

# EPIC FUNDRAISING with the Cricut Explore

**Cricut Explore** is the brand-name of a home cutting machine used for various projects. They are used for cutting paper, vinyl, fabric and many more materials. Cricut Explore is one of several electronic cutting machines available that are computer based.

**Getting Started:** You'll first need to purchase a Cricut Explore machine or something similar (Silhouette, for example) This can be done with less than \$250 on Amazon and the money you will save with DEFINITELY be worth it! You will also want to invest in a tool set, extra mat or you can purchase these items as needed.

There are **videos** all over the Internet that will walk you through various projects. Here are some of my favorite fundraising ideas.



## Prom Homecoming Sashes

- Ribbon (2 ¼-2 ½ inches wide, 2 yards per sash)
- Vinyl (generally 1- 12" sheet per 2-3 sashes, depending on length of wording)
- Transfer Tape- I use clear contact paper from the dollar store
- Velcro Dots, buttons or other type of fastener (amount depends on # of sashes)
- This could be a fundraiser or just a money saver!

## Vinyl Decals/ Stickers

- Vinyl (amount depending on length of wording or image)
- Transfer Tape- I use clear contact paper from the dollar store!
- These could be sold for anywhere between \$1 and \$3 depending on size.



## Iron-On Shirts

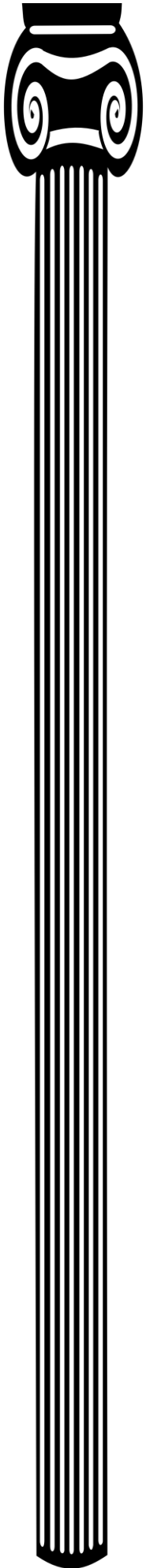
- Iron On Vinyl (amount depending on length of wording or image)
- T-Shirt- I use cheapstees.com shirts are under \$4
- These could be sold for anywhere between \$10 and \$15 depending on size of iron on.

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## Water Bottles

- Water Bottle from the Dollar Store (I buy in cases from [dollartree.com](http://dollartree.com))
- Vinyl (amount depending on length of wording or image)
- Transfer Tape- I use clear contact paper from the dollar store!
- These could be sold for \$10-\$15 depending on addition of bow.



## Acrylic Tumblers

- Acrylic Tumblers from the Dollar Store (I buy in cases from [dollartree.com](http://dollartree.com))
- Vinyl (amount depending on length of wording or image)
- Transfer Tape- I use clear contact paper from the dollar store!
- These could be sold for \$10.

## Mugs

- Mug from the Dollar Store (I buy in cases from [dollartree.com](http://dollartree.com))
- Vinyl (amount depending on length of wording or image)
- Transfer Tape- I use clear contact paper from the dollar store!
- These could be sold for \$10.



## Starbucks Plastic Cup

- Starbucks Plastic Cup for \$2.16
- Vinyl (amount depending on length of wording or image)
- Transfer Tape- I use clear contact paper from the dollar store!
- These could be sold for \$10.

## Resources:

- Cricut [www.cricut.com](http://www.cricut.com) Everything you could possibly need is available on this site. Sometimes prices are better, sometimes they're not. Allow enough time for shipping!
- Expressions Vinyl [www.expressionsvinyl.com](http://www.expressionsvinyl.com) This site has a lot more material for cutting machines and usually better quality than Cricut vinyl.
- Amazon [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) Use with caution! Shipping is fast, but sometimes the description is not accurate or quality is not good. Expression, Cricut and Silhouette vinyl is good but avoid off brands.
- JKM Ribbon and Trims [www.jkmribbon.com](http://www.jkmribbon.com) A great place to buy ribbon in bulk. Minimum purchase is \$25, about 1 roll of ribbon/ 50 yards and would make about 25 sashes. Make sure to select a satin finish or something smooth or letters will not stick.
- JoAnn Fabrics [www.joann.com](http://www.joann.com) If you have a local store near you, JoAnn carries lots of Cricut supplies. You can also get a 15% discount card for being a teacher.
- Dollar Tree [www.dollartree.com](http://www.dollartree.com) If you have a local dollar type store, many items such as water bottles, mugs, acrylic tumblers, sun glasses, cutting boards and lots of items to personalize. I also use their clear contact paper for transfer tape!
- CheapesTees [www.cheapestees.com](http://www.cheapestees.com) Clothing for wholesale prices and ships super fast!

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