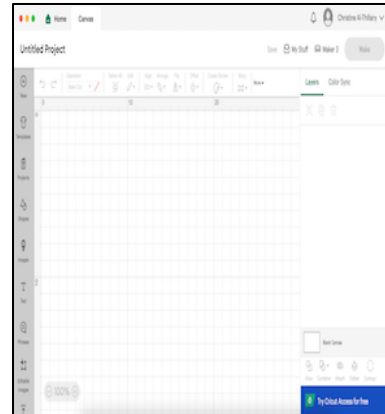


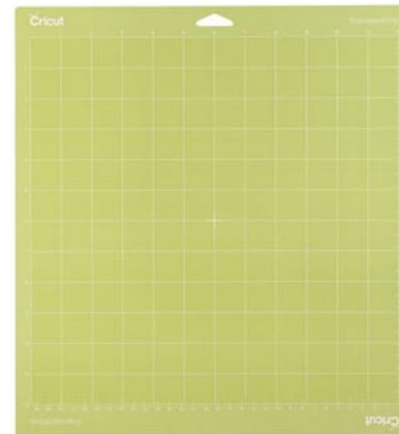
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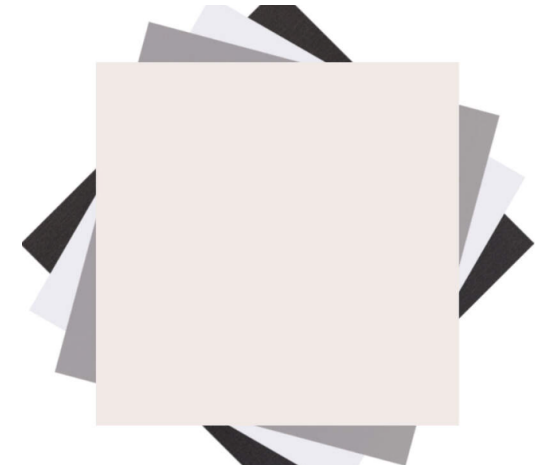
Cricut Machine



