Your Jasmine™ cartridge package should include:
Votre cartouche Jasmine™ devrait comprendre:
El envase de su cartucho Jasmine™ debiera incluir:
Ihre Packung Jasmine™ muss Folgendes enthalten:

- Cartridge
- Keypad Overlay
- Binder

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Der Inhalt kann sich von den Abbildungen etwas unterscheiden.
The letters, shapes, and phrases on the Jasmine* cartridge were designed by: 

Cecelia Harris

I have had a lifelong love affair with reading and lettering. I spent so much time reading at one point my mother had to make me stop! In the 3rd grade I developed no less than five different handwriting styles; one style had letters no more than 1/16" high (forgive me, Miss Hardy!). The first time I picked up a calligraphy pen I knew my love for reading and my love for handwriting had come together. I discovered that beautiful handwriting allowed me to find an artistic expression for all of my favorite words. I have always been a bit obsessive about my crafting over the years—sewing (even swimsuits), cooking (homemade hamburger buns), and counted cross-stitch (what was I thinking?). Calligraphy is no different. I hope my passion for lettering allows you to create heartfelt and handcrafted art.

Cecelia owns Wordsworth, and she and her husband of 26 years live in Colorado Springs, along with her dog. She has two grown daughters.
This simple orientation will help you get started with Cricut™ cartridges.

TIP: For more detailed instructions, refer to the User Manual included with your Cricut™ machine.

1. Plug in and turn on your machine. Place the Keypad Overlay on the Cricut™ keypad.
2. Insert the cartridge.

TIP: It is recommended that you turn your Cricut* machine off before removing a cartridge, and that you wait to turn it back on until after inserting a new cartridge.

3. Prepare the Cutting Mat.

Tip: The surface of the mat has been treated to make it slightly tacky.

A. Remove the clear plastic cover.

B. Place a 6" x 12" sheet of paper on the Cutting Mat. Press and smooth from the center to the edges of the mat.

C. Gently press paper and mat against the roller bar. (You will feel a slight resistance.)
4. Press the **Load Paper** key. The paper will be pulled into the Cricut™ machine.

TIP: Your Cricut™ machine needs 12" of clear space in the front and back for paper movement in and out of the Cricut™ machine. If your paper does not load correctly, press the Unload Paper key and try again.
5. Select letters, shapes, or phrases you want to cut.

(You can select up to 16 letters, shapes, or phrases. They will be displayed on the LCD screen above the keypad.)

6. Select size.

Roll the Size Dial on the right-hand side of the Cricut® machine until the desired size appears in the LCD screen. For example, if the LCD screen displays 3", your letter, shape, or phrase will be cut 3" tall.

TIP: For detailed instructions and advanced applications refer to the Creative Features section of this handbook.
7. Press the **CUT** button.

TIP: Only one size may be selected per cut, and that size will be applied to all characters on the LCD screen when you press CUT.

8. Press the **Unload Paper** key.

The paper and mat will be ejected from the Cricut™ machine.
9. Remove paper from Cutting Mat.

TIP: Cricut™ Tools are available to help you remove your cuts from the Cutting Mat.

The capabilities of your Cricut™ Personal Electronic Cutter™ are very broad and versatile! The next section, Creative Features, will introduce some of the exciting advanced techniques available to you.

TIP: We suggest that you practice on less expensive paper first, until your expected results are consistent.
Important Keys and Buttons
These will help you with advanced cuts.

The STOP button adjacent to the CUT button will stop any operation in progress. The Blade Navigation Buttons move the blade to any location on the paper.

- **Paper Saver**: Automatically arranges your selections to take less space on your paper.
- **Real Dial Size**: Cuts each letter, shape, or phrase in the literal size selected.
- **Shift**: Allows a letter, shape, or phrase on the upper right corner of a key to be selected.
- **Shift Lock**: Allows repeated selection of letters, shapes, or phrases on the upper right corner of a key.
- **Space**: Enters an empty space.
- **Clear Display**: Clears the contents of the LCD screen.
- **Repeat Last**: Inserts the last selections that were cut onto the LCD screen.
- **Load Last**: Returns cutting blade automatically to where the previous cut ended.
- **Load Paper**: Pulls the paper and mat into the Cricut® machine.
- **Back Space**: Deletes the last entered selection.
- **Reset All**: Clears the display and resets the Cricut® machine to default settings.
- **Sound On/Off**: Turns the chirp on or off.
- **Set Paper Size**: Use with paper sizes smaller than 6" x 12".
- **Unload Paper**: Ejects the paper and mat from the Cricut® machine.
Selecting Letters, Shapes, and Phrases

How to use the Shift and Shift Lock keys

To select a letter or shape from the upper right corner of a key, use the Shift key on the keypad. You don’t need to hold it down. Just press Shift once and make your selection.

