

# Silhouette Cameo Electronic Cutting Machine Vinyl Starter Kit Bundle

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Product Description This kit will allow you to create many projects right from the start! the silhouette cameo is the ultimate DIY machine. Like a home printer, it plugs into your pc or mac® with a simple USB cable. However, instead of printing it uses a small blade to cut paper, cardstock, vinyl, fabric, and other material up to 12 inches wide and 10 feet long. When the blade is replaced by a pen, the cameo will sketch instead of cut. It can be controlled from a computer or save your art to a USB and plug right into the cameo. The machine also has the ability to register and cut printed materials and is PixScan compatible. New: comes with: silhouette printer studio software for windows XP/ vista/7/8 and mac OS x 10.5.8 And higher basic - instruction guide - 51 exclusive Cuttable designs - vinyl trimmer blade - black cutting blade - 12 x 12 cutting mat - 1 free month to silhouette store - USB and power cable vinyl kit includes: - 4 sheets of 9 x 24 premium vinyl in black, white, dark pink, and leaf green - 10 feet of premium transfer paper - silhouette hook - silhouette scraper - exclusive download card good for 10 vinyl designs - idea booklet and instruction guide - instructional DVD.

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I have a Cricut Explore that I use at least weekly to make cards. I saw the Silhouette Cameo on my Vine queue and thought it would be a great opportunity to try it out and compare the latest and greatest from Silhouette with the latest and greatest from Cricut. But first, a brief explanation of an Electronic Cutting Machine. Electronic Cutting Machines (of any brand) use a blade to cut images, words, and designs on paper or other materials on a mat that you insert into the machine. You can customize this design in a software program included with the machine. Here's what I loved about the Silhouette Cameo Electronic Cutting Machine: - The touch screen was very responsive and easy to use. It's sleek, pretty, and had zero issues. The correct menu pops up when you need it with a few choices. - It's so light! Easy to transport to different areas or to take to a crafting retreat. - Paper peels easily off of the cutting mat and left very little residue after a few uses. - The crosscut tool allows you to make an even edge off the back of the paper as it comes out of the Cameo. - The Silhouette Studio (software for

designing your cuts) is very easy to use, navigate, and create. - Excellent cut quality. Here's what I'm not crazy about: - It's louder than I expected when making a cut. - Adjusting the blade is a bit futzy. The Silhouette Studio tells you what your blade depth needs to be based on the kind of paper in your machine, which is great! BUT changing it requires taking out the blade and a special tool to adjust the depth. - The mat leaves a slight adhesive feel to the back of the first images you cut. Which could be a good thing if you want them to be sticky, but not so great if you're using the paper as a card and don't want the sticky feel all over the entire card. How I feel the Silhouette Cameo compares with the Cricut Explore: - Honestly, it's kind of like an Apple vs. Android. Both products do essentially the same thing, but people will prefer one user interface over the other. Aesthetically they look different (both the actual machine and the design studios) - I prefer the Cricut subscription service when it comes to images. Cricut charges a flat \$9.99 fee per month to let you use over 20,000 images. You don't OWN them, but you can use them. You can certainly buy them if you want to keep them and ditch the subscription, but there are SO MANY images included, I can't see why you wouldn't just use the \$9.99 for the sheer variety of images. - How the Silhouette subscription service works is a bit more complicated, so you'll definitely want to check that out. Basically, you pay a fee per month and get a certain amount of store credit to spend. Which means you'll own the images when you no longer pay the monthly fee, but you still have to pay for them on top of the subscription fee. If you pay more per month, you get more credit, so you'll technically get SOME for free. Like I said, it's complicated. BUT there are some really great designs that you can browse even without any subscription and buy a la carte. They have lots of fun bags, boxes, and other really fun stuff! Overall, if you've never used a Silhouette or a Cricut, watch some videos to see which you prefer. Both machines do an excellent job of cutting and allowing you to get all creative and crafty. The interfaces are a bit different on the machine and with the design software, so look into that as well. If you're debating on whether or not to get the Silhouette Cameo Electronic Cutting Machine as your main electronic cutter, it's a great choice! Lightweight, quick to set up and easy to use! Plug it in and get your craft on!

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I've had 2 Circuit machines, 1 Cutterbug and 2 Sizzix machines for many years and now 1 Cameo. Overall it's a nice addition to my cutting machines. I'm on the fence as to whether or not I like the Cameo. I had very high expectations of the

design environment and functionality. I don't think it has better features than my Cricut Expression and Cricut Explore. What I like about it. As soon as I opened the box I felt like a graduated to the big time. It's very sleek and slim. Easy to set up and connect to my computer (from box to set up about 15 minutes). Slightly smaller unit and weighs less. You can cut vinyl without the mat. What I'm not super excited about Their software doesn't seem to have as much functionality as with the Cricut. Plus, paying an additional fee for more functionality when I can get that with the Circuit just doesn't seem right. They are not offering a space to store my files in a cloud environment, which means I'll probably need another back up external drive since project files can suck up a lot of room on the hard drive. USB cable is only 3 feet, so that means I'm going to have buy a 6 foot one so that I can position it on a shelf, don't want to reconfigure my workstation. So you will need to remember where you put the extras. You can't use color and cut at the same time as you can with cricut. It also doesn't have a replaceable blade so you have to buy a new blade unit. And limited thickness that can be cut with machine. The online subscription to images is more expensive and you get less images than with Cricut services. Design Studio If you know how to work with image layers you will like the design software, but if you are not use to working with photoshop or other editing programs I would think the learning curve would be longer to understand how to ungroup layers. What came with the basic package: Cameo machine and A/C adaptor power cable 3 foot USB cable Crosscut blade Blade with racket cap 12" cutting mat Design software CD ROM 1 Month free coupon for online environment Getting started booklet

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Beware Although many people favor the Silhouette, I would not buy this machine again. They do not have a repair center when it breaks. That's over \$500 lost for myself, with the cost of machine and supplies. There is no one else who will touch it to fix it. Believe me when I say I TRIED! See all 368 customer reviews...

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Product Details Sales Rank: #562 in Art and Craft Supply Size: Vinyl Bundle Color: Bundle Brand: Silhouette Model: Vinyl Bundle2 Dimensions: 24.00" h x 11.00" w x 11.00" l, 10.80 pounds Features Silhouette Cameo II - Newest Model Vinyl Starter Kit - \$39.99 Value Cutting Blade, Vinyl Trimmer, 12" x 12" Mat Software & Templates \$25 Dollars For Downloads on Silhouette's Site Silhouette cameo cutting machine, silhouette vinyl starter kit Silhouette cameo with touch screen control. Newest model Includes 1 month free membership to silhouette download store

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