Cricut Explore Air™ first project

Use the materials found in the box to complete this Hello card and watch as your Cricut Explore Air™ machine writes and cuts all in on step.

**Step 1.** Remove the gray and blue cardstock from your Start Here envelope and your pen from the box.
Step 2. Remove the plastic cover from the mat.

Step 3. Smooth the gray cardstock onto the cutting mat in the top left corner inside the grid.
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**Step 4.** Position the mat underneath the mat guides. Keeping the mat pushed firmly against the machine's rollers, press the Load/Unload button.

*Tip:* You will know the mat is loaded correctly when the Cricut® logo on the mat is directly under the machine rollers. Note that you can use the entire surface of the mat evenly by alternating which end of the mat you load into the machine first.

**Step 5.** Turn the Smart Set® dial to “Cardstock.”
Step 6. To insert the pen, open accessory clamp A.

Step 7. Remove the cap from the pen.
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**Step 8.** Position the pen so the gray arrow is facing towards you. Hold the accessory clamp up while pushing the pen down into the housing until the arrow disappears.

**Step 9.** Close the clamp.
Tip: The first project is also available as a Make It Now™ project so you can make it as many times as you would like. To find the project, start at the project screen and select “Free for Cricut Explore Air” from the Categories menu. Scroll through the photos of the free projects until you locate the Hello card. When you click on the image, you will be taken to the project details screen. Click “Make It Now” to start the cutting process.

**Step 10.** Click “Go” on your computer or iPad to begin the cutting process.

**Step 11.** Follow the onscreen prompts to cut and write your Hello card all in one step.
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**Step 12.** Once your Cricut ExploreAir™ machine has finished cutting and writing, unload the mat by pressing the blinking Load/Unload button.

**Step 13.** Remove the pen by opening accessory clamp A and pulling the pen straight up. Replace the pen cap and close the accessory clamp.
Step 14. Remove your card by gently bending the mat until one edge of the card releases.

Step 15. Turn the mat over onto a flat surface and then slowly pull the mat away from your material until the card releases.

Tip: The Cricut® scrapper can be used to easily remove excess material from the cutting mat.
Step 16. Line up the corners of the card and fold in half horizontally; repeat process with liner.

Step 17. Place the liner in the card; adhere if desired.
Step 18. Your project is complete!