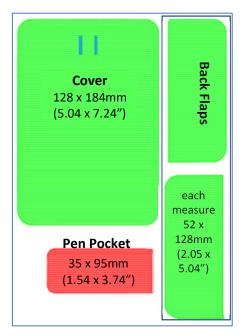# MiniNote 2 - Cut 'n Sew – updated 1/6/2022

I really love pre-cutting the vinyl pieces on my cutting machine. Yes, it probably takes a little longer in prep time, but the nice clean edges make up for that in my book. It also saves time **cutting it out at the end.**

I have provided cutting file **MN2 in SVG, FCM,** and **DXF** formats for your convenience. *Check that the files come in at true size in your software.* The correct size for all pieces is **190 x 267mm (7.48 x 10.51").** *The correct sizes for each piece are shown in the image to the right.*

Note on opening in True Size. This design contains 2 SVG files – one saved at 96 dpi, and one saved at 72 dpi. **Silhouette Studio** and **Cricut Design Space** *prefer the 72-dpi file.* **Brother Canvas** *likes 96-dpi.* **Sure Cuts a Lot** *lets you select the setting you want to use. In* **Silhouette Studio Basic,** *use the DXF files. Be sure to set it to open DXF files to open* **As Is** *under Preferences > Import.*

Cover
128 x 184mm
(5.04 x 7.24")

Back Flaps

each measure 52 x 128mm (2.05 x 5.04")

Pen Pocket
35 x 95mm
(1.54 x 3.74")

It will cut not only the outer edges of the cover but also the slots in the back where the elastic ends will be hidden. *If moving the cover piece, make sure the two small slots move with it! You may need to group them together in your software.* **If you are cutting the pieces from different colors or kinds of vinyl,** I recommend that you **HIDE** all the pieces except the ones being cut from each color/type. *All vinyl is not the same thickness and will require different settings - even the same brand but a different color.*

Scan N Cut users should open the FCM file in their cutter software instead of sending it directly to the cutter unless you are cutting all pieces from the same piece of vinyl.

My Preferred Method
1. *Use a sticky mat.*
2. *Place the vinyl RIGHT SIDE against the sticky surface – it holds better.*
3. *In the software …. Pay close attention to the direction of any print and place the pieces accordingly.*
4. **MIRROR IMAGE the cover piece,** *making sure the slots are to the BOTTOM if the piece is VERTICAL, and to the RIGHT if it is HORIZONTAL. Back Flaps and Pen Pocket should not need mirror imaged.*
5. *You may need to rotate the individual pieces to ensure printed material runs the right direction.*

Alternative Method. Good If you want to fussy cut your printed vinyl.
1. *Use a sticky mat.*
2. *Apply a piece of very sticky TRANSFER TAPE (the kind used for transferring sticky vinyl to your project) to the back of the vinyl. Squeegee or use a roller to apply it.*
3. *Place the vinyl onto the mat PRINTED SIDE UP*
6. *In the software … Pay close attention to the direction of any print and place the pieces accordingly. You should not have to mirror image the pieces, but you may need to rotate the individual pieces to ensure printed material runs the right direction.*
4. *Don't forget to remove the transfer tape before sewing.*

Preparing the Optional Felt Lining
Craft felt doesn't cut well on a cutting machine. Instead, trace the pre-cut vinyl piece for COVER (A) onto the felt and cut by hand. This will make it much easier to match the edges of the BACK FLAPS to those on the COVER than leaving the felt full size.