Flores Sparkle

USER GUIDE · VERSION 1.4

Make your first rhinestone template

Everything you need — from activating the app to cutting your first template.



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WELCOME

Thank you for your purchase!

Flores Sparkle turns your pictures, logos and names into rhinestone templates that are ready to cut on your machine. It runs on your own computer and works offline — your pictures never leave your PC.

What you need

- A Windows 10 or Windows 11 computer
- Microsoft Edge (already part of Windows)
- Your activation key and Etsy order number (sent in your Etsy messages)
- A picture: PNG or JPG works best

What the app makes

Cut files (SVG, DXF), a print-and-check PDF and a PNG preview. Use them with your cutting machine, rhinestone flock and stones.

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New in version 1.4: the **T Text** tool (type names in any font, with every fill and pattern), **Real look** preview, **Stones report & cost** and a **Black & white** app mode — see **page 12**.

New to rhinestones? Start with one of the built-in samples (Flower, Flower girl or Daisy) in the Stones tab. Play with the sliders and watch the stones change — you can't break anything, and Ctrl Z always takes you back.

PART 1 · INSTALL

Install Flores Sparkle

Two ways — same app, same key. Your activation key comes in your Etsy messages.

Option 1 · Install from our website EASIEST

No download, no Windows warnings — after the first time it **works offline**. Works on **Windows and Mac**. **Mac users: this is the only option** (use Chrome or Edge).

1. Open your link in **Microsoft Edge** or **Google Chrome**:
   - **wflores.art/get** Flores Sparkle
   - **wflores.art/pro** Flores Sparkle PRO — if you selected personalization (PRO)
2. Enter your **name**, **Etsy email**, **activation key** and **order number** → **Activate**.
3. Click ⬇ **Install** at the bottom of the screen (or the install icon ⊕ in the address bar) → **Install**. It gets its own icon and window.

Option 2 · Windows app WINDOWS ONLY

⬇ Download Installer (.exe)

wflores.art/get/download/Flores-Sparkle-Setup-1.4-New-MUB378.exe

1. Double-click the downloaded **.exe**. If Windows shows **"Windows protected your PC"**: **More info** → **Run anyway**.
2. **Next** → **Install** → **Finish**. Open it from the desktop icon or Start menu.

