

# Silhouette Cameo Cutting Tool Overview

## Overview of Tool Usage:

Cameo is a computer controlled cutting tool for cutting fabric, paper and thin plastics such as vinyl. It also has the capabilities of computer controlled drawing with different tooling.

## Personal Protective Equipment:

- Safety Glasses
- Long hair tied back, no loose clothing/jewelry, long sleeves must be rolled up past your elbows and out of the way

## Parts to Identify:

- Power Cord
- USB Cord
- Blades/Pens
- Blade Depth Adjuster/Ratchet Cap
- Blade Lock Lever
- Rollers
- Roller Release Lever



## Setting Up:

- Setting up Cameo
  - Plug Cameo into power and USB port
  - Choose blade (general blade, fabric blade or pen)
  - Look up blade setting for selected media and turn blade to that setting
  - Load blade or pen and lock
  - Set roller distance for media
- Power on Cameo
  - Power on
  - Prep media on cutting mat if needed
  - When ready select load cutting mat or media then press “enter on key pad of Cameo
  - If needed you can do small adjustments by raising rollers then lowering after adjustment has been made
- Using Silhouette software
  - Set up project in Silhouette software
  - When ready select “Send to Silhouette”
  - Select “Change Settings?”
  - Choose Media, Speed, Thickness, Blade...ect
  - Select “Cut”

- Finishing Project
  - Select “Unload” on Cameo to remove media
  - Remove blade and set blade depth to zero
  - Power off
  - Unplug and Store Cameo
- **When you don’t know or aren’t sure, ask!**

Tips:

- Can import in dxf, png, jpeg, bmp, gif, and tiff.
- When setting up Cameo, make sure there is enough room in front and behind of Cameo to run your material through.

Specifications:

Blade Setting	Material
1	Thin materials such as vinyl and smooth heat transfer material
2-3	Medium-weight materials such as paper, cardstock, and flocked heat transfer material
4-6	Thicker materials such as textured cardstock and pattern papers
7-10	Thick materials such as canvas

Cuts up to 12-inch wide and 10-feet long material