

First Cricut Shirt / Elegant Lettering, Blunt Message

EXP-CRICUT-SHIRT-001 / REV C / 2026.09.15

The brief was simple: make 'Fuck Off' big and elegant. Flowing script, a large looping O, and a sweeping underline gave the blunt message formal lettering. A smiley went at the bottom left of the O, then doubled in size. The finished photographs show that design on a black sleeveless cotton shirt. Black iron-on against black fabric makes the lettering appear through the difference in sheen: quiet at one angle, much clearer when the light catches it. The close-up keeps the cotton texture and transfer surface visible.

STATUS	FIRST SHIRT / PHOTOGRAPHED
CLASSIFICATION	EXP
MATERIAL	BLACK SMART IRON-ON / 100% COTTON
DISPOSITION	PUBLIC PROJECT / FIRST SAMPLE + PHOTOS + SVG
CATEGORY	Making / Shirts and Vinyl
RECORD TYPE	first-project

TECHNICAL NOTES

A first Cricut shirt with oversized 'Fuck Off' calligraphy, an enlarged smiley, and a subtle black-on-black finish. Design revisions, stubborn weeding, and two photographs of the result.

GOAL

Turn an elegant lettering design into a first iron-on shirt and keep the process available for the next attempt.

CONVERSATION / QUESTION AND CONTEXT

The first obstacle was getting even a corner of the black Smart Iron-On started for weeding. The discussion then moved to pressing the sample onto 100% cotton with a PlanetFlame heat iron. The notes below preserve the guidance given; the exact method that freed the corner and the final press settings were not recorded.

CONVERSATION / EXTRACTED GUIDANCE

1. Released artwork: the existing final SVG includes the enlarged smiley, outlined lettering, and welded overlaps. It has no background rectangle and needs no installed font. Its default size is 10 × 11.21 inches; resize proportionally for the actual shirt. Great Vibes supplies the lettering shapes, with reinforced strokes, a custom layout, and underline. The font license is included. The saved export was checked digitally; the photographs do not establish exact final cut settings or the identity of the file sent to the cutter.
2. Cut preparation: mirror the design in Design Space and load the shiny carrier side down. The lettering remains on its clear carrier while the unwanted black material is removed.
3. Starting the weed: with the black side up, catch a tiny flap just inside a waste corner, outside the design. Hold the clear carrier flat and peel the excess back slowly. The reported difficulty was starting that first flap, rather than a confirmed problem with the cut depth.
4. Pressing guidance: approximately 315°F / 157°C for 30 seconds was suggested as a test starting point for an adjustable flat handheld press on cotton, based on Cricut EasyPress guidance. The discussion also covered a 5-second preheat, light steady pressure, 15 seconds from the back, and cooling before peeling. These are preparation notes, not verified settings for the particular PlanetFlame model or a measured log of this shirt.
5. Layer order: a thin Teflon cover sheet goes over the clear carrier and design; a heat-resistant pressing pad goes beneath the cotton. The conversation discussed this arrangement but did not confirm which cover was used for the photographed result.
6. What the photos show: the final large smiley, complete lettering, and underline on the shirt. The low contrast comes from black transfer material against black fabric, with the design becoming more visible in reflected light. A wash test is the next useful result to record.

RESULT / WHERE THIS STANDS

First shirt photographed with the script, enlarged smiley, and underline visible. The photos document the appearance; wash durability and long-term adhesion have not yet been recorded.

SPECIFICATION

LETTERING	Fuck Off / flowing two-line script
FINAL DETAIL	Smiley below-left of the O / doubled from its first version
MATERIAL	Black Cricut Smart Iron-On
FABRIC	100% cotton / confirmed during the project
DESIGN FILE SIZE	10 × 11.21 in / actual cut size not recorded
RELEASED ARTWORK	Final enlarged-smiley SVG / outlined paths; mirror for iron-on
HEAT TOOL	PlanetFlame heat iron mentioned / exact model unconfirmed

EVIDENCE	Two supplied photographs of the first shirt
IMAGE PREPARATION	Cropped to focus on the shirt; image metadata removed
STILL TO CHECK	Wash performance and long-term adhesion

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

2026.09.15 / A

Created large black calligraphy with outlined vector lettering and a sweeping underline.

2026.09.15 / B

Added a small smiley at the bottom left of the O.

2026.09.15 / C

Doubled the smiley's width and height while keeping its position.

2026.09.15 / FIRST SHIRT

Worked through weeding and pressing questions, then supplied two photographs of the finished application.

2026.10.10 / ARTWORK RELEASE

Added the existing enlarged-smiley SVG and lettering license. The design is unchanged; exact final cut/press settings and wash performance remain unrecorded.

RELEASED MATERIAL / SOURCE LINKS

first-shirt-full-design.jpg

FULL DESIGN / Oversized script, enlarged smiley, and underline. Cropped to focus on the shirt.

<https://u225x.com/uploads/first-cricut-shirt/first-shirt-full-design.jpg>

first-shirt-transfer-detail.jpg

TRANSFER DETAIL / Black iron-on against the cotton knit. Cropped to focus on the lettering.

<https://u225x.com/uploads/first-cricut-shirt/first-shirt-transfer-detail.jpg>

Fuck-Off-Elegant-Large-Smiley-Cricut.svg

VECTOR ARTWORK / Final enlarged-smiley design; normal reading direction, mirror for iron-on.

<https://u225x.com/uploads/first-cricut-shirt/Fuck-Off-Elegant-Large-Smiley-Cricut.svg>

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LETTERING CREDIT / SIL OPEN FONT LICENSE

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first-shirt-project-notes.txt

PROJECT NOTES / DESIGN, WEEDING, AND FIRST RESULT

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Cricut Smart Iron-On instructions

SOURCE / MATERIAL PREPARATION AND APPLICATION

<https://help.cricut.com/hc/en-us/articles/1500009844962-Smart-Iron-On>

Cricut cotton application example

SOURCE / COTTON AND EASYPRESS APPLICATION EXAMPLE

<https://cricut.com/blog/es/tutorial-diy-bolsa-personalizada/>

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