Use the Shift Lock key to select more than one letter, shape, or phrase at a time from the upper right corners of keys. Press the Shift Lock key again to deselect it.
What Is **Real Dial Size**?

The character shown in red is the Key Height Character, the tallest character within the font set. All other letters will cut out in proportion to this character unless Real Dial Size is pressed. If Real Dial Size is pressed, all letters and shapes will be sized according to the actual dial size you selected.
What Are Creative Feature Keys?

The top three pairs of keys on the left panel are reserved for the Creative Feature effects of each set. These features vary with each specific cartridge, providing greater versatility and thousands of options!

The Creative Feature keys included on the Jasmine cartridge are Oval, Diamond, Charm, Italic, Shadow and Shadow Blackout.

To use a Creative Feature key, just select it prior to pressing the CUT button. The letters, shapes, or phrases displayed on the LCD screen will then be cut in the style of the selected Creative Feature.

What Is a Bonus Key?

Your Jasmine cartridge contains one Bonus key with two shapes on it. The Bonus Shapes match the theme of each set and can be used to accessorize any project.

TIP: You cannot mix features in a cut. Whatever feature is selected when the CUT button is pressed will determine the look of all letters, shapes, or phrases on the LCD screen.
What Is a Foundation Key?

Your Jasmine cartridge contains two Foundation keys with two shapes on each key.

Foundation shapes are the solid version of images that were used as Creative Features, or proportional images that Creative Feature keys can be used with. These proportional images are Foundation/Companion Shapes and are identified with an arrow. Foundation shapes and Foundation/Companion shapes can be used alone or as layers using the Creative Feature keys.
Frequently Asked Questions (For updated information about the Cricut® Personal Electronic Cutter™ visit www.cricut.com)

How does the Cricut™ machine work and what size images can it cut?
The Cricut® Personal Electronic Cutter™ is a cartridge-based cutting system. The blade is guided by an electronic cutting process. The Cricut® machine cuts letters, shapes, and phrases ranging from 1" to 5 1/2" tall, as well as titles and borders as long as 11".

What kind of paper can the Cricut™ machine cut?
The Cricut® Personal Electronic Cutter™ can cut a wide range of paper from vellum to cardstock up to 0.5 mm thick. Provo Craft has created cardstock pads and designer paper pads that coordinate with the Cricut® shape cartridges. These papers fit perfectly in the Cricut® machine.

Will I waste paper trying to get just a few images cut?
No. The Cricut® machine has an option called Paper Saver that cuts letters, shapes, and phrases in an arrangement that minimizes the amount of waste from every cut.

Do I have to hold down the Shift key to use it?
No. Just press it down once and it will be backlit in green, indicating that it is in use.

Are the Creative Features the same for each cartridge?
Only the Shadow Feature is the same for each set. The other five Creative Features are handpicked by the artist and design team and will vary.

How long will the cutting blade last?
Anywhere from 500 to 1500 cuts, depending on what kind of paper/cardstock you use. Replacement blades are inexpensive and easy to change. Refer to the “Replacing the Cutting Blade” section in the Cricut® User Manual.

How long will the Cutting Mat last?
Between 25 and 40 full-page cuts, depending on the size of the cuts and what kind of paper/cardstock you use. We recommend that you use several mats, rotating them often. This will extend the overall life of each mat.
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Can I use paper smaller than 6” x 12”?
Absolutely! Just align a corner of the smaller paper to the bottom left corner of the Cutting Mat. Once the mat is loaded, use the Blade Navigation Buttons to move the cutting blade down to the upper right corner of the new paper. Then press Set Paper Size on the keypad overlay.

Do I have to finish cutting a full page before unloading?
No. You can unload the paper and remove just the pieces you need. You can then reload the paper at a later time and navigate to any open area to resume cutting. If you immediately use the same paper for your next cut, press the Load Last key instead of Load Paper. This will automatically return the cutting head to the last place it was cutting from.

What is the Paper Saver mode?
Paper Saver will “pack in” any selected cuts to optimize the space needed. This may result in an inaccurate “negative” shape left in the paper, but if you don’t need to use the negative cut, this function works great. EXAMPLE: The tail on a lowercase “y” usually extends into the paper below the rest of the letters selected, indicating accurate readability. With Paper Saver selected, your Cricut™ machine will automatically raise the “y” up so that the tail doesn’t extend below the baseline of the other letters.

What does Real Dial Size do?
By default, your Cricut™ machine will cut characters in proportion to each other. However, if you want to “break” this proportion and get any character to cut at the literal dial size, press the Real Dial Size key. EXAMPLE: With the Size Dial set at 2”, a lowercase “a” will actually cut out at approximately 1” to fit proportionately with any other cut letter. With Real Dial Size selected, that same “a” would cut at a full 2”.

