

## Machine Setup (cont.)

Use the materials found in the box to complete a “Thank you” card and watch as your Cricut Explore® machine writes and cuts all in one step.

### First Project

**Step 1** To insert the pen, start by first opening accessory clamp A.



**Step 2** Remove the cap from the pen.



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**Step 3** Position the pen so the gray arrow is facing towards you. Hold the accessory clamp in place while pushing the pen down into the housing until the arrow disappears.



**Step 4** Close the latch.



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**Step 5** Next, load the black paper found in your starter materials packet onto your mat. Start by removing the protective cover from your mat.



**Tip:** Set this cover aside while you cut but be sure to replace to protect the mat's adhesive during the times it is not in use.

**Step 6** Align your paper to the gridlines in the top left corner your mat and smooth the paper onto the surface.



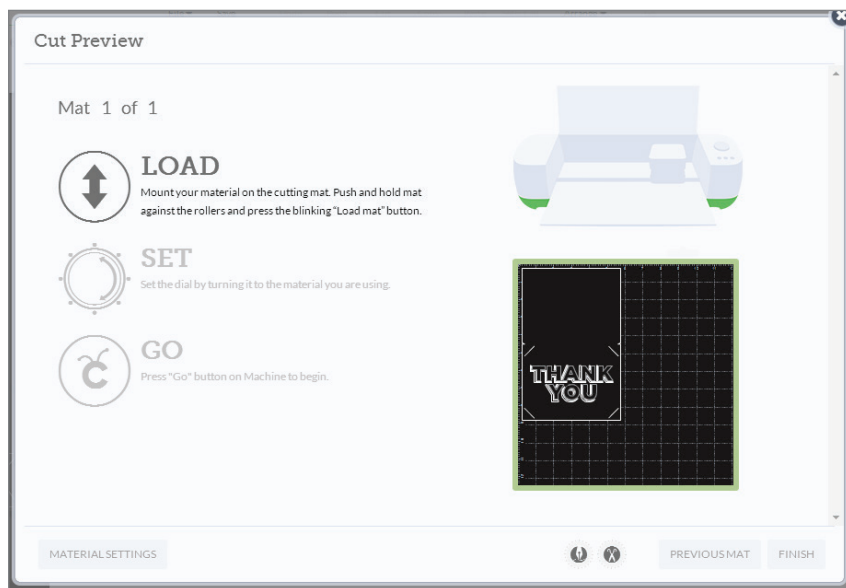
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**Step 7** Load the mat into your Cricut Explore® machine by positioning the mat underneath the mat guides and pressing the blinking Load/Unload button.



**Tip:** You will know the mat is loaded correctly when the Cricut logo on the mat is directly under the machine rollers.

**Step 8** Follow the prompts on the computer to cut and write your “Thank You” card all in one step.



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**Step 9** Once your Cricut Explore® machine has finished cutting and writing, unload the your mat by pressing the blinking Load/Unload button.



**Tip:** Be sure to remove your pen—just open accessory clamp A and pull the pen straight up. Don't forget to cap the pen!

**Step 10** Remove your card by gently bending the mat until one edge of the card releases.



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**Step 11** Turn the mat over onto a flat surface and then slowly pull the mat away from your material until the card releases.

**Tip:** A Cricut® scraper can be used to easily remove excess material from the cutting mat.



**Step 12** Line up the corners of the card and fold it in half horizontally.



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**Step 13** Take the jade cardstock from your starter materials packet and fit it into the slits in the four corners of the card.

