

**Learn how to make your own .svg files and cut them on your  
Cricut™ machine!**

Welcome to this CuddlyBuddly® tutorial in pictures.

For this tutorial you will need:

A Cricut™ or Cricut Expression™ electronic cutter

[www.cricut.com](http://www.cricut.com)

Inkscape – a free downloadable graphics program from [www.inkscape.org](http://www.inkscape.org)

Sure Cuts a Lot – cutting program from <http://www.craftededge.com>

A little time and patience!

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Before starting the tutorial please read the instructions relative to these programs and products by visiting their home sites.

Thank you and ... have fun!

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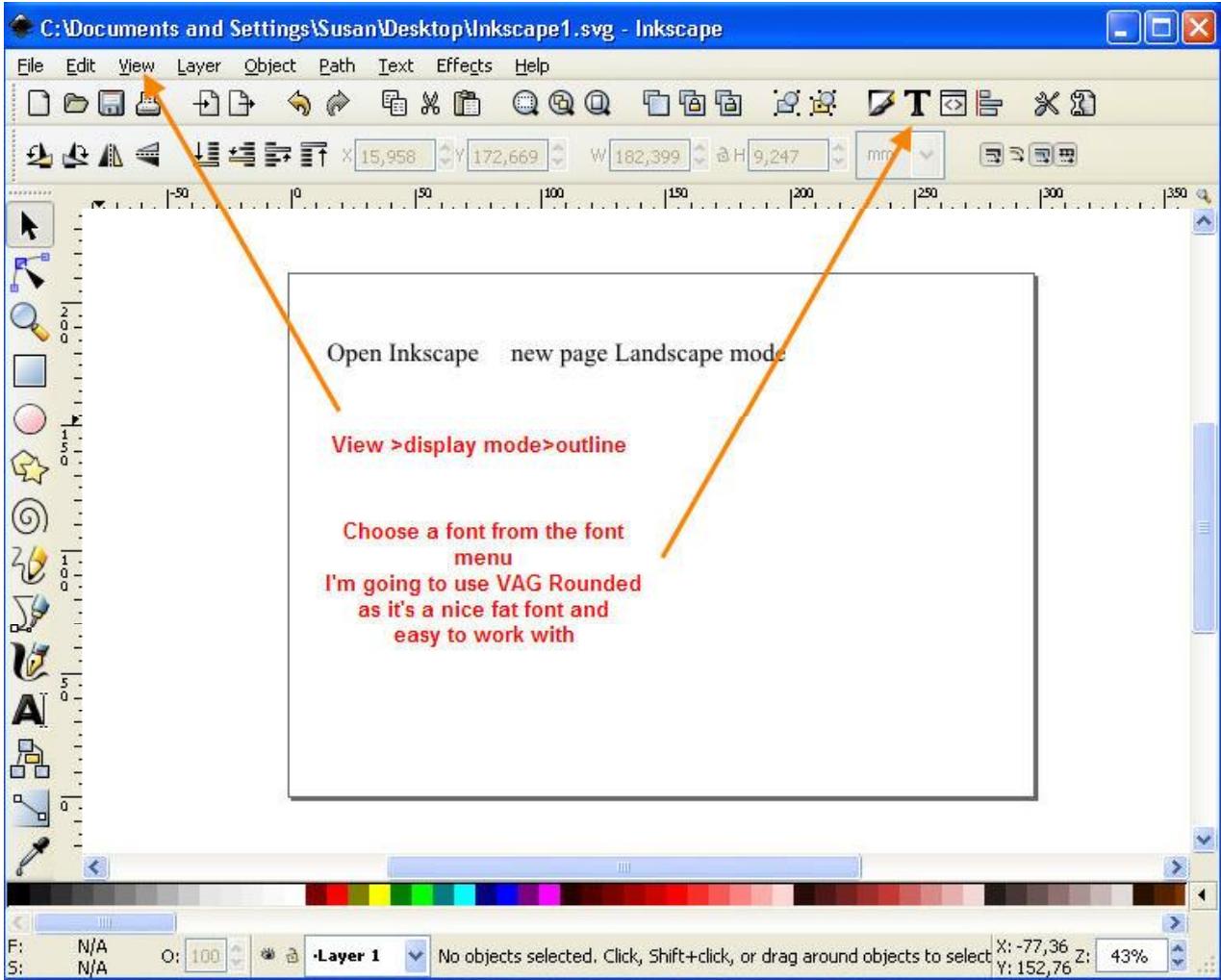
Getting started:

The Sure Cuts a Lot program will open up a new world for you and your machine as you will be able to cut all suitable True Type fonts that are installed on your computer as well as Dingbats. This tutorial will show you how to make a simple .svg file that you can cut on your Cricut™ machine.

When using fonts and dingbats please read the author's instructions about copyright, and remember that templates made from copyrighted material ( including logos and brand names and clip art ) may not be shared on public Forums.

The tutorial has been prepared in pictorial form as we have found this format easier to understand. Inkscape is a fantastic FREE graphics program that is well known to owners of other electronic cutters and thanks to the ability of Inkscape to save files in .svg format and the Sure Cuts a Lot program to import .svg files you are now able to design your own shapes and templates .

