

Material Recommendations for the Silhouetter Cameo 3



Types and Brands of Vinyl

The most commonly used is **adhesive vinyl**. This type of vinyl has an adhesive on the back and can be cut into any design with your Silhouette. The most common uses are decals to be used to paint on wood, fabric, or another item.

Heat Transfer Vinyl (HTV) is a specialty vinyl that is used to decorate or personalize garments and fabric items. It can be cut, weeded and applied to cloth products with a hot iron or a heat press.

Sizes vinyl comes in:

- **Sheets** – Sheets are great for beginners because they are usually the size of your Silhouette cutting mat (12"x12") and they lay flat.
- **Rolls**– Buying vinyl in rolls is usually cheaper. The benefit of using a roll is that you make a design longer than 12 inches by cutting without a cutting mat. The Silhouette CAMEO will cut up to 10 feet in one design.

Brands of vinyl:

Siser EasyWeed HTV Sheets - Easy and Ready-to-cut material designed for custom garment decoration. It has a pressure sensitive carrier allows you to weed small letters and fine designs easily. EasyWeed offers excellent durability, even after repeated washings.

Silhouette Brand Vinyl – Silhouette sells their own brand of vinyl which comes in a variety of colors and sizes. Silhouette also now carries a Silhouette Branded Oracal 631 (see below).

Cricut Brand Vinyl – Even though it says Cricut on the vinyl, you can still use it in the Silhouette. The good thing about Cricut and Silhouette brand is they are readily available in your local craft stores.

Oracal – This is one of the most popular brands available to crafters. This brand is well known and comes in a variety of "strengths" to fit all your needs. The two strengths used most in your crafting needs are 631 and 651. These are sold in rolls and sheets.

Oracal 631– This strength of vinyl is common for indoor use. This vinyl is known as short term... up to 3 years. This vinyl is safe for painted surfaces and will stick to decor nicely. You can remove this vinyl, if issues arise, fairly easily. This vinyl does not do well if it gets wet.

Oracal 651– This vinyl is considered a permanent vinyl as it can last up to 6 years on projects. Use this strength of vinyl if you are working with outside projects or items that can get wet in the dishwasher or everyday use.

Expressions Vinyl– Expressions vinyl is a popular supplier used often by professional crafters. They offer a wide variety of colors, patterns, and different options for types of vinyl.