

Glossary of Common Terms

The below definitions refer to terms that are used frequently when discussing vinyl cutting with other crafters. You may also click on the bolded product links to be directed to them on the Crafters Corner website!



Application Tape:

This is the large “masking tape” or protective tape that is applied over weeded vinyl graphics or lettering. The cut vinyl sticks to this tape when the vinyl’s backing paper is removed, exposing the sticky side of the vinyl. It allows the user to pick up all of the vinyl letters or design, so that it can be applied at one time, staying in the desired layout. ‘Premask’ and ‘sticky paper’ are other terms you might hear when discussing this product with other crafters.

- [Medium Tack tape](#) should be used on the Basic/Outdoor vinyl, for applying to vehicles, plaques, banners, scrapbook pages, cards and other similar surfaces.
- [High Tack tape](#) should be used with the Premium Interior Wall vinyl. Removing the backing paper from this vinyl can be more challenging, and the stickier tack aids in this process.



Weeding:

This is the process of removing the excess vinyl from lettering or a design that has been cut on the cutter/plotter (see tip called “Basic Steps for Weeding Vinyl” for full instructions).

Weeding Tool:

This is a tool with a sharp point for weeding vinyl. Use it to “stab” or pick up the vinyl, and then lift it away from the backing paper. The [Weed Pen](#) is used for this process.

Squeegee:

This is a tool for both applying application tape to weeded vinyl, and to apply the vinyl to the desired surface (see tip called “Basic Steps for Applying Vinyl” for full instructions).

- [White squeegees](#) are considered economy squeegees. They are often all that is needed for crafting and home use, however they can wear down some after many uses.
- The [silver squeegees](#) are made of nylon and considered longer-lasting. Use this squeegee for heavy use.



Clip Art:

[Vinyl Ready Designs](#) Clip Art are lettering and pre-designed images that are made to cut on a cutter/plotter, like on the [Silhouette Cameo](#). Import these images into your design software, adjust to desired size, and cut them.

**The [Upgrade](#) is required for the Silhouette Cameo in order to import outside designs (sold separately).



**Vinyl Types:**

Other terms you might hear when discussing [Basic for Outdoor/Vehicle](#) vinyl: *Intermediate, short-term, calendared*. This vinyl has a glossy finish.

Other terms you might hear when discussing [Premium Colors/Metallic for Interior Décor](#) vinyl:

Wall vinyl, Removable Vinyl. This vinyl has a matte finish.

Other terms you might hear when discussing [Premium Specialty](#) Vinyl:

Prismatic, holographic, and by name of vinyl pattern such as diamond plate, mosaic, etched glass, etc. See our website for selections.

**Bling:**

The term “Bling” refers to Rhinestones. Visit our [Rhinestones](#) section to see the full line of stones and accessories.

**The [Upgrade](#) is required for the [Silhouette Cameo](#) in order to design and cut Rhinestone patterns (sold separately).