So ... let's get started



**Text and Font (Shift+Ctrl+T)**

**This is the font window**

Font | Text

Font family

- VAGRounded BT
- Vaguely Repulsive
- Valken
- Verdana
- Viner Hand ITC
- Vivaldi
- Vivian
- Vladimir Script
- Vrinda
- WalbaumFrakturEF
- WarningPIEF
- WASP OCR B
- Waverly

Style

- Normal
- Italic

Layout

Line spacing: 125%

Font size: 150

**1. choose your font from the drop down menu**

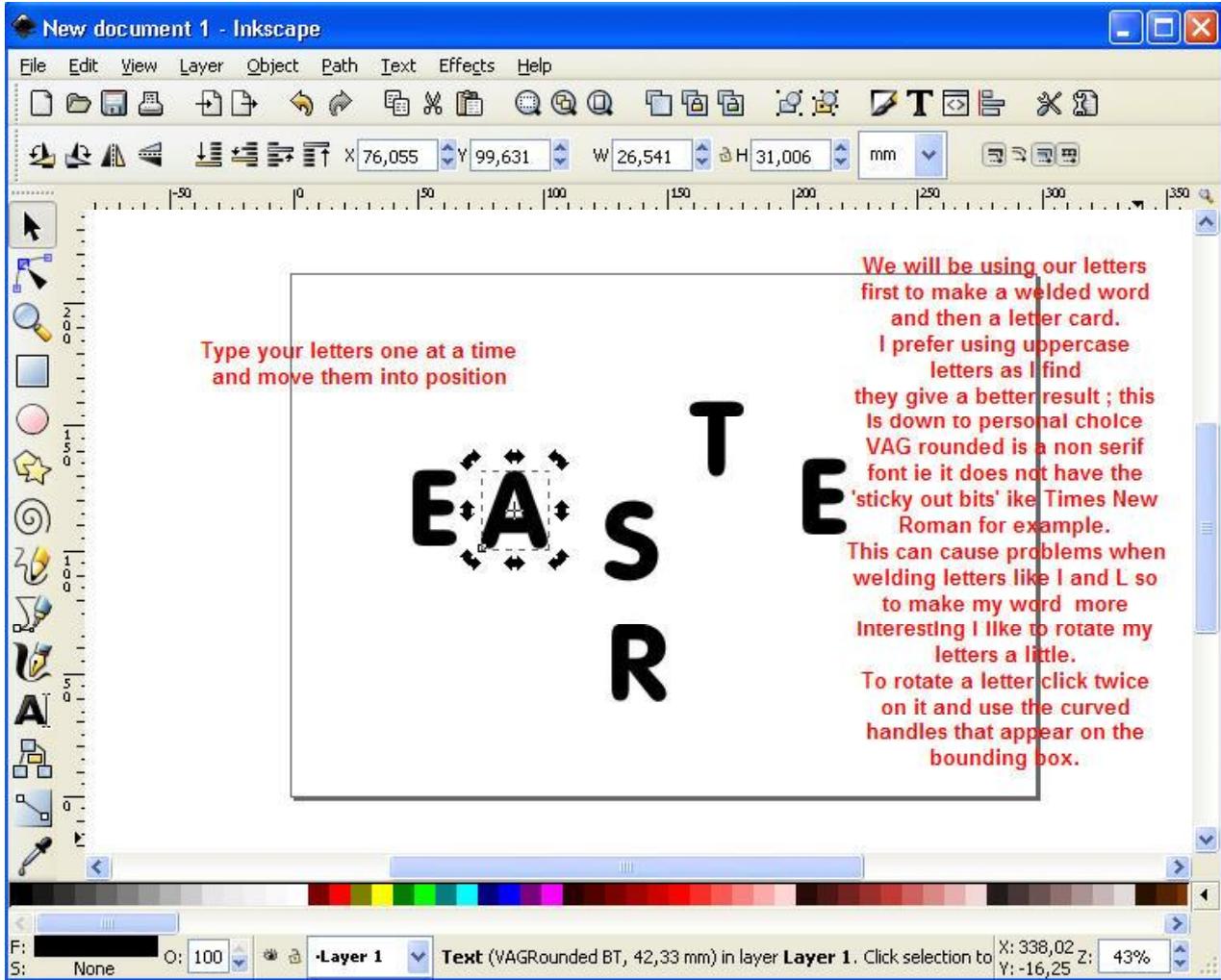
**2. Change the font size to 150 (bigger is better!)**

**3. click on set as default**

**4. Click on close**

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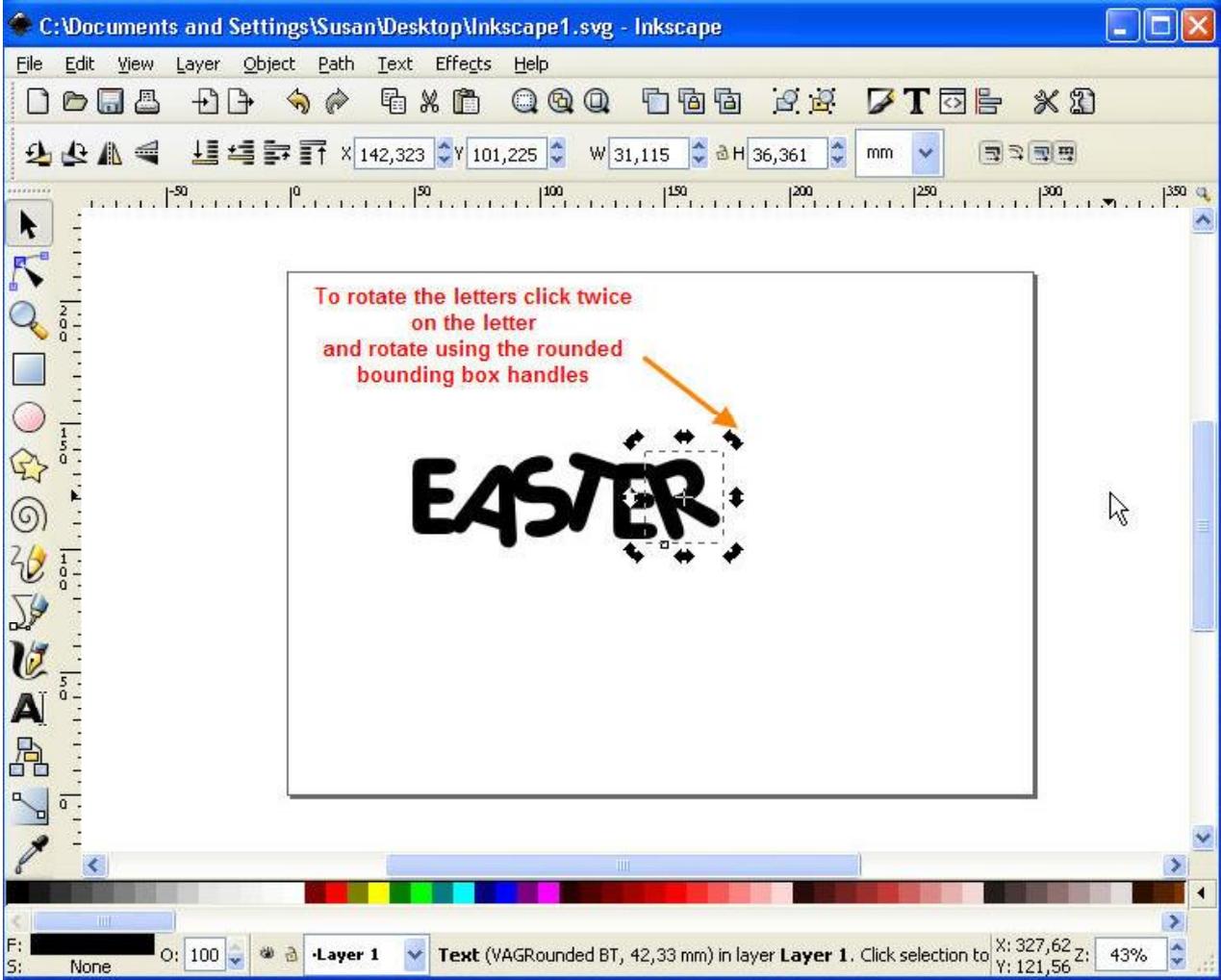
Set as default Apply Close



