# Silhouette

The Silhouette Curio<sup>™</sup> is the world's first complete hobby machine. It can cut, emboss, sketch, stipple, and etch. It also boasts a rich mix of innovative features including a dual carriage, an adjustable base and a raised clearance bar.

Like other Silhouette tools, the Curio is driven by powerful Silhouette Studio<sup>®</sup> software and the Silhouette Design Store.



Here are some frequently asked questions about Silhouette Curio™:

### Q: What is the Curio?

A: The Silhouette Curio<sup>™</sup> is the ultimate DIY machine. This machine is more than a cutting tool. It can cut, emboss, sketch, stipple, and etch—it's like a Swiss Army knife for your craft room. Unlock powerful new creative capabilities like Print & Emboss, Score & Emboss, and deep cut\*. Curio allows you to unleash Silhouette Studio<sup>®</sup> software to its fullest potential with new features like stipple tracing and dual carriage tasks.

\*Requires deep-cut blade sold separately

### Q: Is the Curio meant to replace my Portrait, CAMEO, or other Silhouette electronic cutting tool?

A: No! The Curio is the ultimate companion tool to our other cutting tools because of the new ways you can create with it. Our Portrait and CAMEO are pure cutting machines. Unlike the Curio, they allow for matless cutting and are able to cut rolled materials. In addition, the CAMEO boasts a 12-inch cutting width whereas the Curio provides a maximum 8.5-inch by 12-inch cutting surface\*. We have no plans to discontinue our Portrait or CAMEO cutting tools.

\*Requires optional Curio large base for maximum cutting area capability.

### Q: How big is the Curio's workspace?

A: The Curio's maximum workspace is 8.5 inches by 12 inches (Curio large base sold separately). The standard base that comes with the Curio provides a maximum work space of 8.5 inches by 6 inches.

### Q: Does the Curio have Print & Cut capability?

A: Yes! The Silhouette Curio<sup>™</sup> includes an optic scanner that can read and utilize registration marks for Print & Cut jobs.

# Q: Is the Curio PixScan<sup>™</sup> compatible?

A: The Curio will have PixScan<sup>™</sup> compatibility in fall of 2015.

# Q: What can a Curio do that a CAMEO, Portrait, or other Silhouette electronic cutting tool can't?

A:

- Metal and foil stippling
- Metal etching
- Dual carriage multitasking (multiple tasks in one pass)
- Embossing
- Score & Emboss
- Print & Emboss
- Deep-cut capabilities\* (leather, foils, foams, and more)
- Using thicker materials as project surfaces (example: stencils sketched directly onto wood up to 5mm thick)

\*Requires deep-cut blade sold separately

### Q: Can I cut fabric with my Curio?

A: Similar to other Silhouette cutting machines, the Curio can cut fabric when using fusible fabric stabilizers.

### Q: Can I cut straight from a roll of media with my Curio?

A: No. The Curio requires a hard base when cutting and has a limited cutting area.

### Q: What types of metals can the Curio etch?

A: The Curio can etch soft metal surfaces, such as aluminum, copper, and brass. We do not currently have an exhaustive list that we are able to provide.

### **Q: What is stippling?**

A: Stippling is the process of creating a design using a series of dots. The Curio provides the capability to produce stippling effects. This can be achieved with either a felt tip pen to draw stipple points or the stippling tool to punch a series of stipple points.

### Q: What is the maximum cutting force of the Curio?

A: When used under normal cutting conditions, the Curio provides 210gf cutting pressure.

### Q: Can I use Curio accessories in my Portrait, CAMEO, or other Silhouette electronic cutting tool?

A: While the tools will fit into all Silhouette machine types, they are designed for use with the Silhouette Curio. We cannot guarantee results when using tools intended for use with the Curio in other Silhouette cutting tools. Silhouette does not recommend using the deep-cut blade, stippling tool, engraving tool, or embossing tools with machines other than the Curio.

### Q: Which tools and accessories are compatible with Curio?

A: The Curio is compatible with all current tools and accessories offered, such as regular blades and sketch pens.



#### Q: Is the Curio quieter than other Silhouette machines?

A: The Curio has similar operating noise levels as other Silhouette machines. Various operations, such as stippling metal, may produce louder sounds.

### Q: What kind of material surfaces can be embossed?

A: While we have had success with many types of materials, the Silhouette Studio<sup>®</sup> software settings are optimized for Silhouette Score & Emboss paper. Other material types can be embossed through trial and error.

# Q: The Curio functions in Silhouette Studio<sup>®</sup> are grayed out and I can't use them. Do I need to purchase the Business Edition to get my Curio to work?

A: You DO NOT need to purchase Business Edition in order to get your Curio to work. Curio is compatible with each version of the software currently available, including the free edition of Silhouette Studio<sup>®</sup>. If you own Silhouette Studio<sup>®</sup> Designer Edition or Business Edition you can set Curio to be your default machine by right clicking and selecting "Set as Default Cutter." That way the Curio functions will always be available, even when you're Curio isn't connected. If you have Silhouette Studio<sup>®</sup> Basic Edition, the Curio tools will only be available if your Curio was the last machine plugged in. If your buttons are grayed out, simply connect your Curio and they'll pop back up.

#### Q: I can't figure out how many platforms to use. Where are the platform settings?

A: To find the platform settings go to the "Cut Settings" menu and click on your chosen medium. Silhouette Studio<sup>®</sup> tells you how many platforms you need based on what kind of medium you're putting through your Curio. Silhouette Studio<sup>®</sup> will also give you the default cut settings for your chosen medium as well as the required number of platforms. Adjust as needed.

#### Q: I want to cut bigger things. Why is the cut area so small?

A: While Curio is a cutting machine as well as an embossing, stippling, and sketching machine, its primary intention is for smaller jobs. Curio is a specialty tool and is meant to be an addition to your Silhouette Portrait<sup>®</sup> or Silhouette CAMEO<sup>®</sup>. Adding Curio is the best way to round out your Silhouette family.

### Q: Why can't I use the Curio functions with my CAMEO or my Portrait?

A: The Curio functions can damage or possibly ruin your CAMEO or your Portrait. Curio is specially designed to handle the stippling, etching, embossing, and debossing effects. Its higher clearance level and its unique carriage design allows for a larger range of vertical motion, which allows Curio to perform specialty jobs. Put simply, the other Silhouette cutting machines are not designed for the stippling or embossing effects. Your other Silhouette machines are not equipped to handle those added features.

#### Q: What comes in the box?

A: The Curio includes the following items:

- Silhouette Curio™
- 8.5 in. x 6 in. base (with 4 removable platforms)
- 8.5 in. x 6 in. cutting mat
- 8.5 in. x 6 in. embossing mat
- Fine embossing tool
- Wide embossing tool
- AC adapter
- USB cord
- Silhouette Studio<sup>®</sup> Software CD
- 1 month free basic subscription to the Silhouette Design Store
- 50 exclusive designs