Cricut Design Space



Cricut Mat



Cardstock



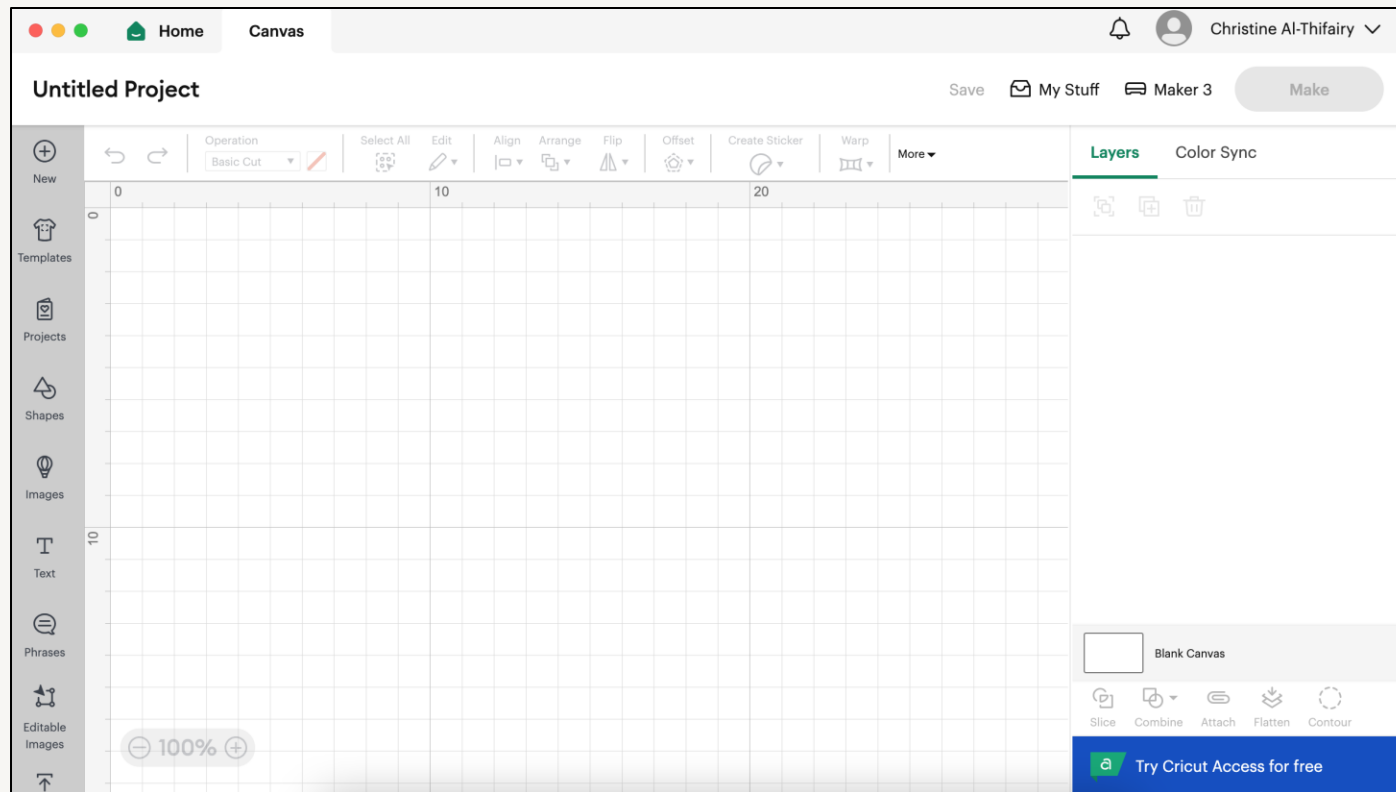
FINAL DESIGN





CRICUT DESIGN SPACE

Create New Project





DOWNLOAD THE TREE IMAGES FOR YOUR CARD

Step 1: Go to the workshop page:

<https://scriptfairy.github.io/cards/xmas/index.html>

and download the three images of "Tree Example 1"

Note:

- For this workshop, we'll be using **Tree Example 1**.
- You are welcome to explore **Tree Example 2 or 3** if you want to try different trees for your cards.

Tip:

- Make sure to save the images in a folder on your computer so you can easily use them in Cricut Design Space.





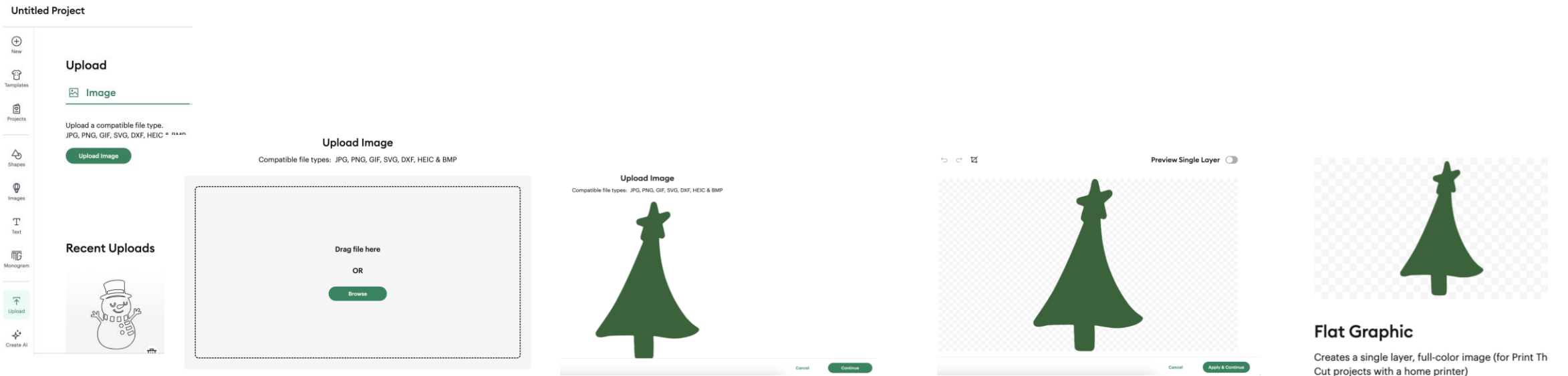
HOW TO UPLOAD IMAGES INTO DESIGN SPACE



Upload

- **Step 1** - Select **Upload** on the design panel to the left of the Canvas. To begin the upload select "**Upload Image**" green button.
- **Step 2** - Select **Browse** to open the file selector and locate the image you want to use from your computer, or simply drag and drop the file into the upload window. You can upload one image at a time. Select the first image of the design. A preview of the image will be shown. At the bottom right of the screen select Continue.
- **Step 3** - Next a Preview Single Layer screen will be shown. Just click on Apply and Continue.
- **Step 4** - Convert and Upload screen will be shown, Select Flat Graphic then click on Continue. Then click Upload in the next screen. Your image will appear on your canvas.