Type your letters one at a time  
and move them into position

E A S R T E

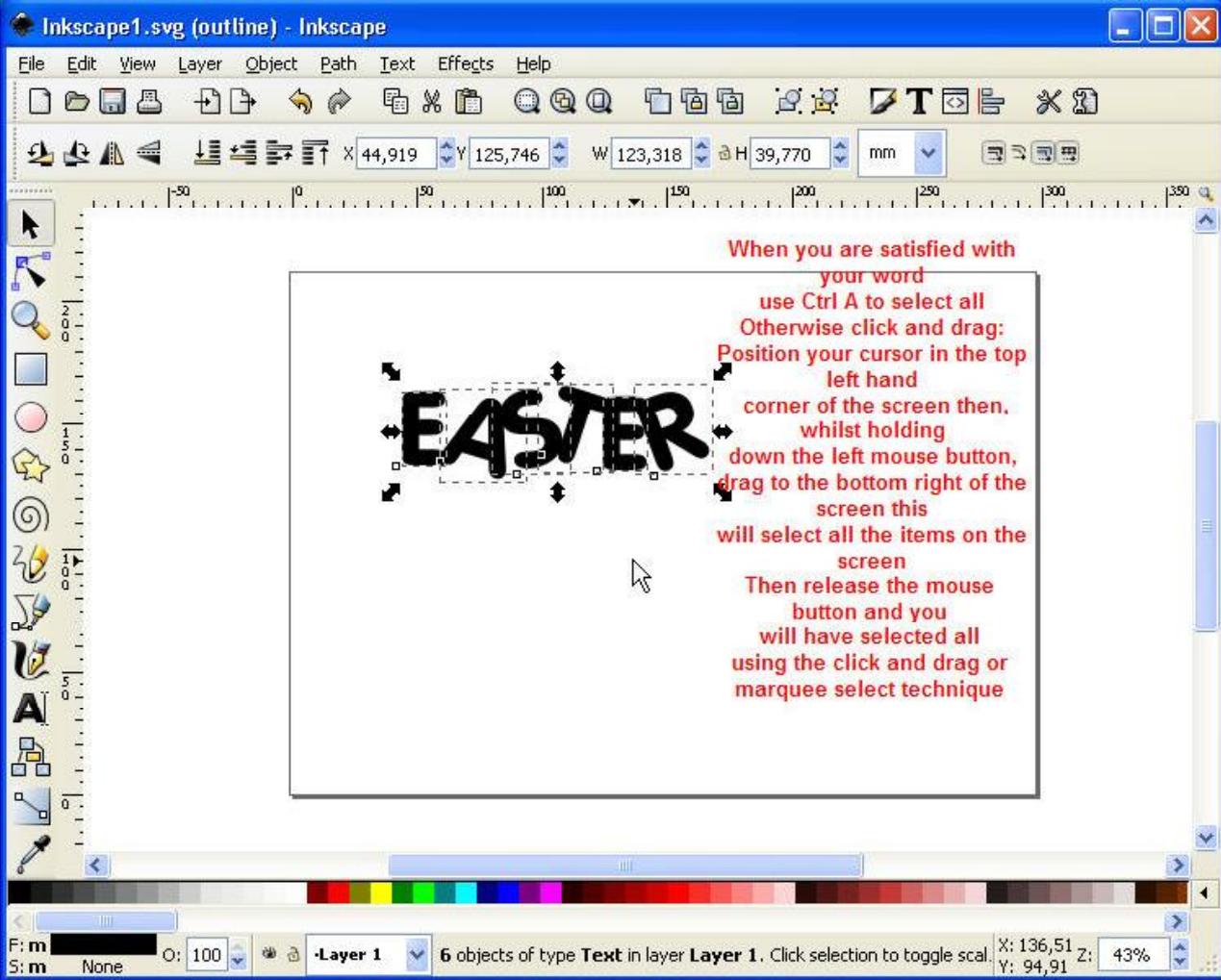
We will be using our letters  
first to make a welded word  
and then a letter card.  
I prefer using uppercase  
letters as I find  
they give a better result ; this  
is down to personal choice  
VAG rounded is a non serif  
font ie it does not have the  
'sticky out bits' like Times New  
Roman for example.  
This can cause problems when  
welding letters like I and L so  
to make my word more  
interesting I like to rotate my  
letters a little.  
To rotate a letter click twice  
on it and use the curved  
handles that appear on the  
bounding box.



