Trace an Image Basics (with pictures)

1. Import design either by dragging from file explorer or clicking the "Import" button



- 3. Trace Image Window
 - a. Select "Monochrome" under the "Mode" dropdown menu
 - b. Adjust "Contrast" slider until the desired selection is full overlayed with green
 - c. "Output Settings" provide further fine tuning but are not necessarily required
 - d. To make sure you're seeing the most updated version, click "update preview"

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4. Hit "Okay" in the bottom right of the panel, and you will now have an outline around your image as a separate layer



5. Offsetting Path (Optional) – Under the "Path" drop down menu, there will be "Offset Path"



This pop up menu will allow you to expand the path - both further from the image and "Inset Offset" will push the cut path into the image if you have already accounted for bleed room.



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6. Ensure your path is a cut line. Select your path and navigate to the wrench icon on the right bar for "Style" settings.



a. (*Optional*) The "Style" drop down menu can further expand the path with a "Shadow" or "Shadow Blackout". The blackout will remove any space in the middle if you just want it to cut out the outer edge. This cannot be inset like the "Offset Path" setting.



b. (IMPORTANT) Make sure that the "Cut Line Type" for your path is set to "Cut Only" in the dropdown menu or it will not cut out the line.

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7. Ensure what you want to PRINT and what you want to CUT is correct by previewing. Click "Preview" to open the "Preview Option" menu.



In the "Preview Options" you can toggle to show or hide both the Cut Lines and the Printable areas.



If everything looks correct, you are ready to print!