

RHINESTONE TEMPLATE CREATOR

Note: This is the detailed user guide. For a high level list of steps to follow, please access the [Quick Guide](#).

The Rhinestone Template Creator app is a conversion utility which uses your image and converts it to a rhinestone template cut file using your selected settings. The entire process will take less than a minute when using the tips and guidance below and some practice of course.

The app converts images to cut files (one color per layer in your cut file). This app is not a design tool in that you cannot edit your graphic in this app. If you require edits to your image prior to conversion, you would make those edits in your design software before uploading to this app.

User Guide:

1. **Upload Image:** Drag and drop your image here or click **Browse** to select a file from your PC.

1) Upload a high-contrast image *

Drag & drop an image here, or [browse](#)

The quality of the image uploaded matters a great deal when converting images to rhinestone templates. There are not software solutions which can take an imperfect image, screenshot, or other and convert it to a clean useable rhinestone template.

I encourage you to take some time to clean up the image you would like converted. Here are some suggestions:

- ◆ Use a high contrast image as they are bold, striking, and dynamic, while low contrast images are fuzzier and have less detail. The best images to use are SVG files or other solid color vector images. JPGs, PNGs and other images with thousands of colors are not great candidates for immediately rhinestone template conversion.
- ◆ The ideal image to convert will have a solid white or black background and a single color main image. Imagine a black star on a white background as being the simplest image to convert as it is considered a “high contrast” image. Of course we can handle more complex images but that is a sample of a high contrast image.

- ◆ Remove the empty space around your image. The paw print design in this guide was selected because it has a great deal of wasted space. This impacts the final design dimensions of the template because all of the space in your uploaded image is included in the design dimensions made in Step 4.
- ◆ Selecting an image with too many colors (jpg or png) presents a message that conversion results may be impacted. This message appears in the preview pane and remains throughout the job as a reminder when an image may not produce such great results.

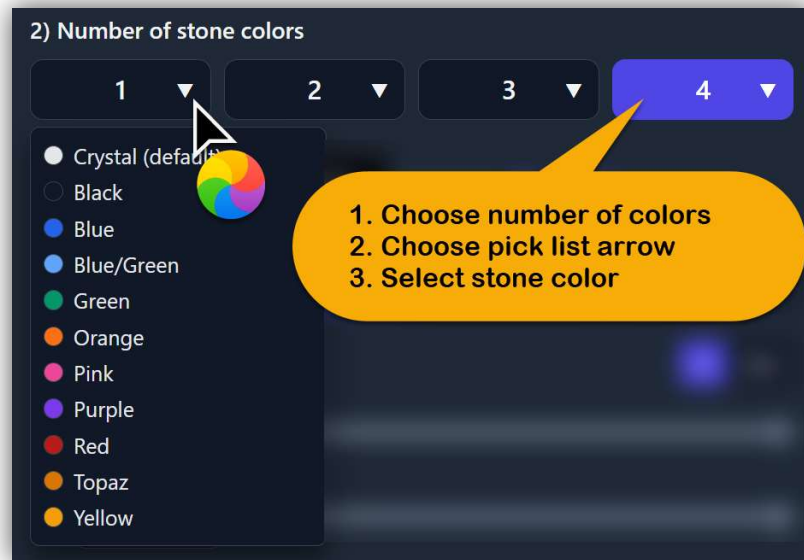
2. **Number of Colors:** Select from 1 - 4 colors. Colors are randomly assigned and only impact the layer names in the final SVG download.



The number of color buttons do more than just tell the app how many colors you would like in your template. For example:

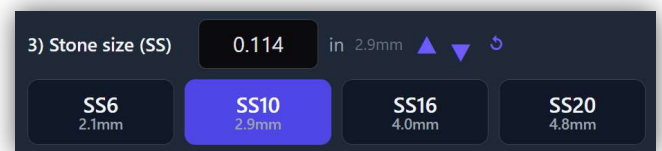
- ◆ When leaving the default number of colors to 1, the app will include up to 4 colors based on the number of colors in your image. The app will then attempt to color match from your image to the colors available in the app. Note that the colors selected are only a visual reference and have no impact on your final design beyond the number of layers you will need to cut.

- ◆ The default color assigned to any button is Crystal. To change the default color, first click the total number of colors to be in your template, then click the down arrow on each button to open the color pick list. If you have a three color design, you would click on button 3 and then go to buttons 1, 2 and 3 to select the pick list and assign the color.