To rotate the letters click twice on the letter and rotate using the rounded bounding box handles

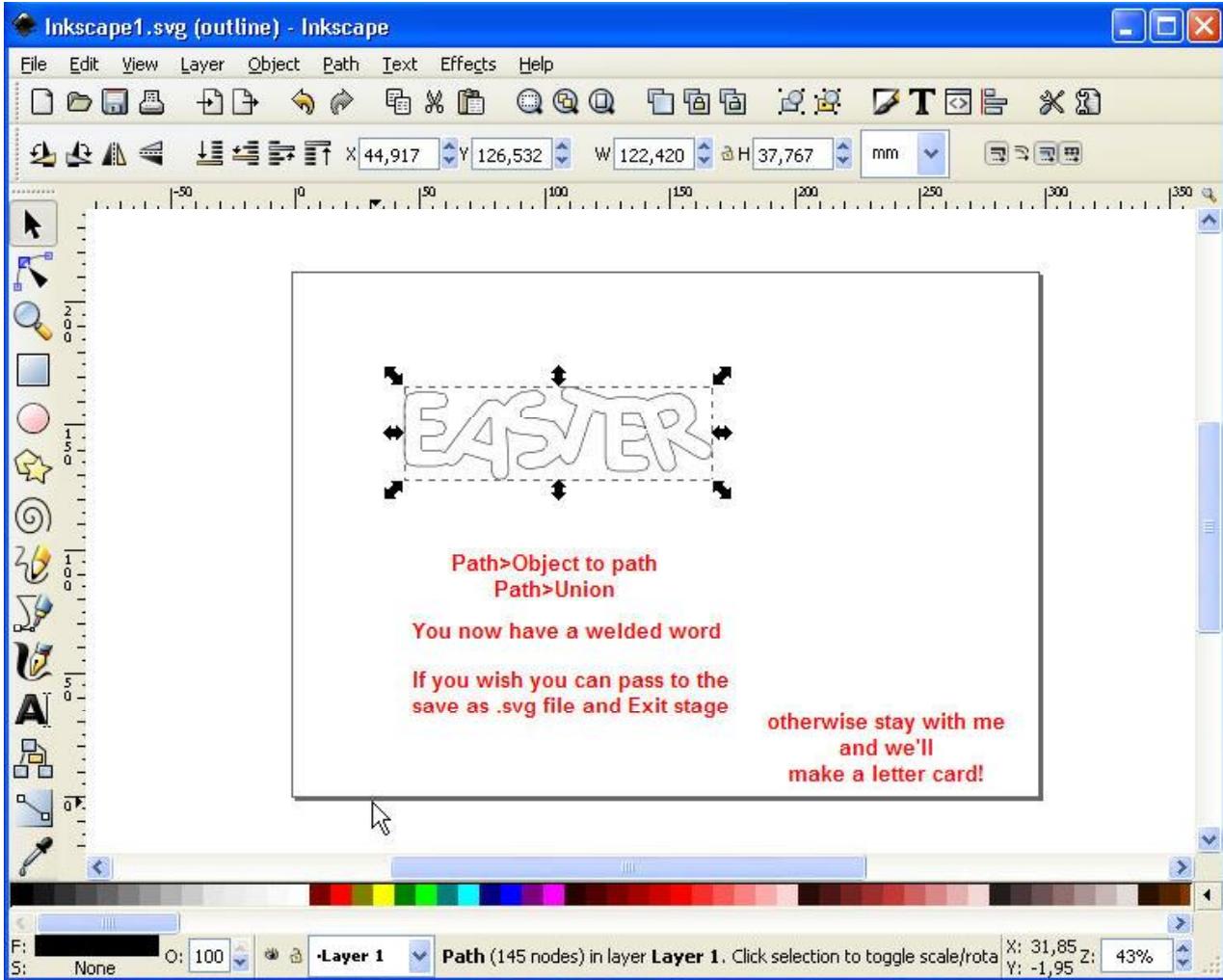
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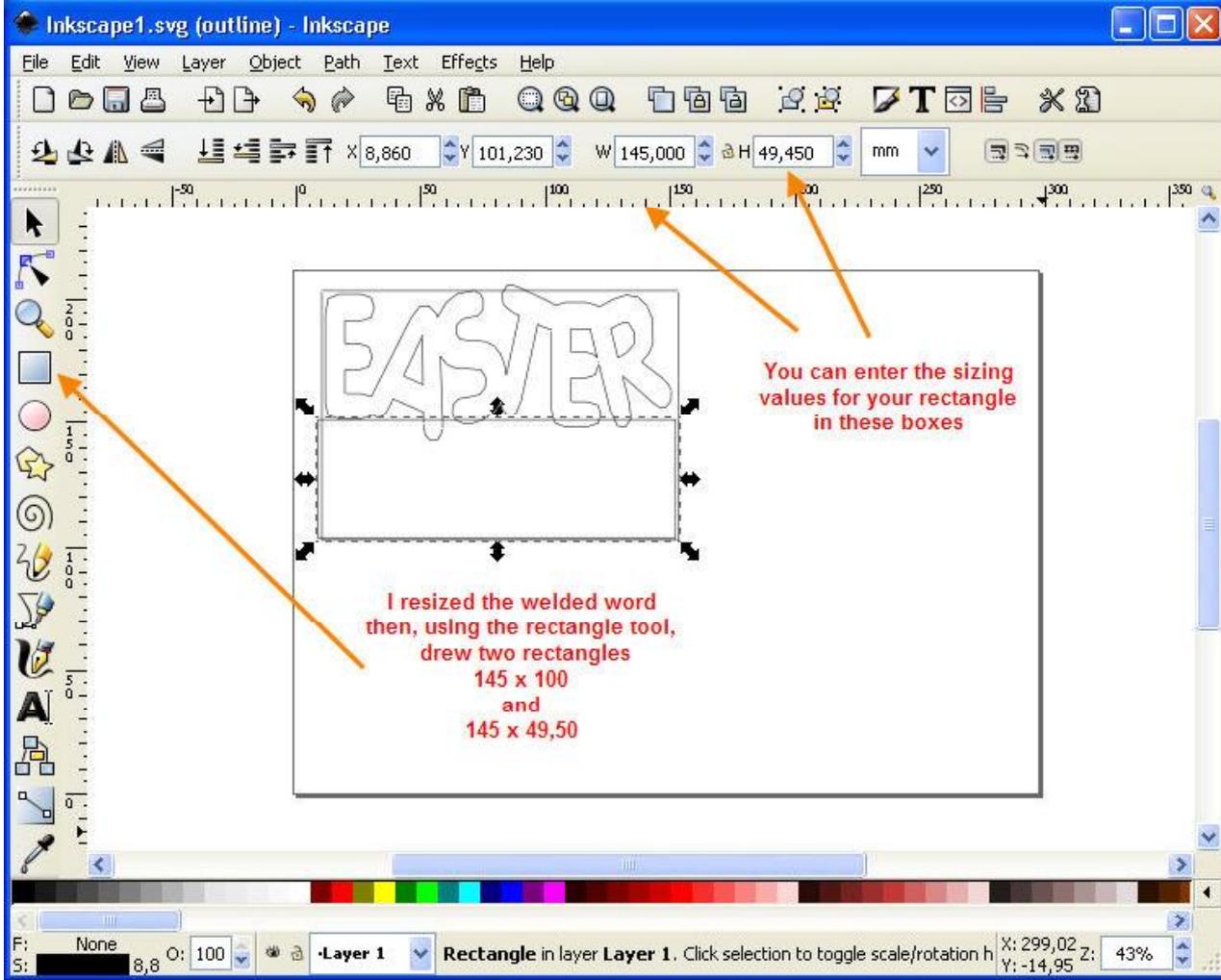
F: None O: 100 Layer 1 Text (VAGrounded BT, 42,33 mm) in layer Layer 1. Click selection to X: 327,62 Y: 121,56 Z: 43%



