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Model: 2000293

## INTRODUCTION

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The Cricut Cuttlebug Machine is a versatile manual die-cutting and embossing tool designed for various crafting projects. It utilizes a unique rolling technology to cut shapes, emboss designs, or perform both operations sequentially, adding texture and dimension to your materials. This machine is compatible with a wide range of crafting materials and accepts most leading brand dies and embossing folders.

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use of your Cuttlebug machine, including setup, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting.



Image: The Cricut Cuttlebug Machine, Model 2000293, shown in its retail packaging. The machine is green and cream, with a handle for portability.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

- Always operate the machine on a stable, flat surface.
- Keep fingers and loose clothing away from the rollers during operation.
- This machine is intended for adult use. Keep out of reach of children.
- Do not force materials through the machine. If resistance is met, check your plate sandwich combination.
- Use only approved cutting dies and embossing folders with the machine.

## PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all items are present in your package:

- Cricut Cuttlebug Die Cutter & Embosser Machine
- 1 A Spacer Plate
- 2 B Cutting Pads
- Instruction Booklet (this manual)

- 1 5x7 inch Flower Embossing Folder

## SETUP

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1. **Unpack the Machine:** Carefully remove the Cuttlebug machine and all accessories from its packaging.
2. **Choose a Stable Surface:** Place the machine on a clean, flat, and stable surface. The Cuttlebug features a suction base to secure it during use. Press down firmly on the machine to engage the suction cups.
3. **Prepare for Use:** Unfold the machine's platforms. The handle should be extended for operation.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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The Cricut Cuttlebug machine allows for both die-cutting and embossing. The correct "sandwich" of plates and materials is crucial for optimal results.

### Die-Cutting

To cut shapes using dies:

1. Place one B Cutting Pad on the machine's platform.
2. Place your chosen material (e.g., paper, cardstock, fabric) on top of the B Cutting Pad.
3. Position your cutting die, blade side down, onto the material.
4. Place the second B Cutting Pad on top of the die, completing the "sandwich."
5. Carefully feed the assembled sandwich into the machine's opening.
6. Turn the handle clockwise to roll the sandwich through the machine. Continue turning until the entire sandwich has passed through.
7. Remove the sandwich and carefully separate the cut material from the die.



Image: A hand carefully positions a piece of paper onto a cutting pad, preparing for the die-cutting process.



Image: A user feeds the assembled cutting plate sandwich into the Cuttlebug machine's opening, ready to turn the handle.

## Embossing

To add texture using embossing folders:

1. Open your embossing folder and place your material inside.
2. Close the embossing folder, ensuring the material is flat and centered.
3. Place the A Spacer Plate on the machine's platform.
4. Place the closed embossing folder (with material inside) on top of the A Spacer Plate.
5. Place one B Cutting Pad on top of the embossing folder. This completes the "sandwich" for embossing.
6. Carefully feed the assembled sandwich into the machine's opening.
7. Turn the handle clockwise to roll the sandwich through the machine. Continue turning until the entire sandwich has passed through.
8. Remove the sandwich and open the embossing folder to reveal your textured material.



Image: A hand displays a piece of light pink paper with a subtle, repeating embossed pattern, demonstrating the machine's embossing capability.

## Tips for Best Results

- Experiment with different materials and plate combinations to achieve desired results.
- The Cuttlebug is compatible with most leading brands of dies and embossing folders. Adjust your plate sandwich as needed for different thicknesses.
- For deeper embossing, some users find it effective to run the embossing folder through the machine multiple times or reverse the direction.

## MAINTENANCE

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- **Cleaning:** Wipe the machine's exterior with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.

- **Storage:** When not in use, fold the platforms and handle for compact storage. Store in a dry, dust-free environment. The compact design allows for easy storage in small spaces.
- **Cutting Pads:** Cutting pads are consumable items and will show wear over time. Rotate and flip them regularly to extend their lifespan. Replace them when they become too warped or cut through to affect performance.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem                          | Possible Cause                                          | Solution                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Material not cutting completely. | Incorrect plate sandwich; dull die; material too thick. | Ensure correct plate combination for your die and material. Try adding a shim (e.g., a piece of cardstock) if the sandwich is too thin. Run through the machine multiple times. Replace dull dies. |
| Embossing is not deep enough.    | Incorrect plate sandwich; material too thick or thin.   | Verify the correct plate sandwich for embossing (A Spacer + Embossing Folder + B Cutting Pad). Run the folder through the machine multiple times, or try reversing direction.                      |
| Machine is unstable during use.  | Suction cups not engaged; uneven surface.               | Ensure the machine is placed on a smooth, non-porous surface. Press down firmly to engage the suction cups.                                                                                        |
| Difficulty turning the handle.   | Plate sandwich is too thick.                            | Do not force the handle. Remove the sandwich and adjust the plate combination to reduce thickness. Forcing can damage the machine.                                                                 |

## SPECIFICATIONS

- Brand:** Cricut
- Model:** 2000293
- Operation Mode:** Manual
- Active Surface Area:** Approximately 172.8 square inches
- Item Height:** Approximately 12 inches (when folded for storage)
- Compatible Materials:** Fabric, paper, cardstock, and other crafting materials (depending on die/folder)

## SUPPORT AND WARRANTY

For further assistance, product registration, or information regarding warranty coverage, please refer to the official Cricut website or contact Cricut customer support directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

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