Write and Cut

The Cricut Explore allows you to write and cut your design. To write, insert the text you want to write (or object you want to draw!) Complete sizing and designing the project, and drag the text or object where you would like it. For example, if you want to write ‘thank you’ on a square for a card, drag the text onto the square to the position where you would like this to be written. Rotate and size as necessary.

In the layers panel, click on the scissors icon next to the text or object, and change this from cut to write. Select the pen color you would like to use. If the image has multiple layers, make sure that you do this for all layers. If there are layers that you do not want to write, ‘close the eye’ next to that layer in the layers panel to hide it.

In order to write and cut at the same time, you will need to attach the writing to the object you want to cut. Follow the instructions in the attach section to do so. When the writing is attached to the object, click the green ‘Go’ button. Review the mat preview to ensure that the writing shows on the object where you want it written; if the writing shows off to itself or on a different mat, it did not attach properly. Go back and correct.

When you are ready to cut, click go and follow the prompts to cut and write the project.