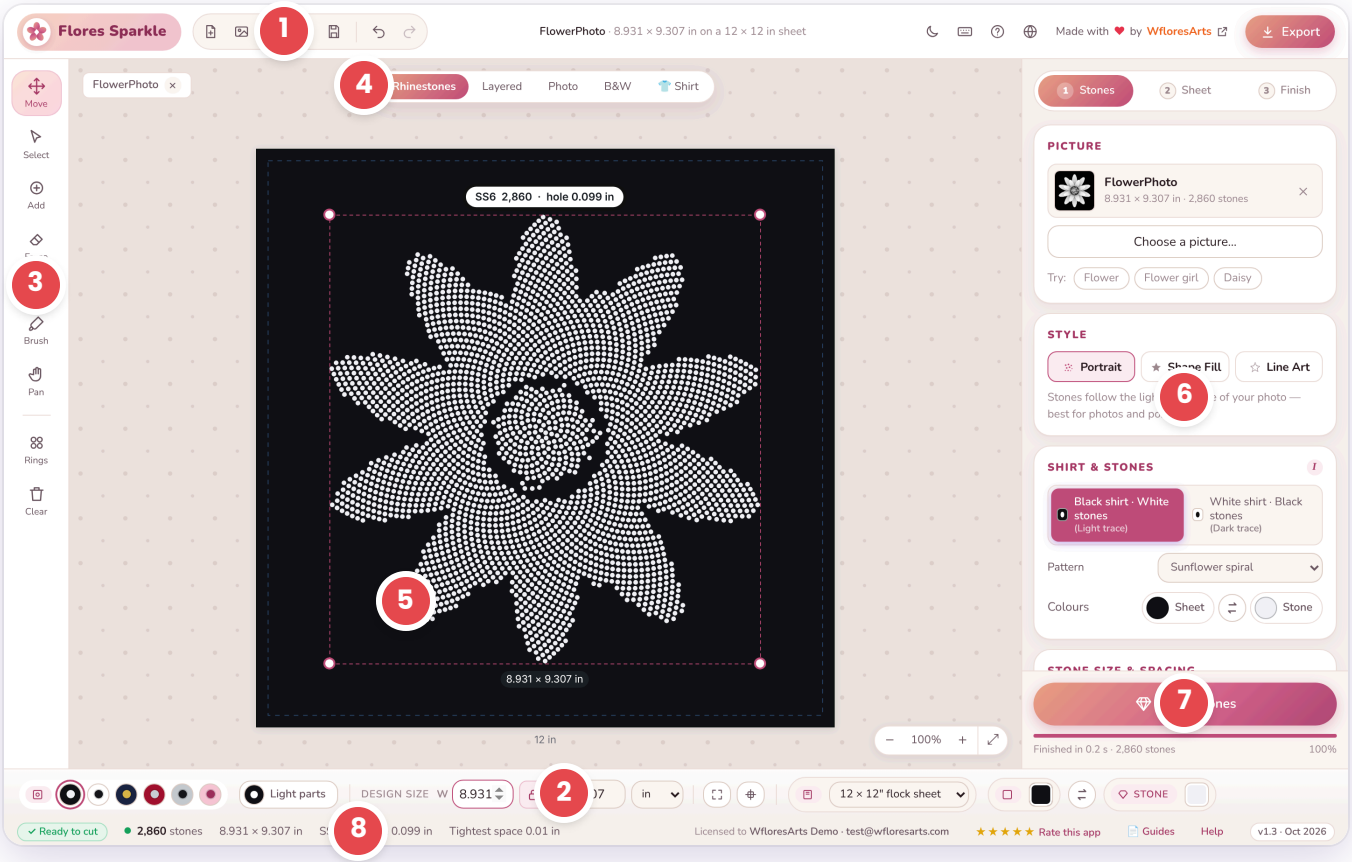
"Smart App Control blocked an app"	This Windows setting allows no exceptions — use **Option 1**.
Browser says "not commonly downloaded"	**Edge:** … → Keep → Show more → Keep anyway. **Chrome:** Keep.

✓ The app is safe and works offline — your pictures never leave your computer. Full install help: **Flores Sparkle - START HERE.pdf**.

PART 2

A quick tour of the screen

Everything is on one screen. Hover over any button to see a short tip.



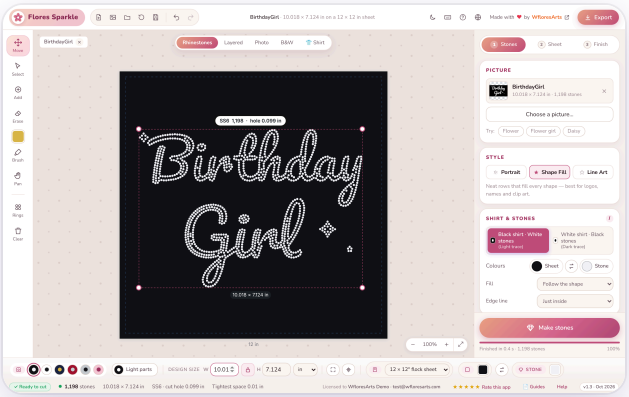
1. **Top bar** — New, Open picture, Open project, Start over, Save, Undo / Redo, light / dark app, help and **Export**.
2. **Colour & size dock** (bottom) — Sheet + Stone presets, Invert fill, design size (W / H, Fit, Centre), flock sheet size, Sheet and Stone colour.
3. **Tools** — Move, Select, Add, Erase, colour Brush, Pan, hole Rings and Clear.
4. **View** — Rhinestones, Layered (stones over your picture), Photo (your picture), B&W (what gets stones) and 👕 **Shirt** — your design on a T-shirt at true size.
5. **Your sheet** — drag the corner squares to resize the design. Keep stones inside the dashed line.
6. **Side panel** — three tabs: **1 Stones**, **2 Sheet**, **3 Finish**. Work from left to right.
7. **Make stones** — makes the stones again with your settings (**Enter**).
8. **Status bar** — Ready to cut / too close, stone count, size, hole size and the tightest space. On the right: **Rate this app**, 📄 **Guides** (this guide & examples), **Help** and the version.

