

	Silhouette Studio	Silhouette Studio DE	SCAL 3.016	MTC 4.04	Inkscape 0.48
OS Compatibility	Win or Mac	Win or Mac	Win or Mac	Win (Wine compat)	Win or Mac
Retail price	freeware	\$49	\$75	\$80	freeware
Street price approx.	N/A	\$49	\$60	\$59 (inc. upgrades)	N/A
Initial release date	Sept. 2010	Nov. 2010	Jul 09 (Mac Dec)	Dec 09	2003
Installations per license	N/A	2	2	any (use 1 at time)	N/A
Website address	silhouetteamerica.com	silhouetteamerica.com	craftedge.com	make-the-cut.com	inkscape.org
Silhouette Control					
Drive Silh cutting	yes	yes	yes	yes	Win only with plugin
Optimize (Cut inside shapes first, etc)	?	?	no	yes	?
Pause cut (Cameo has hw pause btn)	no	no	yes	yes	?
Design Elements					
Silh store and other .studio files	yes	yes	no	no	no
Basic shapes and TTF/OTF fonts	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Cut-ready SVGs	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
GSDs and cut-ready DXFs	yes	yes	no	no	no/yes
Bezier/line drawing tool	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Freehand shapes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes
Design Features					
Cut/copy/paste/duplicate	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Weld/resize/slant/rotate/flip	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mat/blackout/shadow blackout	yes	yes	yes	yes	multistep
Inset shadow	yes	yes	no	yes	yes
Path Boolean ops/Break Apart	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Eraser tool	limited	yes	no	yes	yes
Align/distribute objects	yes	yes	to page only/no	yes	yes
Path simplification	yes	yes	manual	yes	yes
Path/node editing	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Cutting line styles (dashed, etc.)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Advanced duplication	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Lattice function	no	no	no	yes	no
Rhinestone function	no	yes	yes	yes	no
Sketch effects	no	yes	no	no	yes
Conical warp	no	no	no	yes	yes
Objects along path	no	no	no	yes	yes
Knife tool	yes	yes advanced	no	yes	no
Print and cut with registration marks	yes	yes	yes	yes	?

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Text Functions					
Tracking (letter spacing)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (PC only)
Vertical text tool	no	no	yes	yes	yes
Text on path	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Multiline text	yes	yes	no	yes	yes
Loads uninstalled fonts	no	no	yes	yes	yes XP, Vista
Font refresh	no	no	yes	yes	no
Support for open path fonts	no	no	no	yes	no
Conversion/Vectorization					
Vectorize raster by brightness	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Vectorize raster by color	no	no	no	yes	yes
Centerline trace (font thinning)	no	no	no	yes	no
Import vector PDFs	no	no	single page only	yes	yes
Import raster via TWAIN/clipboard	no	no	no	yes	yes
Fuse polyline segments	no	no	no	yes	no
Interface					
Multilayer pages	no	no	yes	yes	yes
Multipage projects	no	no	yes	yes	no
Multiple open projects	yes	yes	no	yes	yes
File preview (SVG, native)	no	no	yes (PC only)	yes	yes
Gallery/Image keyword search	yes	yes	no/yes	yes	yes (Mac only?)
Screen rulers and guides	no	yes/cursor & object	yes/cursor only	yes/cursor & object	yes/cursor & draggable
Measure tool	no	no	no	yes	no
Fill shapes w color or texture	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Virtual mat rotatable	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Inverse cut preview	no	no	no	yes	N/A
Input/Output					
Print design/Print to PDF compatible	yes/bitmap only	yes	yes	yes	yes
Exports SVG	no	no	yes	yes	yes
SVG import at actual size pref	no	no	yes	yes	yes
File saved w comments	no	no	yes	yes	yes
Cut and paste from Ink/AI	no	no	no	yes	yes/no
Compatibility w/ other cutters	no	no	yes	yes	yes
Load files to SD card for cutter	yes	yes	no	no	no
Tiling function for large images	no	no	no	yes	no
Trace bitmaps at actual size	yes	yes	90 or 72 dpi only	yes	90 dpi only
WYSIWYG Printing	yes	yes	no (unreliable)	yes	unreliable
Native file format	.STUDIO	.STUDIO	.SCUT/.SCUT2	.MTC	.SVG