When you are satisfied with your word use Ctrl A to select all Otherwise click and drag: Position your cursor in the top left hand corner of the screen then, whilst holding down the left mouse button, drag to the bottom right of the screen this will select all the items on the screen Then release the mouse button and you will have selected all using the click and drag or marquee select technique

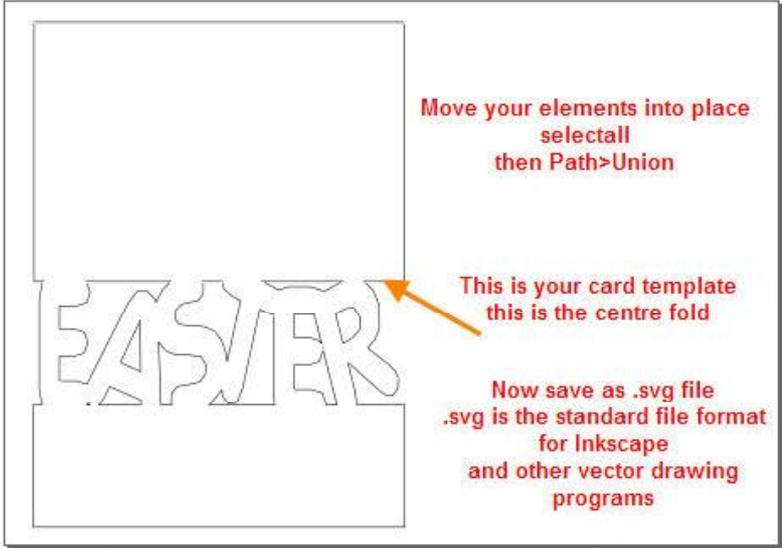
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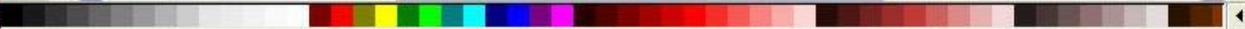
X: 11,404 Y: 6,597 W: 142,513 H: 194,963 mm



Move your elements into place  
select all  
then Path>Union

This is your card template  
this is the centre fold

Now save as .svg file  
.svg is the standard file format  
for Inkscape  
and other vector drawing  
programs





Open your Sure Cuts a Lot program  
Click on Cutter and choose the  
right size mat for your machine  
I've chosen 12x12

