Using the Silhouette Cameo

Preparing for Your Visit

- Schedule and attend a one-time orientation
- Reserve equipment first come, first serve basis. https://vbpl.librarymarket.com/
- Prepare your design file
 - Download file or save to your Silhouette Studio library.
 - Common compatible file types are studio, png, and dxf.
 - Silhouette software is available on all public computers.
 - If using custom fonts, extra steps to save may be required as fonts cannot be installed on library computers.
- Bring your materials. A list of compatible materials can be found at https://www.silhouette101.com/archives/materials-guide
- Check-in with staff at the front desk to retrieve the Silhouette Cameo cart.
- Review visual inventory to ensure all parts are accounted for.
- Proceed to designated public computer and plug in/turn on Cameo machine.
- Stay with equipment for duration of use.
- When finished, clear workspace and return all parts to their designated place.
 - Clean debris from work area and cutting mats.
- Log off the computer and return the Cameo cart to the front desk staff.

Available Accessories for the Cameo 4

These items are available at the library for use with the Cameo:

Cutting Mats (various sizes and tacks)

Blades (auto, kraft, rotary and punch tool)

Pens (sketch pens)

Weeding tools (various)

Overview of Silhouette Studio Software

- The basic edition of Silhouette Studio is free to download and use at https://www.silhouetteamerica.com/software
- No account required to use but accounts are free.
- Benefits of creating a free account:
 - Cloud storage for projects
 - Save purchased designs
 - Share designs across multiple devices

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Terms of Use- Nature of Silhouette Cameo cutting machine

- The Cameo cutting machine is great for precision crafting – It enables users to create custom designs with intricate cuts for personal, educational, or business purposes.
- Cutting with the Cameo involves a trial-anderror process – Some materials may require adjustments to blade settings, speed, or pressure for optimal results.
- Cutting is not always perfect Some designs may need additional steps like weeding, layering, or adhesive application to achieve the desired finish.

Cutting Procedure

- Check in at the front desk at the beginning of your reservation to check out the Silhouette Cameo machine.
- 2. Proceed to designated computer and log in using library card.
- 3. Open Silhouette Studio software. Log in to Silhouette account (if using).
- 4. Connect Silhouette Cameo machine to the printer.
- 5. Open the saved file under Library (or open from USB).
- 6. Check cut lines and make changes as needed.
- 7. Insert the desired blades and/or pens.
- 8. Add media to cutting mat.
- 9. Complete a test cut to ensure appropriate blade depth and force.
- 10. Confirm print settings.
- 11. Click on Send button.
- 12. Once cut is finished, remove design from cutting mat. Remove all media from mat using the weeding tool or scraper.

When Cutting is Complete

- 13. Turn off the Cameo.
- 14. Reattach mat protectors and place cutting mats back on the cart.
- 15. Remove blades and return all blades and tools back to the drawers.
- 16. Unplug from the computer and return the cords to the drawer.
- 17. Log out of Silhouette Studio and the computer.
- 18. Check the visual inventory to ensure all pieces are accounted for.
- 19. Return the cart to the front desk staff.

Product Specifications

22.44 in. x 7.68 in. x 6.69 in.

10 lbs 6.4 oz

Max Cutting Area

12 in. x 24 in. with a cutting mat 12 in. x 10 ft. with lined media (when using built-in

roll feeder)

Max Media Thickness 3 mm **Max Cutting Force**

5 kg



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