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CRICUT® KEYBOARD & MOUSE TRICKS

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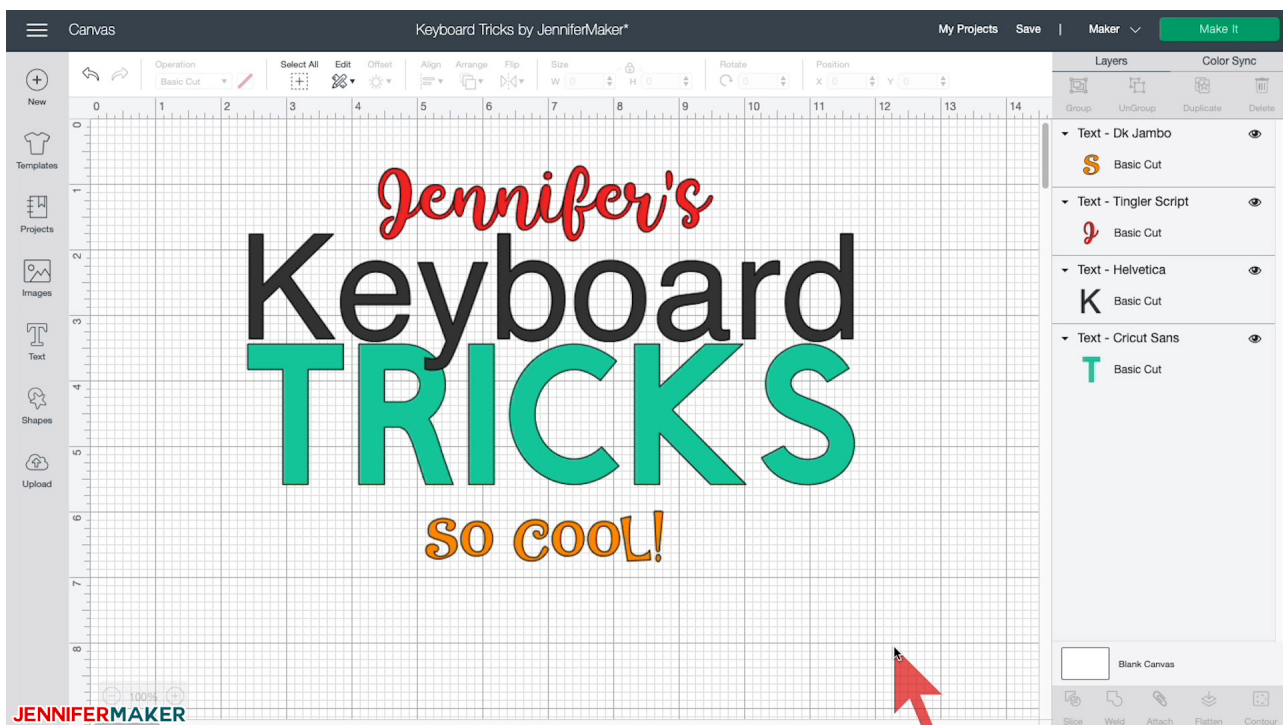


WHAT IS A KEYBOARD TIP?

Keyboard tricks, also called keyboard shortcuts, are “secret” combinations of keys that you can press to do things faster and easier. Cricut Design Space has keyboard tips that most people have no idea even exist. These aren’t published anywhere that I know of – I found them all through trial and error as a long-time keyboard shortcut user. Some are really obvious (like copy and paste), but others are less so. I find it MUCH faster to use a keyboard than a mouse, so whenever I can, I try different keyboard shortcuts to see if they allow me to do something faster.

I always assumed everyone else knew these keyboards tricks, too, until one day I was watching someone at Cricut HQ pasting something into the Design Space canvas very rapidly using a keyboard shortcut (paste) and everyone watching was astounded that you could do that. It was then I realized that most everyone else was unaware of these tricks and this information needed to be shared with the world so they could do things fast, too!

