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Willkommen, Bienvenue, Welcome Mat

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Materials

- [Cricut Maker](#) or [Explore Air 2](#) Machine
- Freezer Paper
- [LightGrip Machine Mat, 12"x24"](#)
- [Weeder](#)
- [EasyPress Mini](#) (optional)
- Coir Welcome Mat
- Painter's Tape
- 1/3" or 3/8" flat head thumb tacks (optional)
- T-Pins, or any push pin that is 1" long or longer
- Flex Seal Aerosol Liquid Rubber Sealant Coating, Black
- Krylon UV-Resistant Clear Matte Acrylic Coating, or any other clear spray sealer

Digital Materials

- Willkommen, Bienvenue, Welcome Mat.svg

Reference

These articles from Cricut will help you work with the materials and tools used in this project.

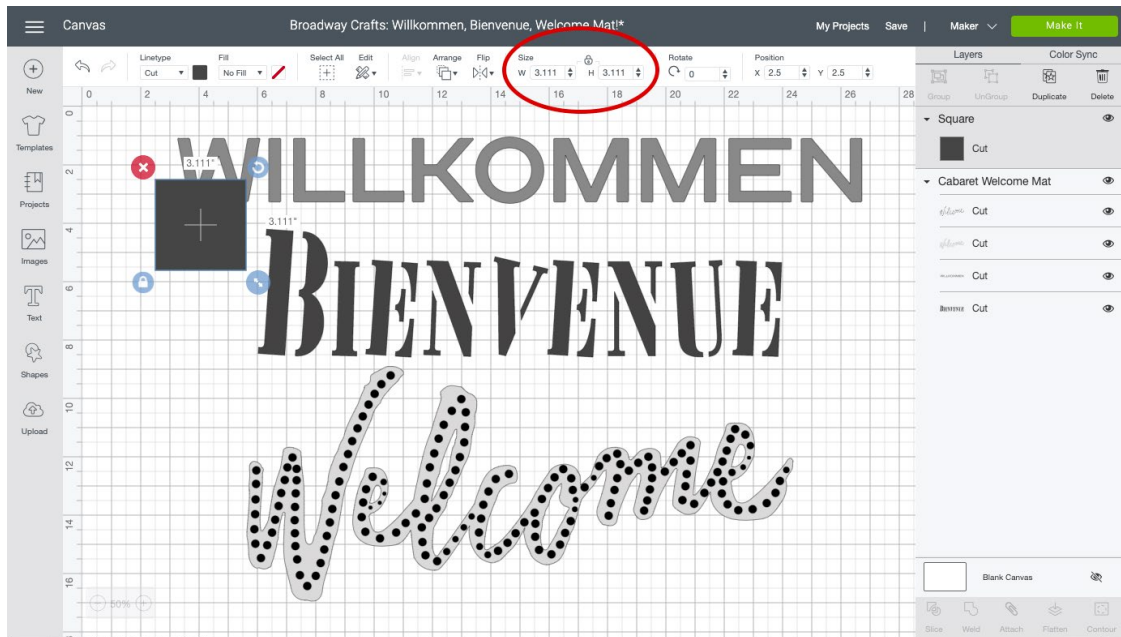
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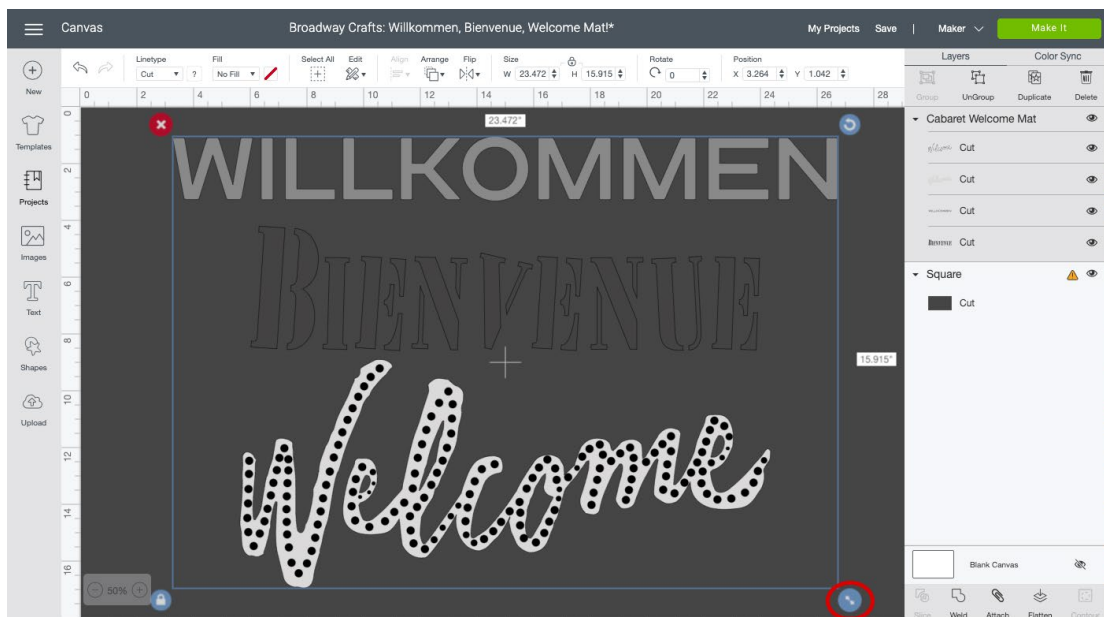
Directions