Properties

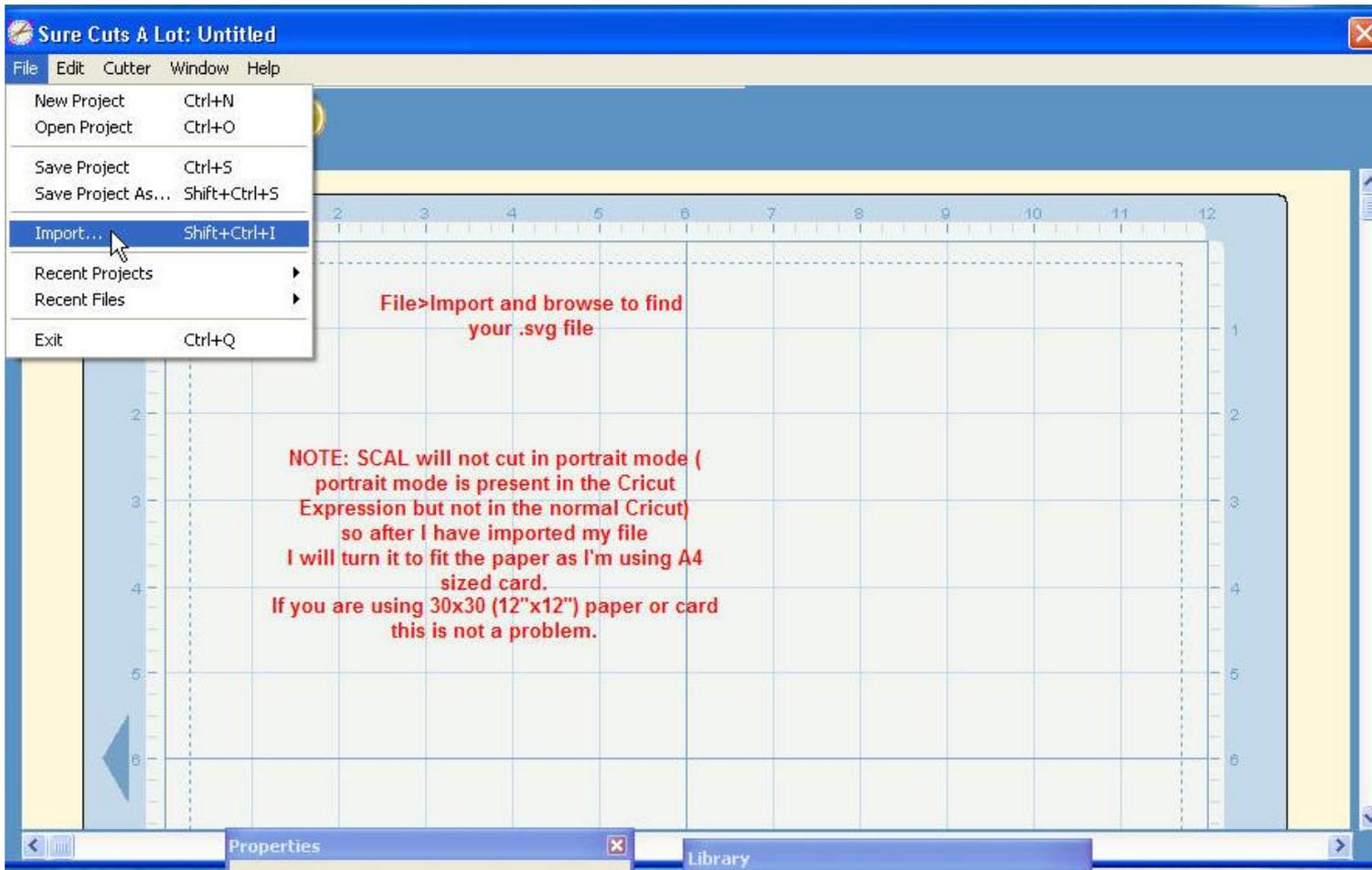
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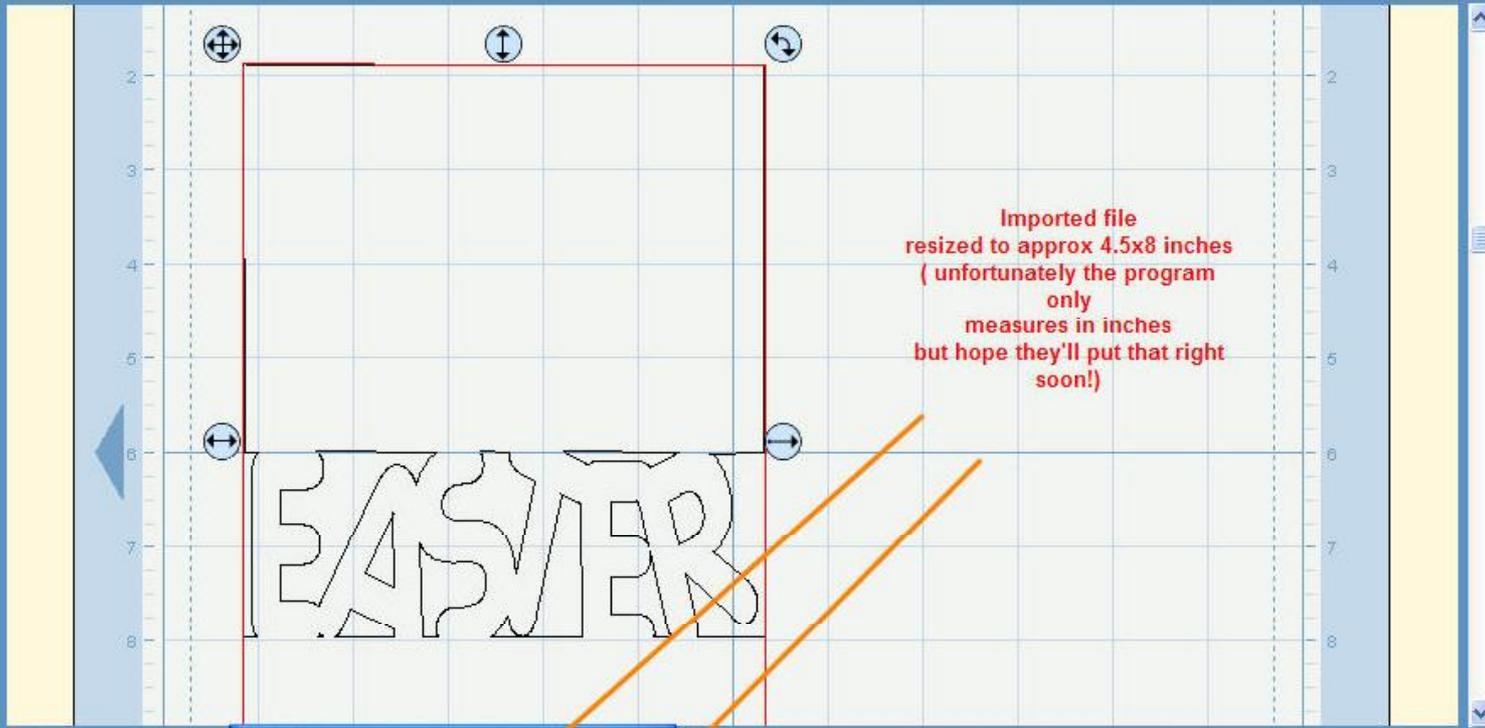
X:  Y:

Library

Default Size:  inches

Font:





Imported file  
resized to approx 4.5x8 inches  
( unfortunately the program  
only  
measures in inches  
but hope they'll put that right  
soon!)