To see what I mean by how amazing this can be, check out this [short video](#) where I show you that super-fast pasting trick and a few other useful keyboard and mouse tricks:



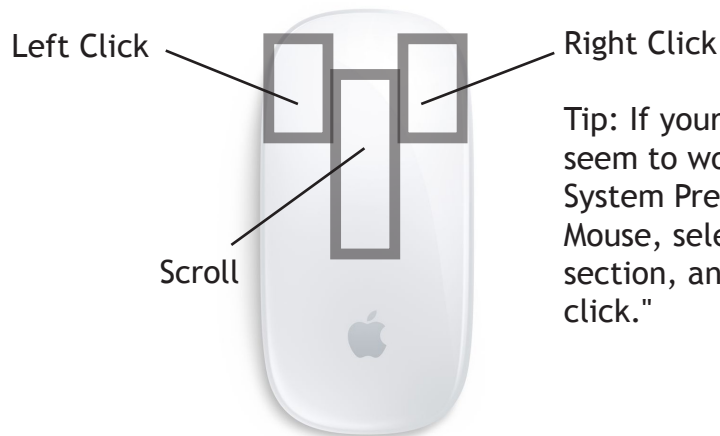
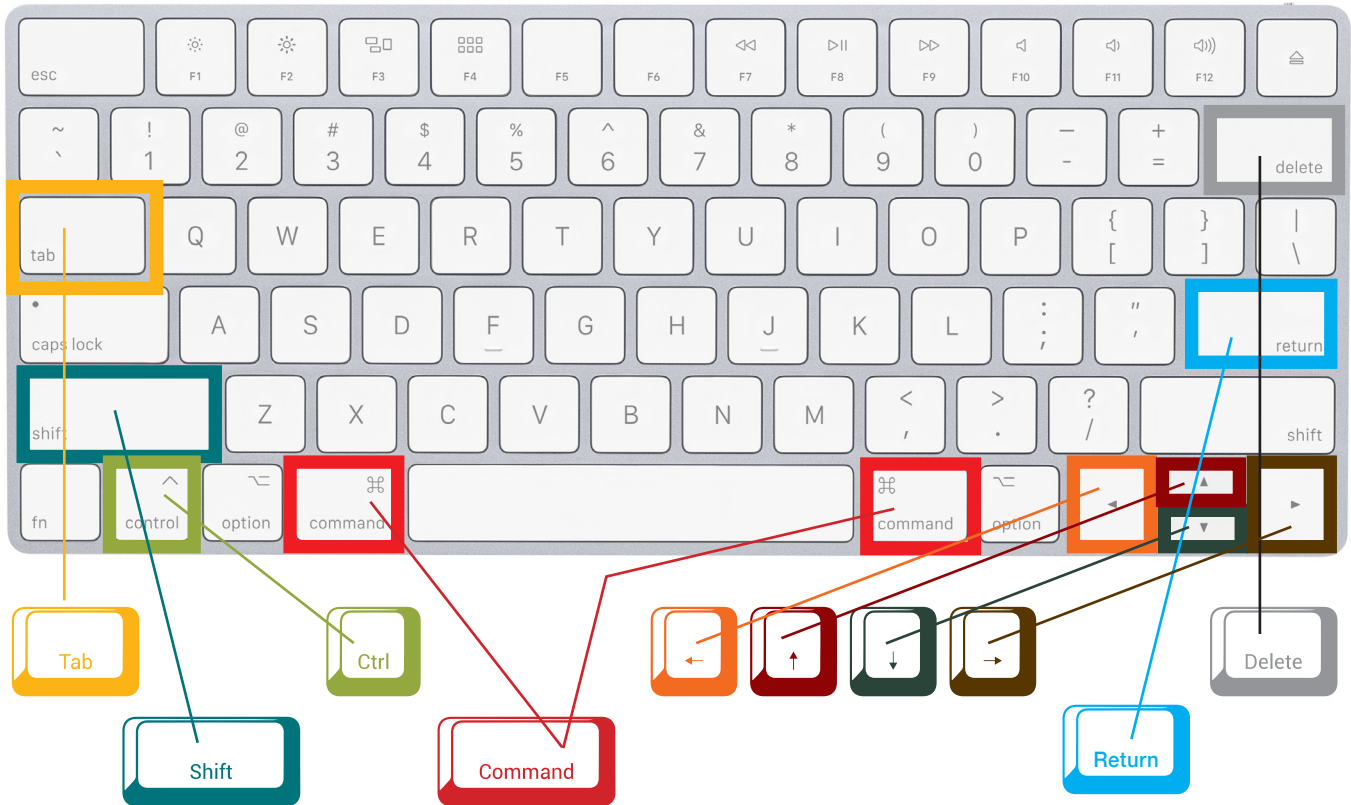
Before I share the keyboard tricks with you, let's first go over where these magic keys are located on your keyboard. Let me show you the Mac's keyboard and mouse first, and then the Windows keyboard and mouse.