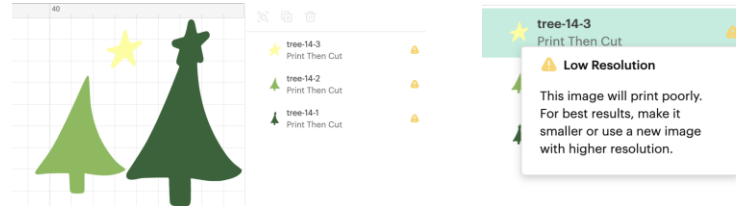
Repeat the same steps for the design part 2 (foreground tree image) and the start.





PREPARING YOUR UPLOADED TREE IMAGES

After uploading, the 3 images may show a low-resolution warning. Do not worry — this is normal at this stage. Once we change the operation into Basic cut this warning will disappear.



Change Operation

Select all 3 images: hold Shift and click on each image. In the Operation menu, change from:

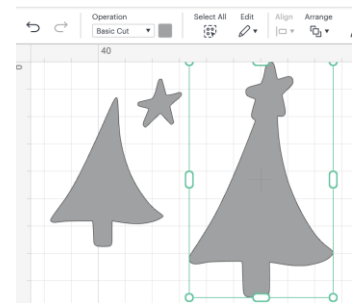
“Print then Cut” → Basic Cut.

You will notice the images are greyed out. They lost their original colours. This is not a problem.

In Cricut Design Space, the colours for a “Basic Cut” are only for layer organisation and visualisation.

The machine will cut the design according to the lines, regardless of the on-screen color.

Your final cut will match the color of the material you place on the mat.



Move the images to the side of the canvas to keep them out of the way while working on the card design.

Note: In Cricut Design Space, each color represents a different layer that will be cut from a separate sheet of material. Layers with the same color will allow the machine to cut all parts of the same color at once before you switch to the next color and material.



CREATING THE CARD BASE IN CRICUT DESIGN SPACE

Step 1: Draw the Card Rectangle

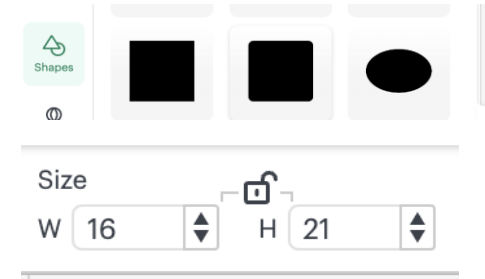
Click on Shapes → select a square



Unlock the padlock icon before changing the size. (This allows you to adjust width and height independently.)

Set the size to 16 cm (width) × 21 cm (height).

Change the rectangle's colour to light grey or white. This makes the card easier to see while designing.



Step 2: Add and Center the Score Line

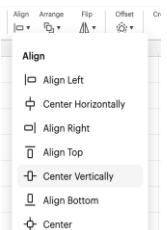
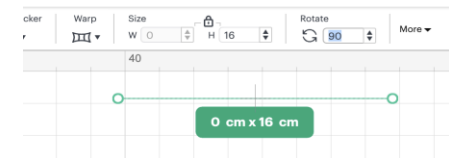
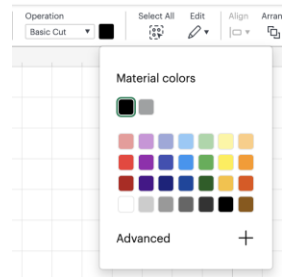


Add a **Score Line** from **Shapes** → **Score Line**. **Rotate the score line 90°** and change its height into 16cm. Place it **horizontally in the centre** of the card rectangle.

Select **both the rectangle and the score line**. Then click on Align → Center Vertical.