- ◆ The color of the stone selected will be transferred to the layer name in the SVG file you will download. If you have three button colors selected, there will be three layers in your SVG file—each layer named for the color you selected.
- ◆ If you would like to see other color variations in the design, simply click the [Create My Template](#) button repeatedly and the stone color legend and design in the preview pane will update.

3. **Stone Size (SS):** Either choose a default SS#, enter the size of your stone or micro adjust with ▲▼ icons. Click  to reset SS to default.



Stone sizes among manufacturers are wide and varied. Even stones purchased from the same manufacturer can have variations.

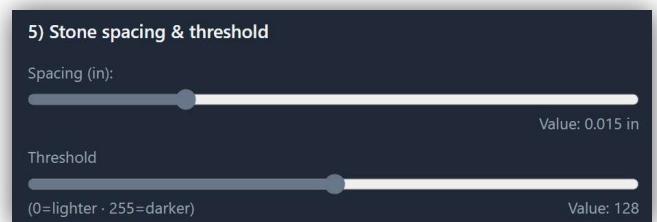
The material selected to cut your template is impacted by the stone size as well. For example, using card stock for the template will hold the stones at a different angle than a thicker material such as HDPE or rhinestone flock. Only you can

determine the best stone size and template material that works for you, but here are some suggestions:

- ◆ The stones will sit up better in materials thicker. If using card stock, you may wish to make the template hole sizes smaller for a better upright position. Use the micro adjust buttons and set the desired size—note the SS button sizes will adjust to the micro adjustments.
- ◆ Don't like metric/imperial measurements? Use the  button and note that this setting applies to stone sizes and overall design dimensions.
- ◆ You don't have to choose a stone size if you would rather type the metric or imperial measurement in the dimension text box. This works well if you need a stone size not included in one of the standard SS buttons.

4. **Metric/Imperial Sizing:** Choose a  dimension setting and enter the width and height you would like created. These dimensions impact the entire image you uploaded in Step 1, including empty space around your image.

If the image you upload has a large amount of empty space or background, that is included in the design dimensions you set here. It may be best to crop the image before uploading it into the app.



The minimum design is 2" x 2" and the maximum is 12" by 12". These may be adjusted based on future customer demands.

Note: The height/width dimensions are for the template size you require, not the image you uploaded. If you upload a square image and switch to a rectangular dimension, the app will do its best to adjust but will not change the aspect ratio of your uploaded image.

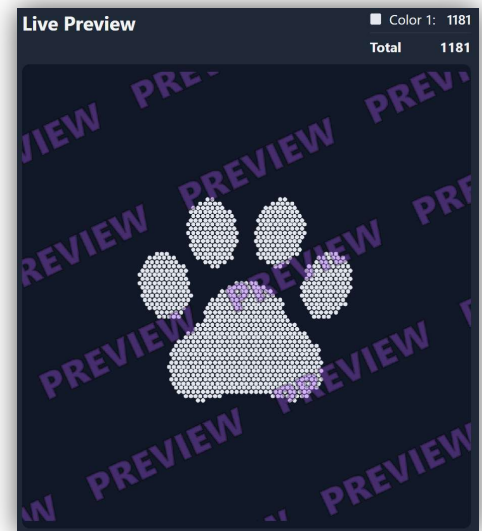
5. **Stone Spacing & Threshold:** Stone spacing is the distance between stones in the final template. Adjust as desired from but note the maximum spacing is $\frac{1}{2}$ the diameter of the SS selected.

6. **Invert Fill:** Some images are more difficult to process than others and you may need to check ☐ **Invert fill** to see a suitable design in the Preview Pane. Try **Invert Fill** and use the **Threshold** slider for different layouts.

The quality of the image uploaded plays a huge role in how the image is converted to a template design. The more detail in your image, the less crisp the conversion to template results will be. The app is not suitable for conversion of every image and was built for the everyday images designers agree to take on in their own software design work.

7. **Create My Template:** Click **Create My Template** to generate the template in the Preview Pane. Repeatedly clicking this button will adjust the colors in the preview pane and in the stone count legend. After several clicks, the available color options will begin to repeat. This same effect works when clicking the Live Preview title above the preview pane.

8. **Live Preview:** The Preview Pane appears on right side of the app and displays the rhinestone cut file, stone counts and colors.



The “Preview” watermark exists for a couple of reasons. Mainly to indicate that this is not your final template/cut file, but rather a representation of the file.