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MAC KEYBOARD & MOUSE

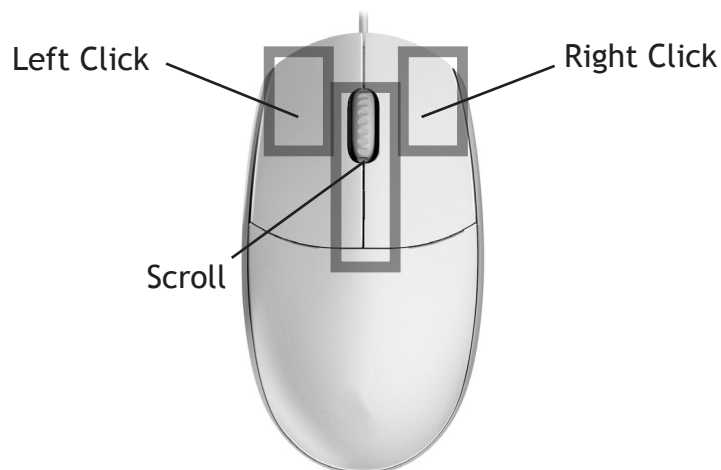
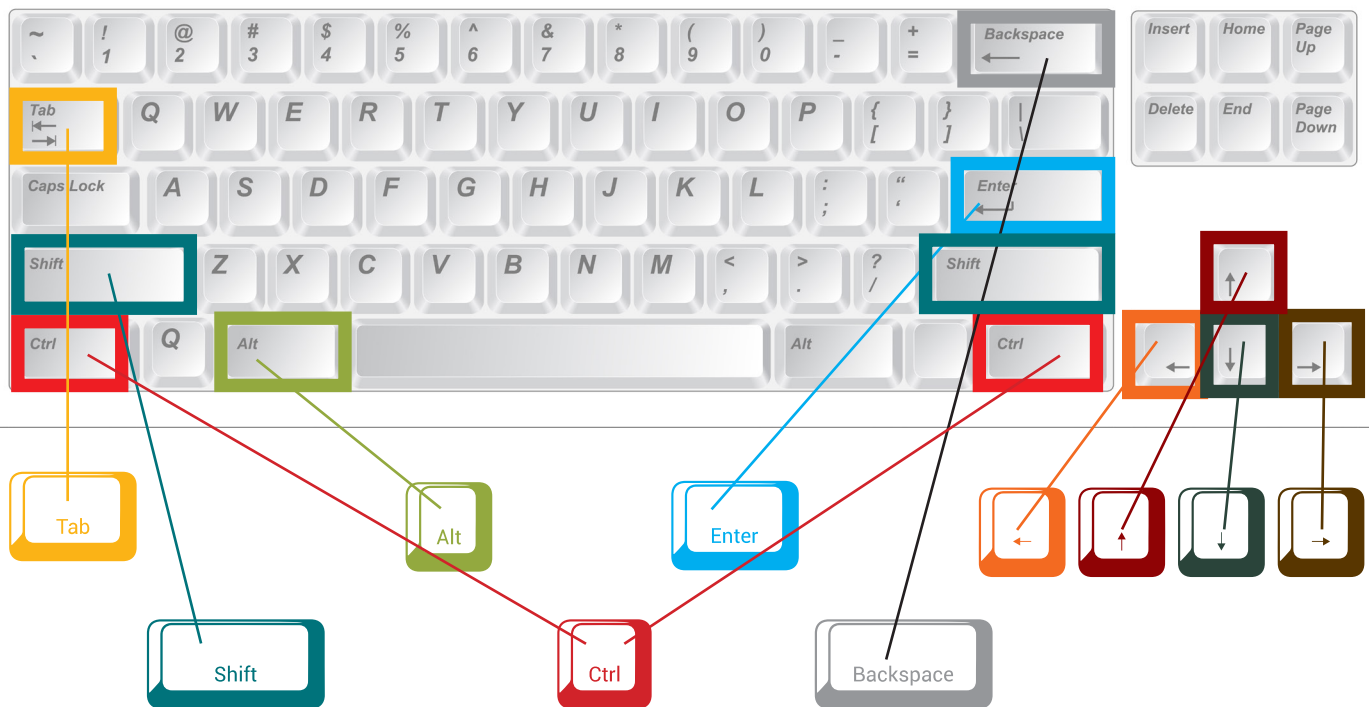
Here are the important keys and spots on your mouse for these tricks! Note that your keyboard may look a little different than mine, but you'll find your keys in about the same places regardless of which keyboard you have.



Tip: If your right click doesn't seem to work, go to your System Preferences, click on Mouse, select the Point & Click section, and select "Secondary click."





