How is a letter, shape, or phrase cut measured?  From the lowest possible point to the highest possible point.

What is the best way to transport my Cricut™ machine?  The Cricut™ machine weighs only 9 lbs. and is easily transported. A specially designed tote is available with handy pockets and soft-touch zipper closures. It has in-line wheels for easy maneuvering and a pull-up handle. It is well padded to protect your Cricut™ machine.
Troubleshooting (For updated information about the Cricut® Personal Electronic Cutter® visit www.cricut.com)

Problem: The Cutting Mat won’t load when I press the Load Paper key.
Solution: Try pressing the mat slightly into the roller bar as you press the Load Paper key.

Problem: The mat didn’t load when I pressed Load Paper. Now, when I try to press it again, it doesn’t do anything.
Solution: You need to press Unload Paper first. Your Cricut® machine “thought” that it loaded the mat, even if it didn’t pull it in. So it needs to be given the command to unload before another paper load attempt is made. Pressing the Unload Paper key will reset the roller bar, allowing for another paper load attempt.

Problem: The blade is not cutting all the way through the paper.
Possible Solution 1: Increase the cut pressure using the Pressure Dial on the left side of the Cricut® machine.
Possible Solution 2: Adjust the blade depth. This may be necessary if you are trying to cut through thicker stock. Refer to the “Adjusting Blade Depth” section in the Cricut® User Manual.
Possible Solution 3: The cutting blade may be dulled by use. Refer to the “Replacing the Cutting Blade” section in the Cricut® User Manual.

Problem: I can’t get a letter, shape, or phrase to cut with the Creative Feature selected.
Solution: Refer to the Icon Gallery to see which Features work with which letters, shapes, and phrases.
Troubleshooting  (For updated information about the Cricut® Personal Electronic Cutter® visit www.cricut.com)

Problem: The paper lifts off the mat as the Cricut® machine is cutting.

Possible Solution 1: Make sure you press the paper firmly onto the Cutting Mat when setting up the cut.

Possible Solution 2: Try using a new mat. Each mat will last between 25 and 40 full-page cuts, depending on the size of cuts and the kind of paper/cardstock that you use.

Problem: The mat is too sticky. It’s ripping the paper when I try to remove it.

Solution: Use a craft knife or the Cricut® Tools (packaged as separate products) to successfully lift the paper/cardstock from the mat. (These are custom tools designed for lifting, pulling, or cleaning up the cut images.)

Problem: I’ve put a smaller sized paper on the mat and navigated the blade to the upper right corner, but when I cut a line of letters, the blade returns and starts cutting back at the top of the mat.

Solution: After you’ve navigated the blade to the upper right corner of the paper, and prior to pressing CUT, you need to press the Set Paper Size key. This will tell your Cricut® machine that you have selected a smaller paper size. Otherwise it “thinks” that a 6” x 12” paper is loaded.
Now you’re ready to try a project!

Garden Journal

Capture the beauty of spring and summer, and enjoy the memories in the colder months to come! Few things are as beautiful and satisfying as a garden, or a garden journal.

Materials:
- Cardstock: brown, black, pink, tan
- Cricut® Beyond Birthdays® printed papers
- Dark brown ink
- Provo Craft® Art Accentz® Bradletz® #17-1117 Copper brads
- Ribbon
- Adhesive
Step One: Cut the phrase "My Garden" out of brown cardstock.

Step Two: Select the Shadow Feature and cut "My Garden" out of black cardstock keeping the same dial size.

Step Three: With the Size Dial set at 5 1/2", cut two oval frames out of brown cardstock. (Remember to take off the Shadow Feature before you press CUT.)

Step Four: Select Shift Lock and cut two Companion ovals from tan cardstock to place on each frame, keeping the Size Dial at 5 1/2".

Step Five: Ink all cut pieces and layer them together. If desired, embellish the frames with copper brads.

Step Six: Layer all pieces onto a scrapbook page with your pictures!
In the Icon Gallery, you will find a diagram for every letter, shape, and phrase on your cartridge and the characteristics of each key. The color change indicates which cuts are created using the Shift key and which are created with no Shift. Using the Icon Gallery, you can see at a glance which Creative Features are available to use with the letter, shape, or phrase that you have selected.

You will find that some letters, shapes, and phrases are very detailed and cut better at a larger dial size.

Jasmine* Creative Features:

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- Diamond
- Charm
- Italic
- Shadow
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You will find the most current help and documentation on the Web site. Find answers to FAQs and Troubleshooting problems any time of the day.

INTERNET: www.cricut.com

Refer to the Customer Support information that came with your Cricut™ Personal Electronic Cutter™ or call for Customer Support options at:

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