Select both then click **“Attach”** to link them together.

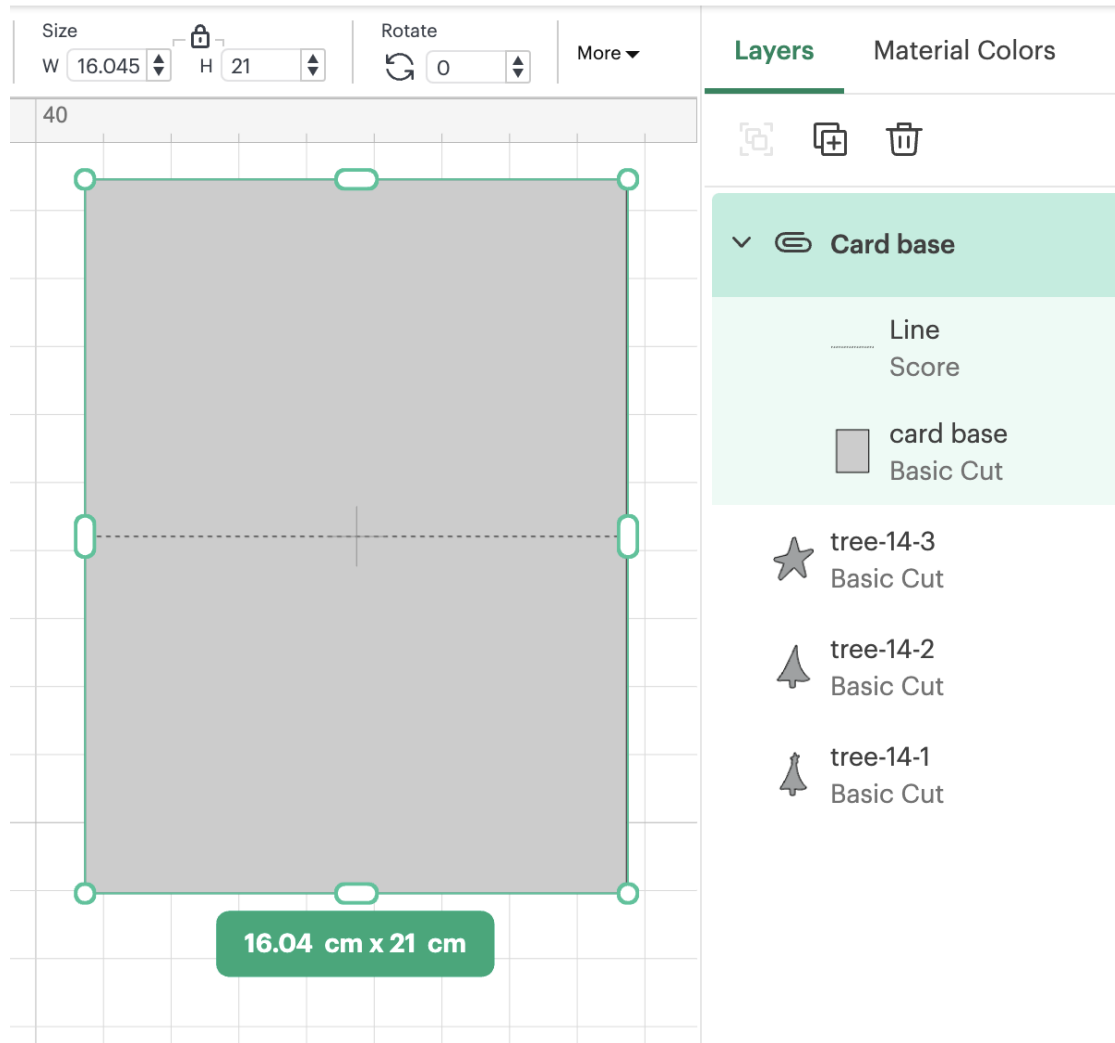
Rename the attached layer to **“Card base.”**



Attach



CARD BASE



You should have the following layers:

- Card base: Which is the combination of score line and rectangle attached
- tree-14-3 (star)
- tree-14-2 (foreground tree)
- tree-14-1 (background

Tip: Card base will fold perfectly in half along the score line



ADD THE BLUE AND RED RECTANGLES

Step 3: Add Blue Rectangle (Top Section)

Click Shapes → Square.