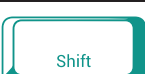

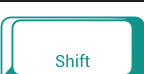



















WINDOWS KEYBOARD & MOUSE

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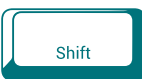







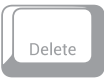
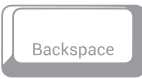


















KEYBOARD & MOUSE TRICKS

Here are keyboard and mouse tricks I've found for Cricut Design Space on both Mac and Windows. Try them and see how much faster YOU can do things, too!


Function	Mac	Windows
Copy	 + 	 + 
Cut	 + 	 + 
Paste	 + 	 + 
Select All	 + 	 + 
Undo Last Action	 + 	 + 
Redo Last Action	 +  + 	 +  + 
Nudge Right 1/8"		
Nudge Right 1"	 + 	 + 
Nudge Left 1/8"		
Nudge Left 1"	 + 	 + 
Nudge Up 1/8"		
Nudge Up 1"	 + 	 + 
Nudge Down 1/8"		
Nudge Down 1"	 + 	 + 







Function	Mac	Windows
Move Backward	 + 	 + 
Move to Back	 +  + 	 +  + 
Move Forward	 + 	 + 
Move to Front	 +  + 	 +  + 
Scroll Screen Up	Mouse Scroll Up	Mouse Wheel Up
Scroll Screen Down	Mouse Scroll Down	Mouse Wheel Down
Scroll Screen Right	 + Mouse Scroll Up	n/a
Scroll Screen Left	 + Mouse Scroll Down	n/a
Zoom Canvas In	n/a	 + Mouse Wheel Up
Zoom Canvas Out	n/a	 + Mouse Wheel Down
"Secret" contextual menu	 + left- click (or just right-click)	 +  (or just right-click)
Move to Next Field		
Move Back to Previous Field	 + 	 + 
Delete		
Save Project	 + 	 + 
Save As Project	 +  + 	 +  + 
Quit Design Space	 + 	 + 
Hide Design Space	 + 	n/a







MORE KEYBOARD TRICKS

There are two special keys that are super useful for sizing and rotating. First, the  Shift key. If you hold down the Shift key while you move something, you can keep it aligned along a horizontal or vertical axis – hold down the Shift key when you want to keep something straight. The Shift key is also great when you're rotating and finding it hard to get something to rotate exactly 90° and be straight – hold down the Shift key as you move something to rotate it in perfect 22.5° increments.

Here's another trick: The  Return key on the Mac and the  Enter key on Windows can be used to enter information quickly. For example, you can type in a size field and press the Return or Enter key to input it immediately – no need to click elsewhere to "set" it. Just click, type, and press Return or Enter for fast work. You can then click Tab to move on to the next field just as fast.

It's also really useful to know that the  Return key on the Mac and the  Enter key on Windows can be used to create line breaks in text. Just click Text, type a line, then press either Return or Enter, and your cursor will go to a new line for more text.

Here's another one involving the  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 keys. First click on Shapes in Cricut Design Space, then press a number between 1-9 and a shape will appear on your Canvas. Press 1 for a square, 2 for a circle, 3 for a triangle, 4 for a diamond, 5 for a pentagon, 6 for a hexagon, 7 for a star, 8 for an octagon, and 9 for a heart.

Finally, you can use  Tab to go somewhere, and then use  Return or  Enter to execute it. For example, you can Tab and Tab to get to the Make It button, then press Return or Enter to actually Make It ... all without using your mouse. It's fast and easy! Next time you're on a screen, try tabbing about and then press Return or Enter when you want to actually do a thing.

MISSING SOMETHING?

Is a button or menu item missing, or not matching up exactly with mine? Here are the possible reasons why you may be seeing something different and what you can do about it!

DIFFERENT COMPUTER OR OPERATING SYSTEM

Macs and Windows computers use different keystrokes to do different things. Also, some older computers and operating systems may not be able to do all things.

DIFFERENT KEYBOARD

Some keyboards put the keys in different spots—usually the only keys that move about are the arrow keys, however. Sometimes the arrow keys are missing entirely!

DIFFERENT MOUSE

If you use an Apple Magic Mouse, you won't see a physical wheel on the top at all but it will still scroll if you slide your finger up and down the top-middle area.

DIFFERENT DESIGN SPACE VERSIONS

Check to see if you have the same version that I do by going to the Account menu and choosing What's New. Update your version at design.cricut.com to get the latest software! Also be aware that as new versions come out, Cricut may remove or add shortcuts.

DIFFERENT SETTINGS

Find the Settings under the Account menu in the upper left corner of Cricut Design Space.

NEED MORE HELP?

Join me and our fellow Cricut crafters in our friendly group to get more help! You'll find us at jennifermaker.com/cricutcrafters – see you there!

Love,
Jennifer