1. [Upload and insert](#) Willkommen, Bienvenue, Welcome Mat.svg into a new project in Design Space.
2. If your welcome mat is 18"x30", proceed to step 7.
3. If you need to resize the design, use the Shapes tool to create a Square. Once the shape is added to your canvas, you'll see areas to set the size of the shape at the top of the Design Space window—click the small lock icon in-between the width and height to allow for a rectangle. Set this shape to the size of the welcome mat you'll be using.



You can change the size of shapes in Cricut Design Space.

4. Select the design and use Design Space's Arrange function to bring it to the front if necessary—if the shape you created in step three is covering the design, sending the design to front will fix that.
5. With the design selected, use the diagonal arrow icon in the lower right corner of the design to make it an appropriate size for your mat, using the rectangle as a guide.



Size the design to your individual welcome mat in Cricut Design Space.

6. Delete the rectangle you created in step 3, leaving only the uploaded design.
7. Click "Make It" in the upper right-hand corner of Design Space.

8. In the Project Preview screen, [move and/or rotate](#) the items being cut so that there is ample space around them—we are making stencils. Load freezer paper onto a LightGrip Machine Mat, and complete the cuts—you can skip Mat 4 if using thumb tacks.
Note: Load the freezer paper with the shiny, plastic-coated side facing down.
9. After each mat is cut, reverse weed the design—since we’re using these as stencils, you want to remove the letters themselves. Make sure to hold on to any interior letter pieces to attach to the mat later—the middle of the “e”s in “Welcome” and the middle of the “o” in “Willkommen,” for example.
10. Place the stencil for each word on your welcome mat. Once you have it arranged properly and reasonably flat, use an EasyPress Mini or an Iron to loosely adhere the paper to the welcome mat—the heat will partially melt the plastic coating on the back of the freezer paper, helping keep it in place. If you need to move or adjust a stencil after adhering it, gently pull up and it should easily unstick.
11. Place any separate letter interiors and adhere with EasyPress Mini or an iron.
12. Use pins to more securely attach any pieces that might shift or move during the painting process. This will include all separate letter interiors and the interior dots in “Welcome” (if using).
13. If using thumb tacks for the dots in “Welcome,” place them, ensuring the tacks are fully inserted with the flat heads flush with the surface of the mat.
14. Cover any uncovered parts of the mat with additional freezer paper and/or painter’s tape. To help keep the stencil in place while moving the mat to wherever you will paint it, place the mat on top of something reasonably stiff and larger than the mat, such as good piece of cardboard or plywood.
15. From about 8-10” from the surface of the mat, spray a reasonably even layer of Flex Seal on the entirety of the stencil. Make sure that the paint stream always remains directly above the stencil and never at an angle to ensure a crisp design.
16. Let the mat sit for an hour, and then apply a second coat of Flex Seal using the same method.
17. After another hour, apply the clear sealer spray using the same method used with the Flex Seal.
18. Let the mat rest for a half hour, after which you can carefully remove the stencil and admire your work! Let the finished mat rest for 24 hours before placing it outside or walking on it.

Any questions? Drop me a line at lculwellblock@playbill.com!