**Properties**

Style: Normal

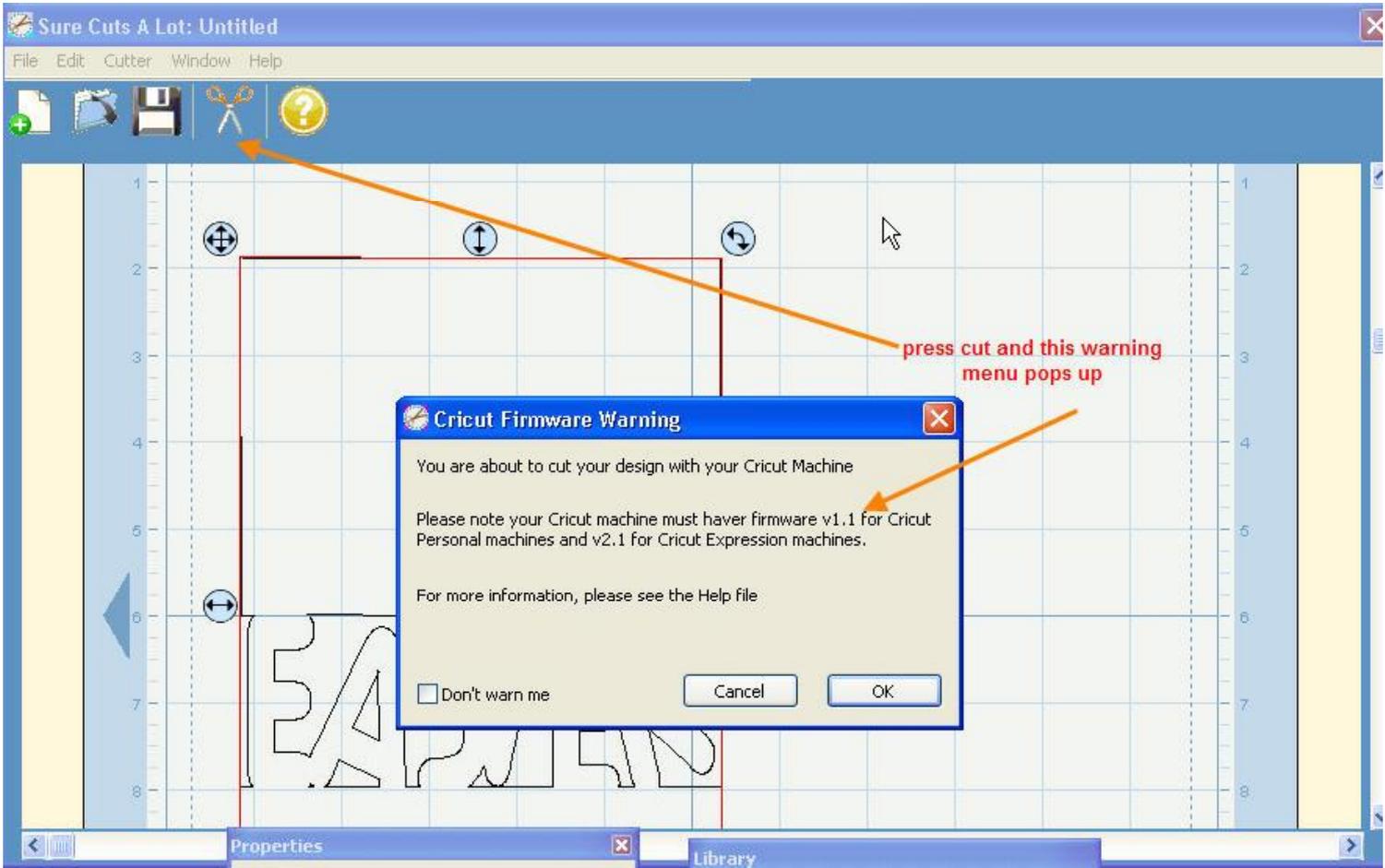
X: 0.839 Y: 1.893

Nudge: [Left Arrow] [Right Arrow] [Up Arrow] [Down Arrow]

**Library**

Default Size: 1.00 inches

Fonts Shapes



Sure Cuts A Lot: Untitled

File Edit Cutter Window Help



press cut and this warning menu pops up

**Cricut Firmware Warning**

You are about to cut your design with your Cricut Machine

Please note your Cricut machine must have firmware v1.1 for Cricut Personal machines and v2.1 for Cricut Expression machines.

