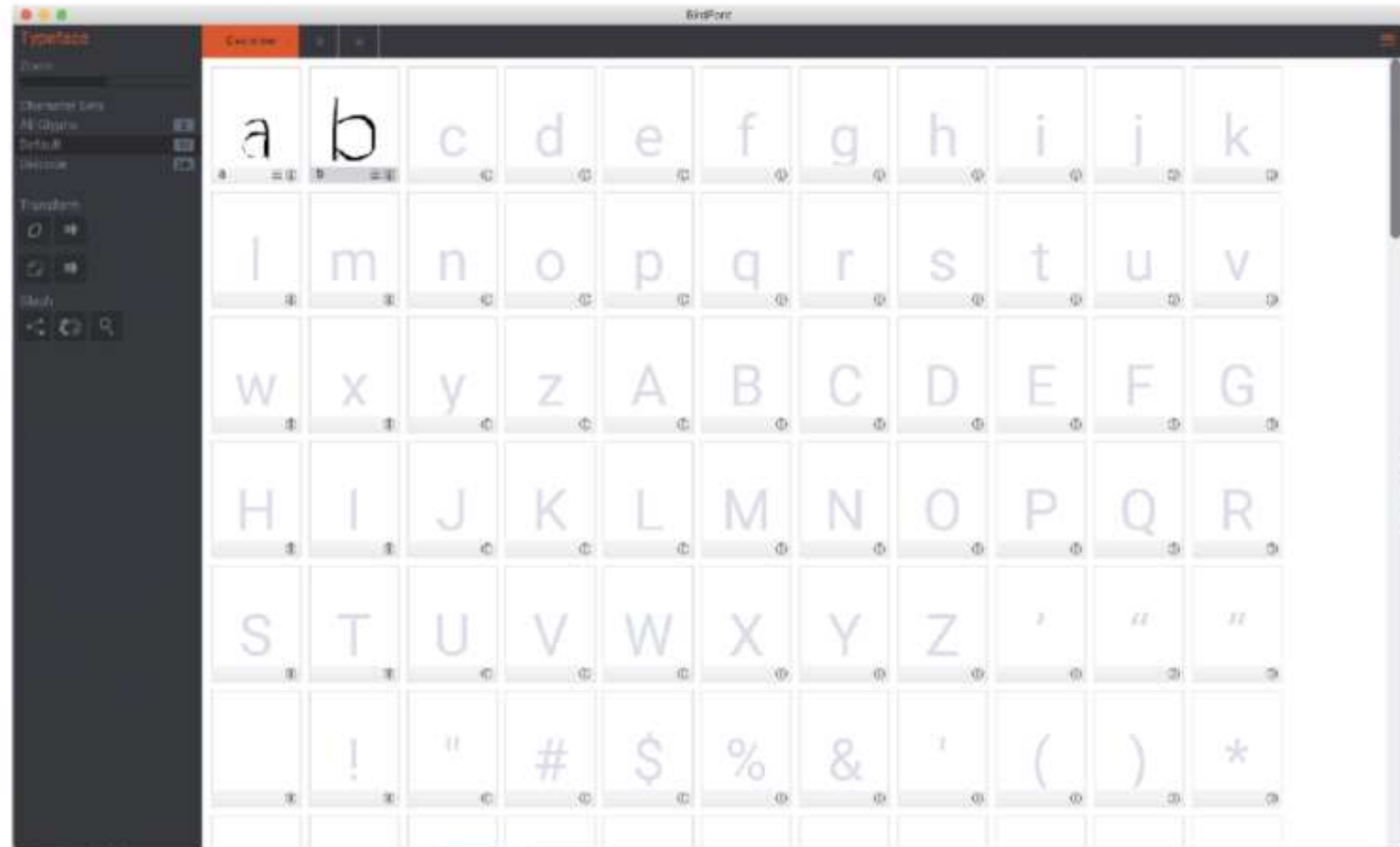
Fontstruct



<https://fontstruct.com/>

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

BirdFont



<https://birdfont.org/>



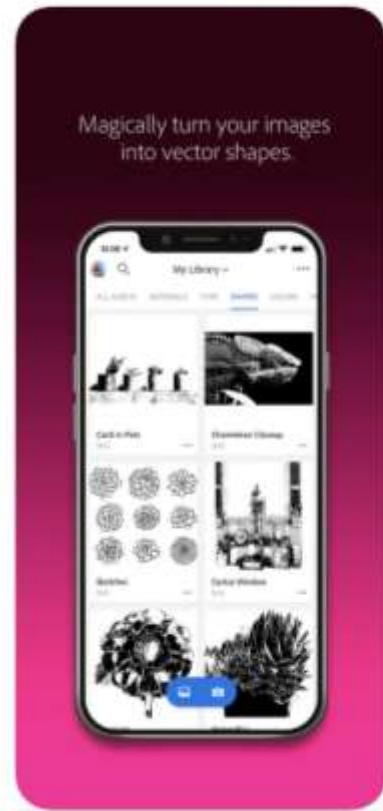
Images

Creating Vectors: Software Options

- Adobe Illustrator
- [GIMP](#)
- [Vectr](#)



