Application Features

CanvasWorkspace is an PC application that allows you to create and edit cutting or drawing pattern data and download that data to your cutting machine.

System Requirement

Compatible operating systems:
macOS 10.12, 10.13, 10.14
* For additional operating system information, visit our website (http://s.brother/cfraa/).

Getting Started/Basic Steps

[Install CanvasWorkspace]

Refer to “How to Install CanvasWorkspace” on page 2 of this manual.



[Log In]

Start CanvasWorkspace, and then type in the login ID and password for CanvasWorkspace (formerly ScanNCutCanvas).



[Edit the Data]



[Transfer Data to the Machine]

Send the edited FCM data to the cutting machine.

For details on editing the data, refer to the video on the following website.
http://s.brother/napytb/

For details on transferring the data, refer to “How to transfer the FCM file to your cutting machine” on page 4.

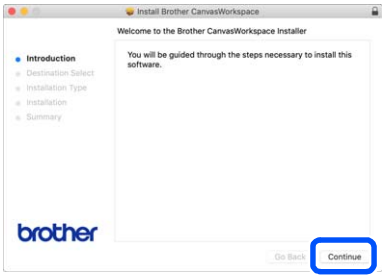


[Start Your Project-Cut/Draw]

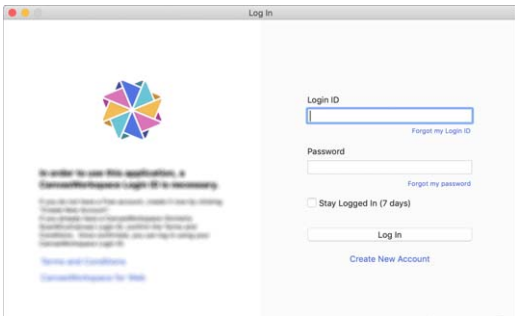
Cut or draw the pattern with the machine.
For details on using the cutting machine, refer to the machine's Operation Manual.

How to Install CanvasWorkspace

1. Access the download page (http://s.brother/caraa/) on the Brother Solutions Center, download the installer, and then save it onto your computer.
2. Double-click the installer (saved onto the device) to start it.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.



4. Double-click "Brother CanvasWorkspace" in the Application folder.
5. Type in the login ID and password for CanvasWorkspace (formerly ScanNCutCanvas), and then click [Log In].



- If you do not have a CanvasWorkspace (formerly ScanNCutCanvas) ID:
  click [Create New Account] and follow the on-screen instruction to create an account.
  If you already have an account with CanvasWorkspace (formerly ScanNCutCanvas), you can use the same login ID and password to login.

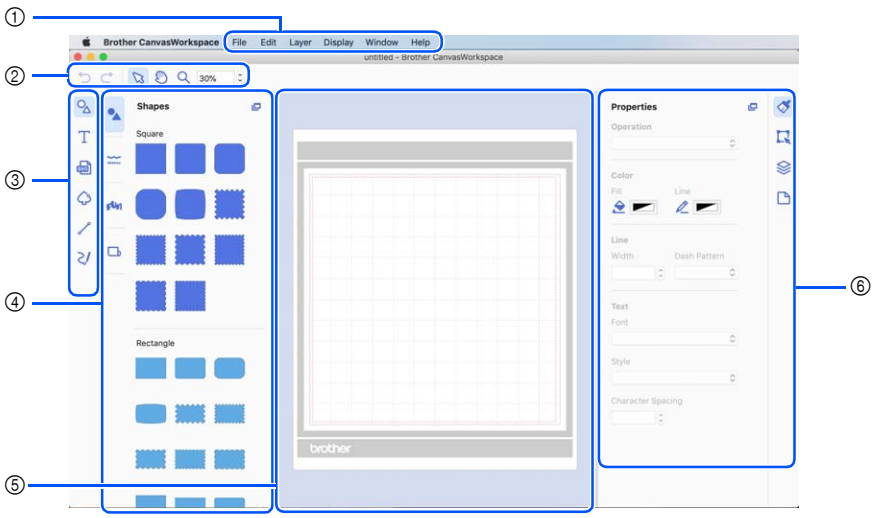
  The basic procedure on create a new account is as follows;

  1. Agree to Terms and Conditions
  2. Enter Your Information
  3. Confirm Your Information
  4. Click URL in Confirmation Email Message
  5. Registration Completed

6. CanvasWorkspace opens so you can edit your data.

Using the Main Screen

The pattern data can be edited in the CanvasWorkspace screen as shown below.