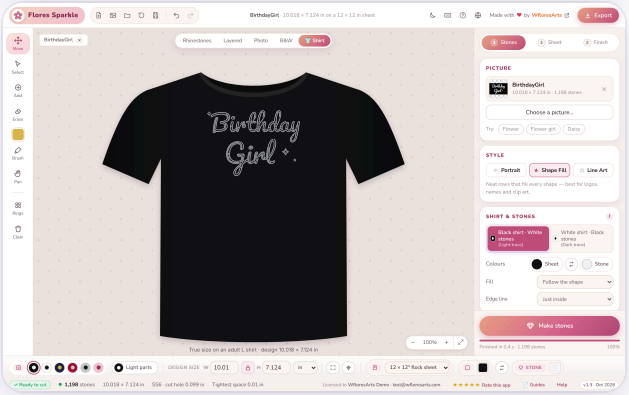
PART 3

Your first template in 6 steps

Example: a name on a black shirt with white (crystal) stones.

1. **Open your picture.** Click **Choose a picture…** in the Stones tab, press Ctrl O, or drag a picture onto the sheet. Every new picture starts as a black sheet with white stones.
2. **Pick a style. Portrait** for photos and faces, **Shape Fill** for logos and text, **Line Art** for edges only.
3. **Pick your shirt.** Under **Shirt & stones** choose **Black shirt · White stones** (Light trace) or **White shirt · Black stones** (Dark trace). Stones go on the light or the dark parts of your picture. Pick any **Sheet** and **Stone** colour in the **Colours** row just below.
4. **Choose the stone size.** SS6 and SS10 are the most common for shirts. Hole size and spacing are filled in for you.
5. **Set the size.** Type the width in the **Design size** box (W) in the colour bar, or drag a corner of the design. Pick your flock sheet size next to it.
6. **Preview & export.** Click 👕 **Shirt** to see it on a T-shirt at true size. Then open the **Finish** tab. When it says ✓ **Ready to cut**, click **Export** and save an SVG for your machine.

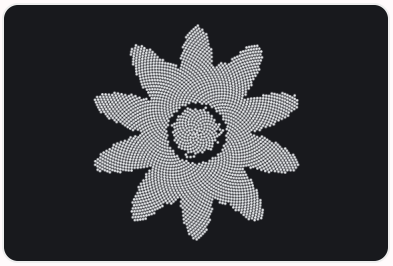




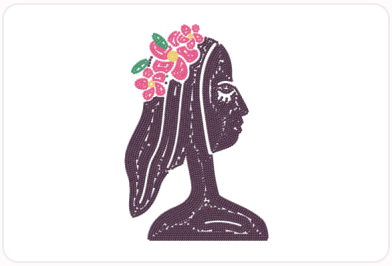
> Not enough stones? Lower **Threshold** or raise **Density**. Too busy? Do the opposite.

PART 4

Styles, shirts & patterns



Portrait
Follows light & shade. Best for photos and portraits.



Shape Fill
Neat rows fill every shape. Best for logos, names, clip art.



Line Art
A line of stones around the edges — light and elegant.

Black shirt or white shirt — Invert fill

Black shirt · White stones puts stones on the **light** parts of your picture. **White shirt · Black stones** puts them on the **dark** parts. The **Invert fill** button in the colour bar (I) switches between the two and keeps your colours.

> A logo with **black text on a white background**? Choose **White shirt · Black stones** (stones on the dark text), then change the Sheet and Stone colours to anything you like — colours never change which parts get stones.

Patterns for Portrait style

Pattern	Best for
Sparkle scatter	Faces and photos — the most natural look.
Staggered rows / **Straight grid**	Neat, even rows. Use **Angle** to turn them.
Soft shading	Smooth light-to-dark fades.
Circles / **Waves** / **Sunflower spiral**	Eye-catching decorative fills — great for round shapes.