Create your own SVG file: Adobe Capture



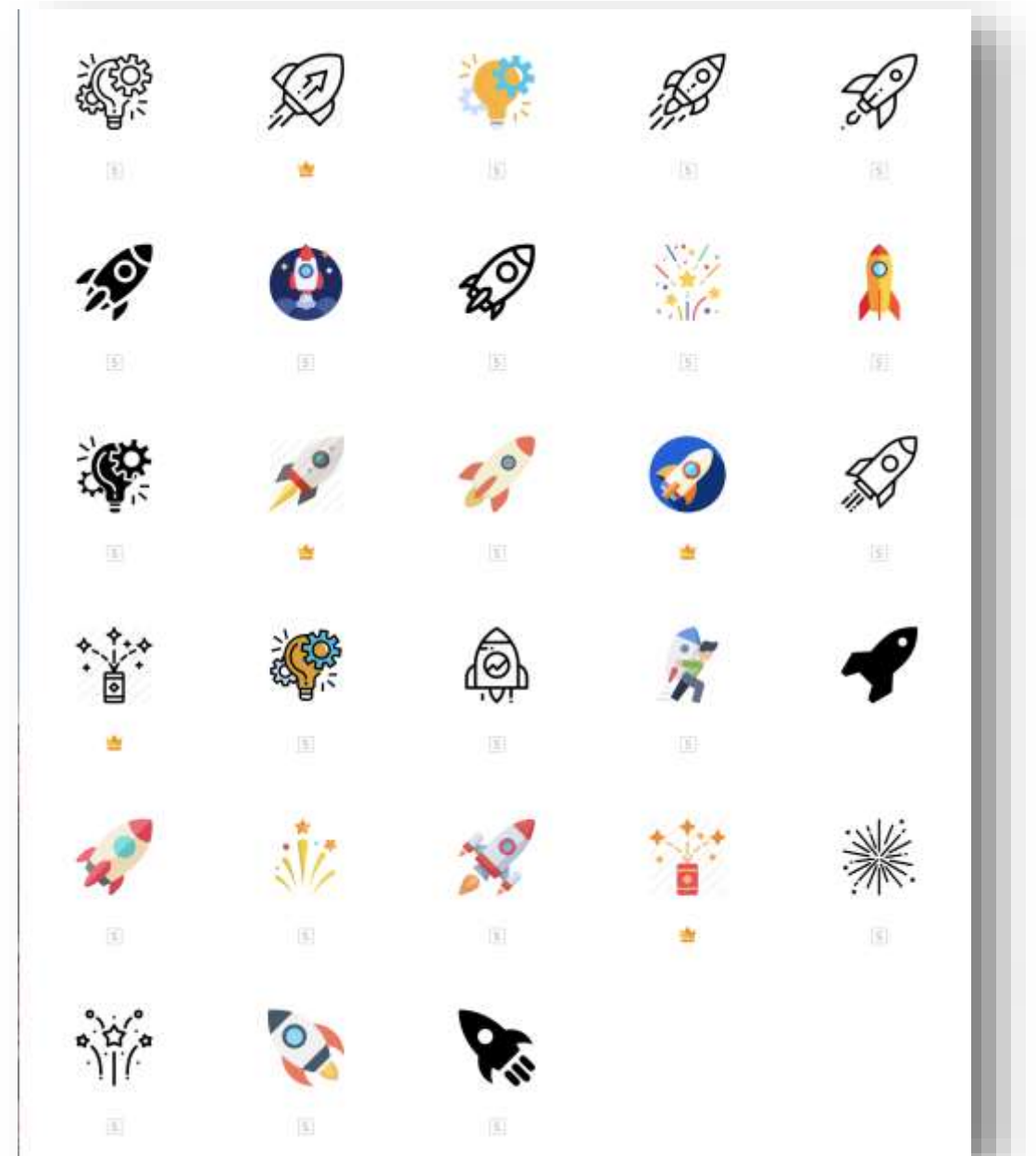
Free Clipart & Images

flaticon.com

pdclipart.org

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

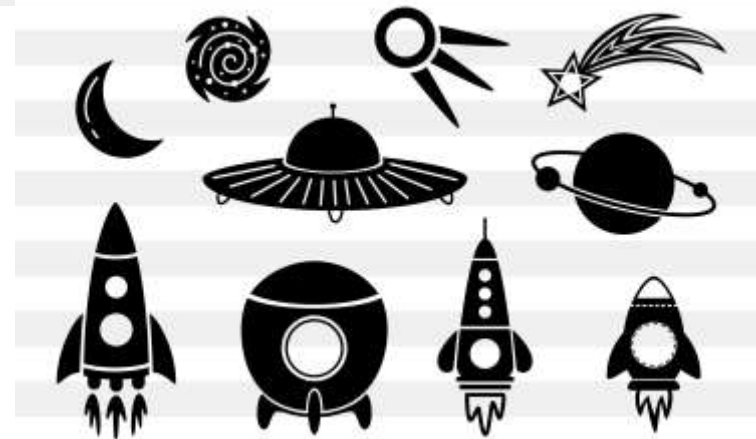
vecteezy.com/free-vector/clipart



Free Images



[HTTPS://CALUYADESIGN.COM](https://caluyadesign.com)