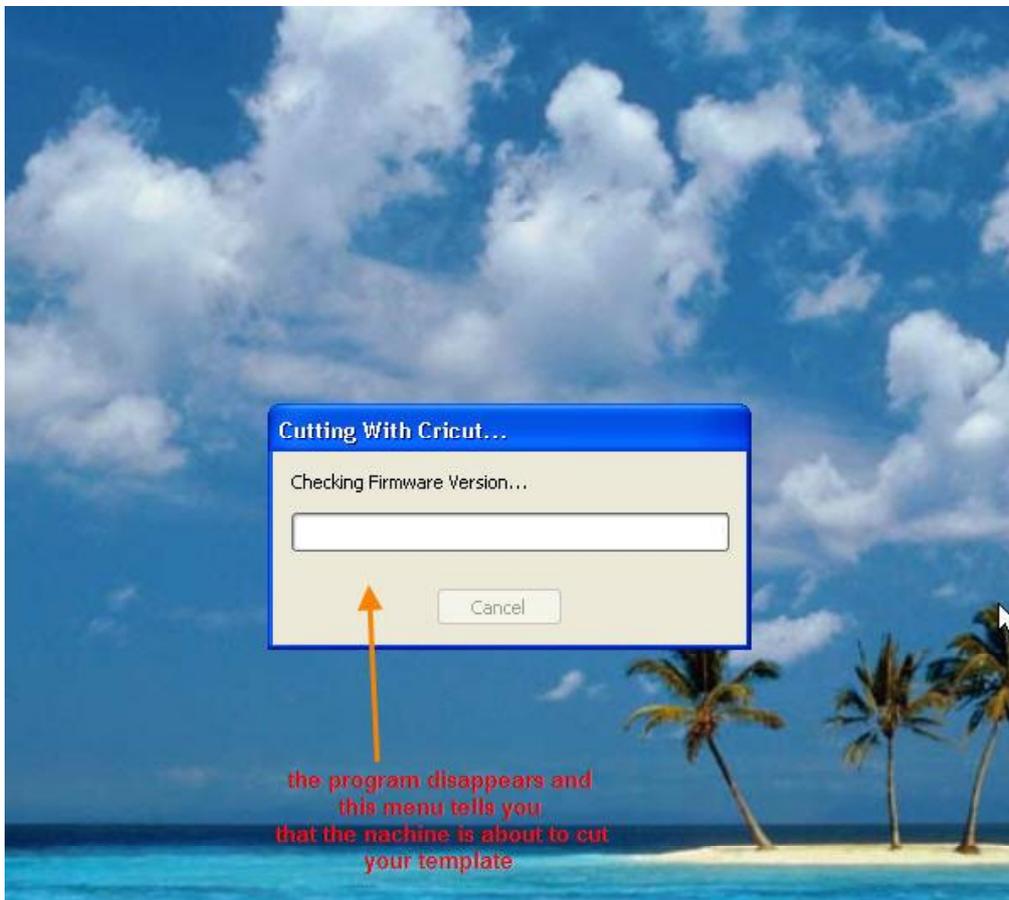
For more information, please see the Help file

Don't warn me

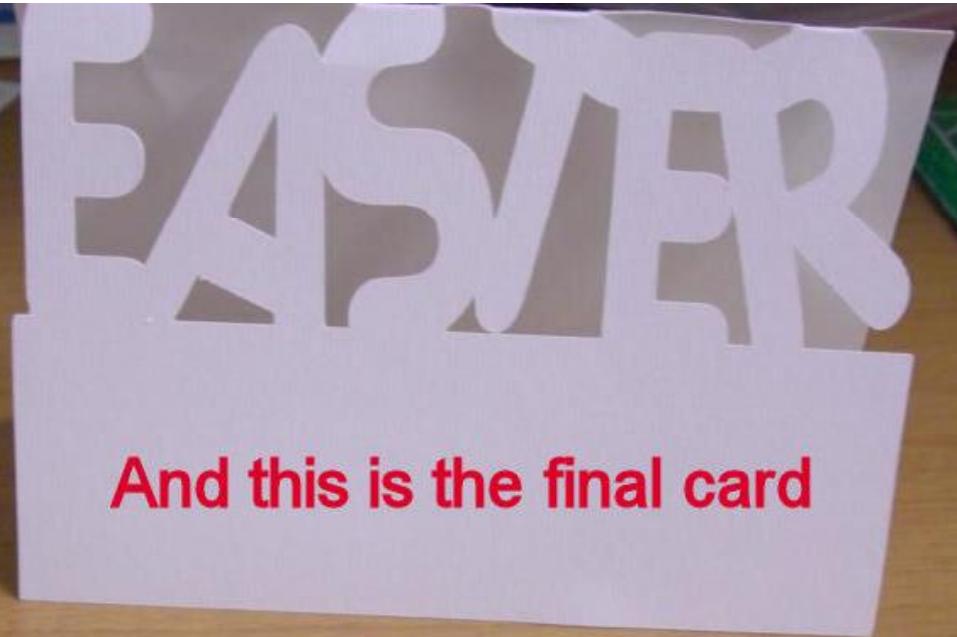
Cancel OK

Properties

Library



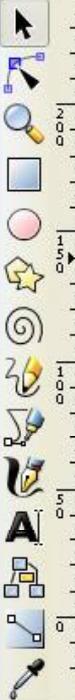
the program disappears and  
this menu tells you  
that the machine is about to cut  
your template



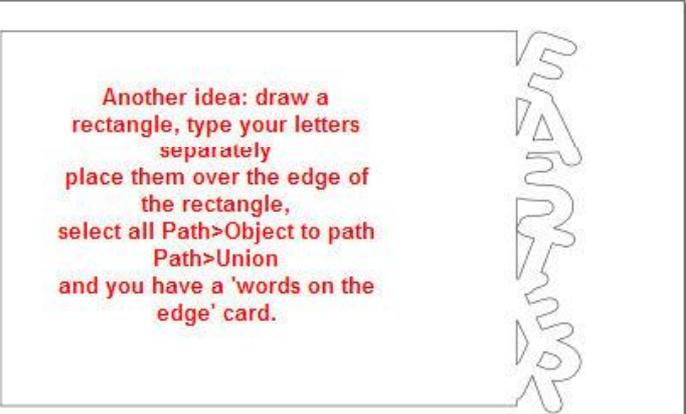
**And this is the final card**



**A welded word cut using the same technique**



**Another idea: draw a rectangle, type your letters separately place them over the edge of the rectangle, select all Path>Object to path Path>Union and you have a 'words on the edge' card.**



**proceed as before : save as .svg and Import to SCAL to cut**

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