technique tutorial

Silhouette Studio - Image Tracing

Step 1: Find and save an image

- See the Technique Tutorial "Searching for and Saving Images" for assistance.
- For the most easily-traced images, add "silhouette," "line drawing," "icon," or some such term after your search phrase.

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Step 2: Open the image in Silhouette Studio

- From the "File" menu in the upper left corner, select "Open."
- In the pop-up box that appears, find your file and click on "Open."
- The picture will open in a separate tab within Silhouette Studio.

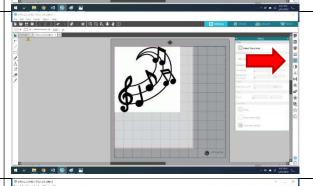
Step 3: Open the Trace panel

On the right-hand sidebar, click on the "Trace" icon.
 This opens the Trace Panel.



Step 4: Select the trace area

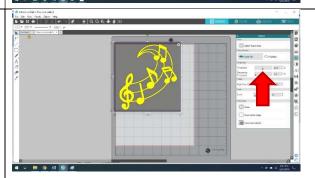
- In the Trace panel, click on "Select Trace Area."
- Click and drag the mouse to highlight the area you wish to trace.





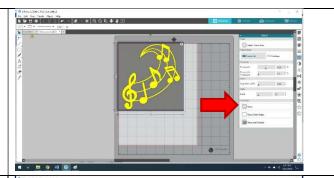
Step 5: Adjust the threshold

• If the image being traced is not straight black-and-white, it may be necessary to adjust the tracing threshold. Move the "Threshold" slider back and forth until all the are to be traced is in yellow on the screen.



Step 6: Perform the trace

• Click on the "Trace" button to perform the image trace.



Step 7: Remove the original image

- The original image is now stacked on the Silhouette cut lines.
- Click and drag the original image off to one side.
- Click on the original image again to select it, then use the "Delete" key on your keyboard to get rid of it.