① Menu Bar	Area that contains basic menus for performing operations in this application		
② Tool Bar	Area that displays a menu for editing objects		
③ Object Mode Bar		Shapes	Allows selected shapes to be added to the drawing area
		Text	Allows text to be added to the drawing area
		Import	Allows shapes in SVG, FCM, JPG, GIF, PNG or BMP file to be added to the drawing area
		Image Tracing	Traces an image to create cutting lines
		Path	Allows straight lines to be added to the drawing area
		Freehand Path	Allows lines drawn freehand to be added to the drawing area
④ Object Panel		Shapes	Allows the selected shape to be added to the drawing area
		Borders	Allows the selected border to be added to the drawing area
		Words	Allows the selected word to be added to the drawing area
⑤ Drawing area	Area where objects are edited		
⑥ Control Panel		Properties	Edit setting information of the selected object
		Edit	Edit the outline of the selected object
		Layer	Edit objects by grouping them or adjusting their display order: objects that are overlapping can be displayed/hidden or locked/unlocked.
		Artboard	Adjust the background mat: the grid can be displayed or hidden.

How to transfer the FCM file to your cutting machine

The following three methods are available for transferring cutting/drawing data from CanvasWorkspace to the Brother cutting machine.
* Depending on your machine model, the available methods are different. For details on each model, please refer to FAQs on Brother Solutions Center.
http://s.brother/cfrab/

Using a wireless network connection

Set-up your cutting machine to the wireless network and transfer the FCM file from CanvasWorkspace.

Using a USB flash drive

Download the FCM file to the USB flash drive from CanvasWorkspace and retrieve it from your cutting machine.

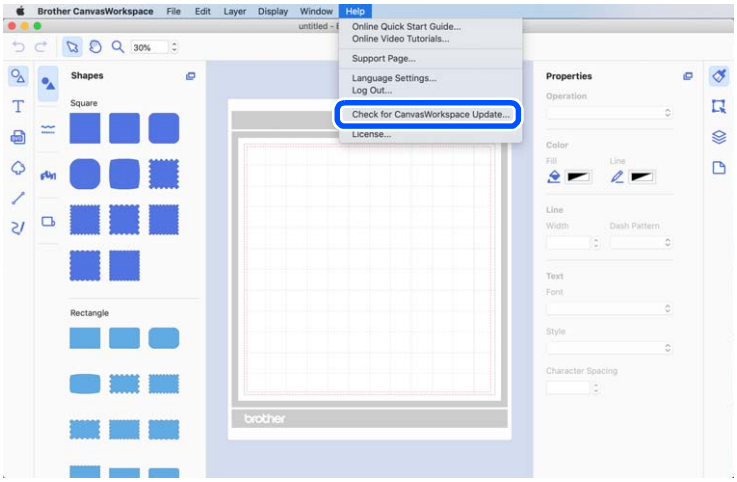
Using a USB cable (Not supported on Mac)

Connect your cutting machine to a computer via USB cable and transfer the FCM file from CanvasWorkspace.

Updating the application

The CanvasWokspace application can be updated with the following procedure.
Make sure that your device is connected to Internet when updating.

1. Click [Check for CanvasWorkspace Update] in the Help menu.



2. When the following message appears, click [Update] and the application automatically restarts.



Error Messages

When the error messages appears during operations, visit Brother Solutions Center (http://s.brother/cfrac/) for the solutions.

Precautions for transferring data to the machine

CanvasWorkspace can save files in the following two formats.
• CWPRJ format
  Editing information for CanvasWorkspace is saved with this file format.
  The machine cannot read this file data.
  This is the native format for CanvasWorkspace and is considered the working file.

• FCM format
  The machine can directly read data in this file format.
  Save the data in this format when transfer data to the machine.

Files in the following three formats can be opened in CanvasWorkspace.
• CWPRJ format
• FCM format
• SVG format

* This manual refers to version 1.0.0 of the application. The actual operations and screens may differ, for example, after the application has been upgraded.

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