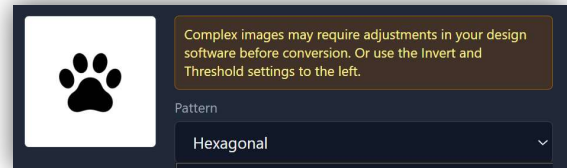
The Preview watermark also exists to hinder the ability to lift the template from the pane in an attempt to bypass the paywall. There are similar hurdles in place should anyone attempt take your template design in anyway other than downloading the template bundle built into the app.

Note: The preview pane image will take up the entire pane if your image also took up the entire bounding box of your upload. I.e., if your image has a lot of empty background space, that space is included when you set design dimensions for the template.

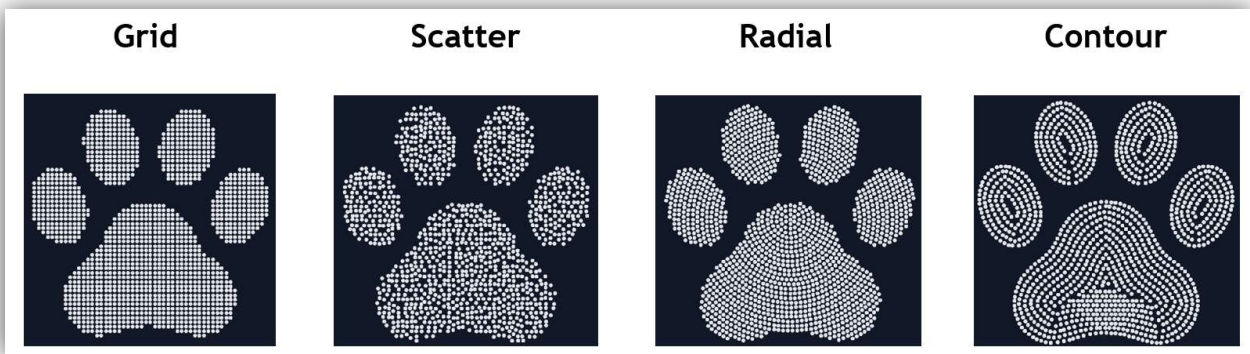
Attempting to bypass these features is contrary to the Terms & Conditions of using the software or downloading the ZIP bundle for your use. Repeated attempts to

workaround these security measures may block your IP address from further access to our software, among other remedies.

9. **Pattern:** Grid is the default pattern. If desired, choose from others in the **Pattern** pick list.



Some patterns will look better than others, which is the reason we offer several and plan to add more as the app matures. Selecting a different pattern in the pick list automatically updates the design in the preview pane. Please test as many as you like to find the right one for your design.



10. **Bundle & Download:** Click **Bundle & Download Files** when designing is complete and you are ready for the download.

Safeguard your original ZIP file and store it for safekeeping. It isn't possible to obtain a backup copy of the ZIP bundle as they are not stored in the app or on any server.

The files in the ZIP bundle have been named to include a shortened version of the uploaded image, followed by the dimensions you requested, and the stone size selected. This is incredibly important to consider as you import or open the SVG in your cutting software.

Some design software (Cricut!) will adjust the size of the SVG or rhinestone circles when opening/importing the SVG and you'll want to change them back to the settings made when creating the template. The file name serves as a reminder of your selections in case some time passes before you use the files. For example, "doghouse_11in_x_11in_SS6.svg" is your doghouse image sized to an 11" x 11" template with an SS6 stone size.

The bundle is actually a compressed ZIP file and includes the following:

- ◆ An SVG file, layered if more than one color was selected.
- ◆ A PNG file of the rendered rhinestone template.
- ◆ A personal use/commercial license.
- ◆ The Quick Guide to use with the app.

11. Paywall: After clicking **Bundle & Download Files**, payment options appear to complete the transaction and receive your bundle. There is no charge for generating templates or making design alterations—the paywall only appears when you would like to download the template bundle.

Note: Do not click **Bundle & Download Files** until the design is as desired because you cannot return to this design once that button has been selected. This is a safety precaution in that we clear the screen as part of the workflow.

Your designs are not stored on our servers nor is any payment information. We do store design details selected and other information which will help us troubleshoot should the need arise. None of the details about your design are identifiable in any way at this time. In the future, should we implement the ability for you to save your designs online, we would need to retain some information in order to distinguish your designs from others. This will be announced as an option at a later date.

12. Reset Form: The **Reset Form** button resets the entire design and preview panes so you can start over or create a new design.

The app does not store any settings for future use at this time. If we add the ability to store settings in the future, we will notify our customers and collect their feedback.

Note: Please see the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for additional information about our app and the questions most often raised.