



Material Recommendations for Vinyl Cutting



Types and Brands of Vinyl

The most commonly used is **adhesive vinyl**. This type of vinyl has adhesive on the back and can be cut into any design. The most common uses are decals to be used on wood, glass, or metal.

Heat Transfer Vinyl (HTV) is a specialty vinyl that is used to personalize fabric items. Please take note that the image/text needs to be flipped (mirror image) before cutting. Once it's cut and weeded, it adheres to cloth products with a heat press.

Vinyl sizes:

- **Sheets** – Sheets are great for beginners because they are usually the size of the cutting mat (12"x12") and they lay flat.
- **Rolls**– Buying vinyl rolls is usually cheaper. The benefit of using a roll with the Silhouette Cameo you can cut a design up to 10 feet.

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.

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 –The good thing about Cricut and Silhouette brand is they are usually available in local craft stores and can be used in both machines.

Oracal – This popular brand comes in a variety of “strengths” to fit most vinyl cutting needs. The two strengths used most in your crafting needs are 631 and 651. These come 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. Use this strength of vinyl if you are working with outside projects or items that can get wet.

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.