Change the colour from black (default) to blue.

Unlock the padlock to allow independent resizing. Resize the square to 15.5 cm × 7 cm.

Position the rectangle just below the score line.

Select both the blue rectangle and the “Card base” layer.

Use **Align** → **Center Horizontally** to align perfectly.

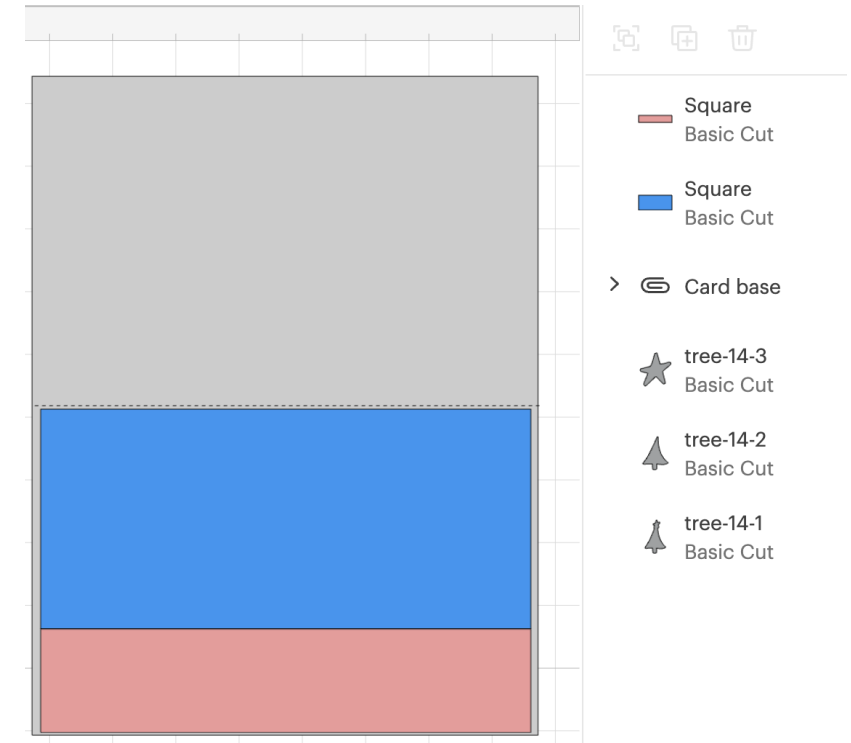
Step 4: Add the Red Rectangle (Bottom Section)

Draw a red rectangle sized 15.5 cm × 3.3 cm.

Position it under the blue rectangle.

Select both the red rectangle and the “Card base” layer.

Click Align → Center Horizontally.

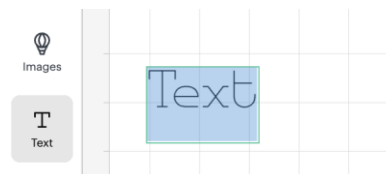




ADDING “MERRY CHRISTMAS” TEXT TO YOUR CARD

Step 1: Create the Text

- Click the **Text icon** on the left menu bar. A **text box** will appear on the canvas. Type: “**Merry Christmas**”.



Step 2: Choose the Font

- Select or highlight the text, then click on the Font list at the top.
- Click **Filter** and tick both “**Writing**” and “**Free**”. This is very important. If you don't tick Free then Cricut will ask you to pay for the font.
- Scroll through the fonts and choose one you like.
- Close the font menu once your font is selected.