FREE SVG | PNG | EPS | DXF

geeksvgs.com

[Jen Goode](#)

svgbomb.com/ (image)

[Caluya Design](#)

More: pinterest.com/deeg87/cricut-ideas/free-svg/

Files for Paper Cutting

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



Where do you
find your
freebies?

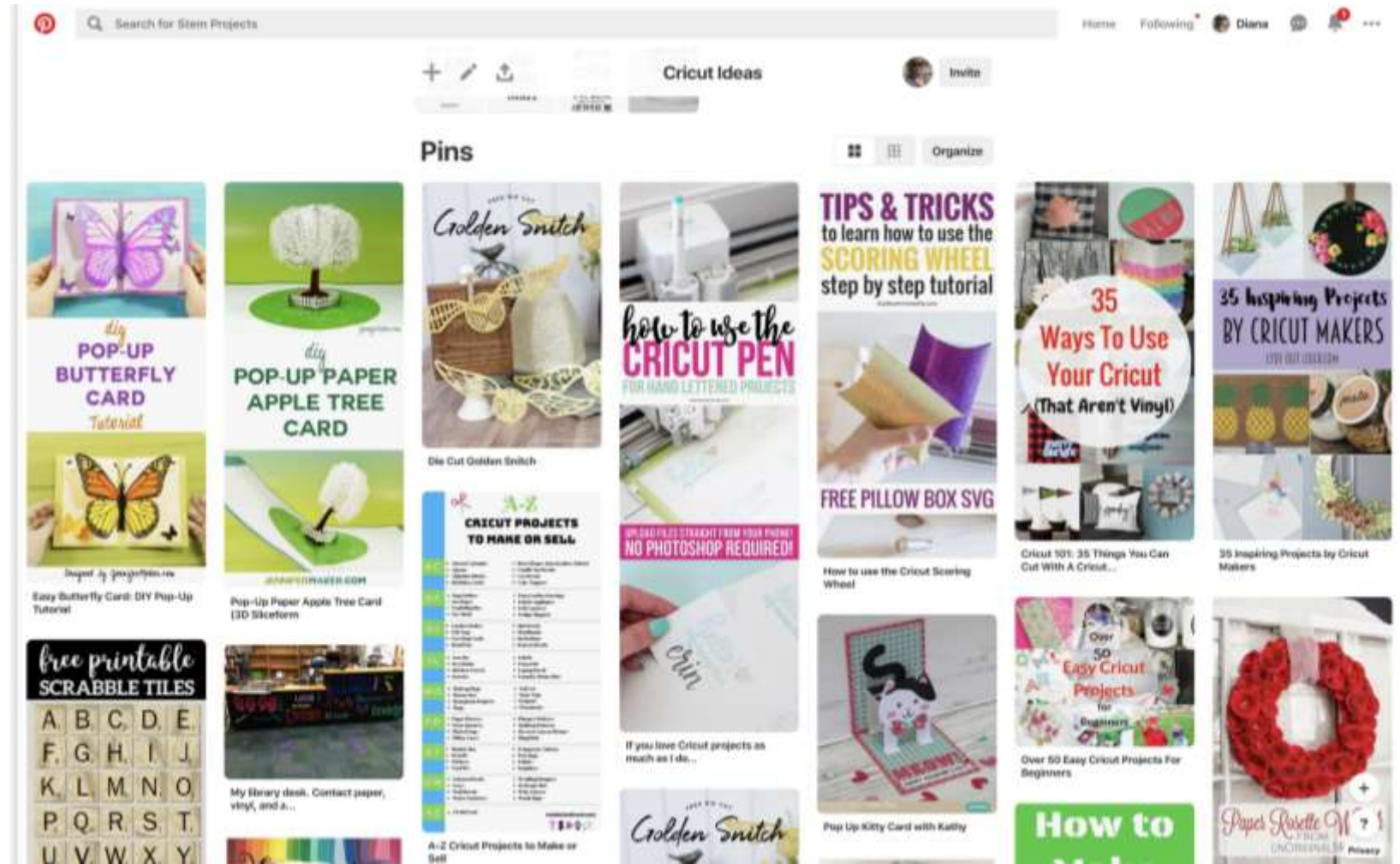


Additional Resources

More inspiration: Facebook Groups to Join

- [Cricut Design Space with Melody Lane](#)
- [Cricut Newbies & Tutorials](#)

Pinterest



Any additional
resources you
want to share?

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



Contact me with
questions!



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