Font

Cricut Sans

Filters

[Clear All](#)

Characteristic

- ☐ All Caps
- ☐ Kerned
- ☐ Multi-layer Cutting
- ☐ Single-layer Cutting
- ☒ Writing

General

- ☒ Free
- ☐ Purchased
- ☐ Downloaded

Step 3: Position and Resize the Text

- Move the text **onto the red section**. Resize it so it **fits neatly** within the red rectangle.
- Select **both the text and the red rectangle**. Click **Align** → **Center Horizontally**, then **Align** → **Center Vertically**.
- With both the text and red rectangle selected, click **Attach**. This ensures that the Cricut will write the text on the red section when cutting.
- Rename the attach layer into "Red Section"



CARD DESIGN CONTINUE

Warp

Size

W 0

H 0

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More

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Red Section

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Draw

Square
Basic Cut

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ADDING TREES TO THE BLUE SECTION

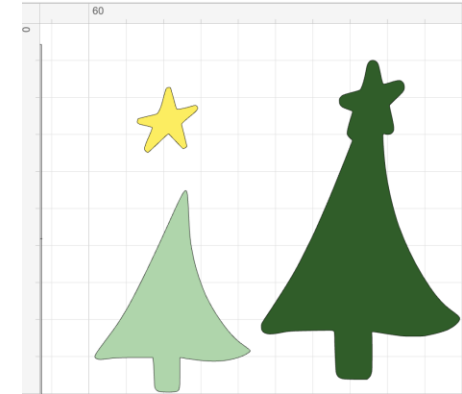
Step 1: Change Tree Layer Colors

Star → Change color to yellow

Foreground tree → Change color to light green

Background tree → Change color to dark green

💡 **Changing the colors is just for visual clarity. The machine will cut the lines regardless of color.**



Step 2: Align the Tree Parts

Position the background, foreground, and star layers on top of each other so the tree looks correct.

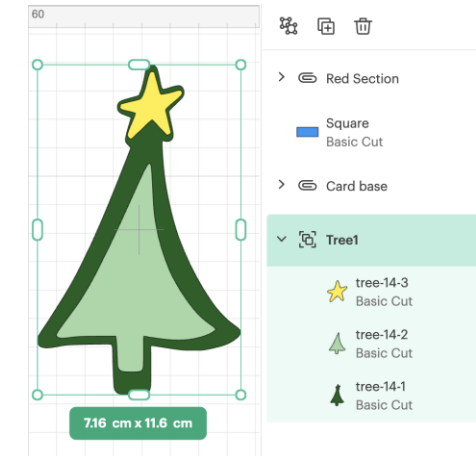
Step 3: Group the Tree



Select all 3 layers. Click Group to combine them.

Rename the group to “Tree 1.”

💡 **Grouping keeps all parts together so it's easier to move and duplicate the tree.**

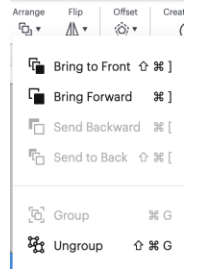




ARRANGING AND DUPLICATING THE TREES

Step 1: Bring the Tree to the Front

- Select the **Tree 1** group.
- Click on **Arrange** → **Bring to Front**.
- Move the tree on top of the **blue rectangle** and **resize** it so it fits nicely.



Step 2: Duplicate the Tree

- With Tree 1 still selected, press Command + D (Mac) or right-click → Duplicate.
- Create two more trees.
- Rename them Tree 2 and Tree 3.

Step 3: Position the Trees

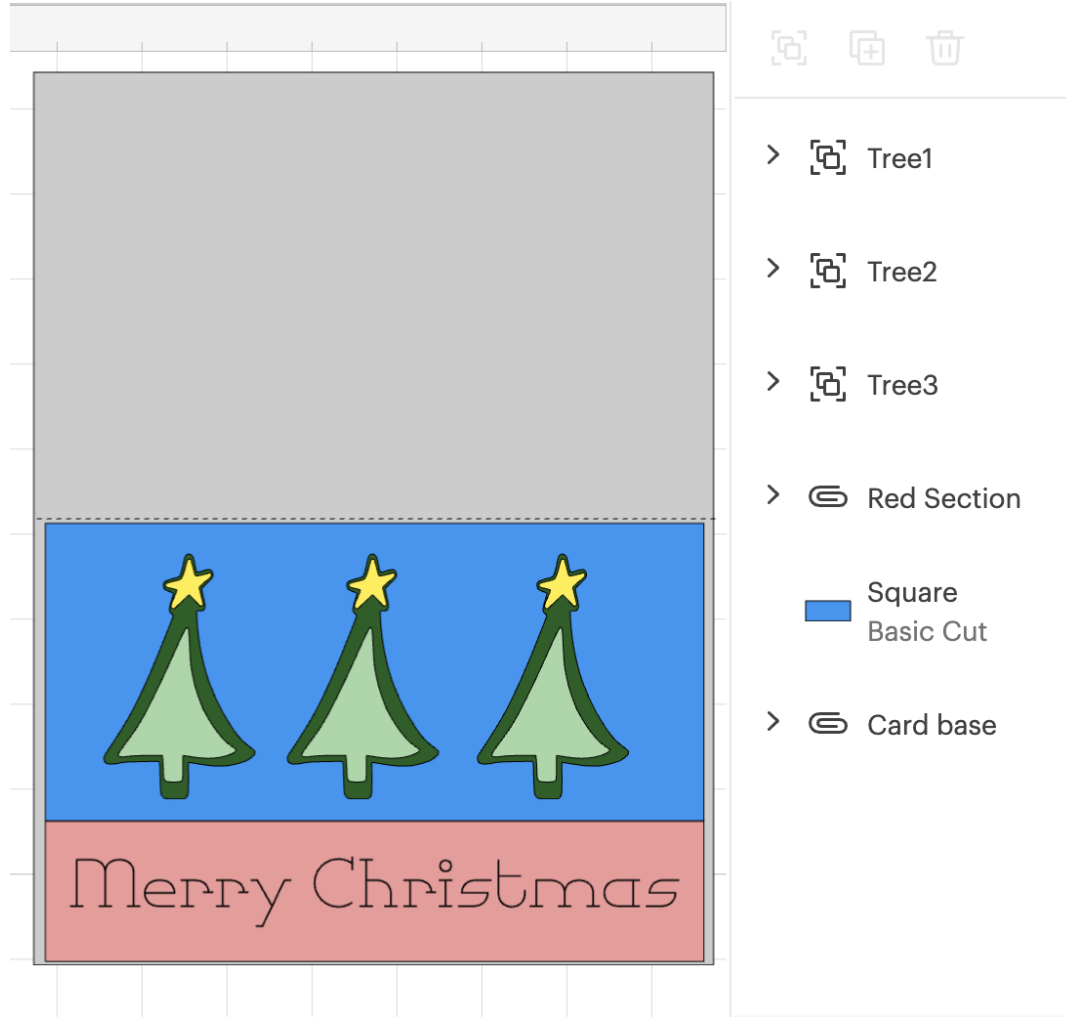
- Move Tree 1, Tree 2, and Tree 3 so they sit nicely across the blue section.
- Select all three trees, then click Align → Center Vertically.



The exact position isn't critical — this is mainly for visualisation in Design Space.
When cutting, you'll glue the trees manually onto the blue section, so small adjustments later are perfectly fine.



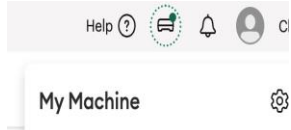


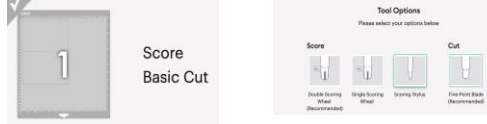
FINAL CARD DESIGN



Tips

- Use a **dark-coloured pen** (such as black) for best visibility on a **light or bright background**.
- Check the **pen size** on the label — for example, **0.4 mm** pens create fine, detailed lines, while **1.0 mm** pens produce bolder strokes.
- Whenever possible, use scrap paper or leftover cardstock — it's perfect for smaller pieces like trees and stars, and helps reduce waste.
- If you do choose **heavily textured or glitter paper**, set your material type in Design Space to **“Glitter Cardstock”** so the Cricut applies more cutting pressure.

GET READY TO START CUTTING! ✂️ 🎄

Start cutting your design by clicking on Make. But first make sure you are connected to the right machine. The light should be green. You can connect with Bluetooth or USB.	
Once you connect to the right machine click "Make" button. You may prompt to save your project. You don't have to do that.	
In the Project Preview screen make sure all the mats are correct. Click on each one to check before pressing "Continue".	
with both scoring and cutting, you need the scoring stylus in clamp A. Then you need to click on "Edit Tools" and then click on Scoring Stylus then click Apply button	
For Pen and Basic Cut operation you need to insert the pen in Clamp A before proceeding with the cutting operation.	