Fill for Shape Fill & lines for Line Art

Follow the shape repeats the outline inwards. **Border + rows**, **Staggered rows** and **Straight rows** fill shapes with lines of stones. For Line Art, choose **1–4 lines** and whether stones sit **Just inside** the edge or **On the edge**.

PART 5

Every setting explained

All in the **Stones** tab. Change a setting, then the stones update.

Setting	What it does
Stone size	The rhinestone size you will use, SS3 to SS48. SS6 and SS10 are the most common for shirts.
Hole size	The hole cut in the template. Set by the stone size — make it a little bigger if stones fit too tight.
Spacing	The gap kept between every two holes, edge to edge. 0.01 in (0.25 mm) is a safe minimum.
Threshold	How dark (or light, with Invert fill) a spot must be to get stones. Raise it for a cleaner design with fewer stones.
Density	How close the stones are packed. Lower = fewer stones, cheaper and quicker to stone.
Angle	Turns rows or grids to any angle.
Use the picture's colours	Each colour in your picture becomes its own group of stones (all three styles).
Fill small empty spots	Adds single stones wherever one still fits, e.g. in the tips of letters.
Remove background	Only for plain one-colour backgrounds (white or black) — not for busy photo backgrounds.

Image adjust (for tricky photos)

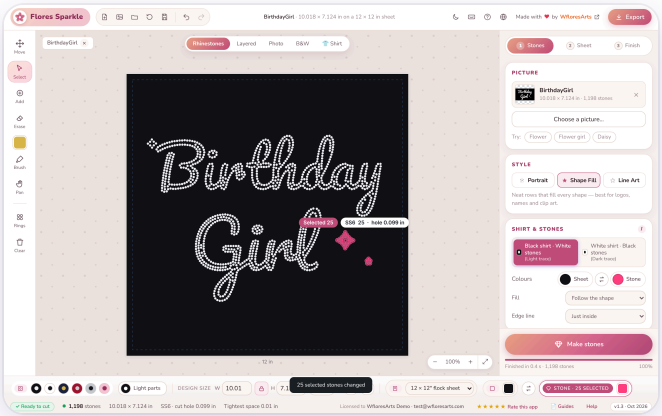
Brightness	Makes the whole picture lighter or darker before stones are placed.
Contrast	Pushes greys towards black and white — sharper edges.
Midtones	Lightens or darkens the middle greys only.
Black / White point	Everything darker (or lighter) than this counts as fully black (or white).
Smooth	Smooths noisy or grainy pictures so stones flow better.

Switch the view to **B&W** (`4`) while you move the sliders — it shows exactly which parts will get stones.

PART 6

Editing stones & colours

Tool	How to use it
Move V	Drag the design; drag a corner to resize. **Delete** removes the picture.
Select A	Drag a box around stones. Then change their colour, nudge with the arrow keys or press **Delete**.
Add S	Click to place one stone.
Erase E	Wipe stones away. [ ] change the eraser size.
Brush B	Click or drag over stones to paint them with the colour in the box above the brush.
Pan H	Move around the sheet (or hold **Space**).
Rings O	Shows the cut holes as rings.
Clear	Removes all stones (Undo brings them back).



Colours

Sheet + Stone presets (left of the colour bar) set both colours and the right shirt style in one click. The **Sheet** and **Stone** boxes on the right let you pick any colour. With nothing selected the Stone box changes every stone; **select stones first** to change only those. The ⇄ button (**X**) swaps the two colours.

Size & sheet

Type an exact **W** or **H** in the colour bar (the lock keeps the shape), switch units between **in**, **mm** and **cm**, and use **Fit** or **Centre**. Choose your flock sheet size from the list — or **Custom** to type your own. The **Sheet** tab sets the margin around the edge.

> Save your work as a project with **Ctrl** **S** and open it again later with **Ctrl** **Shift** **O**.

PART 7

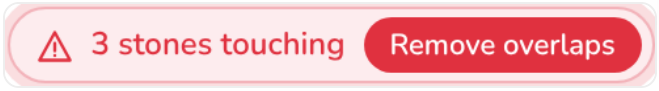
Stone check & export

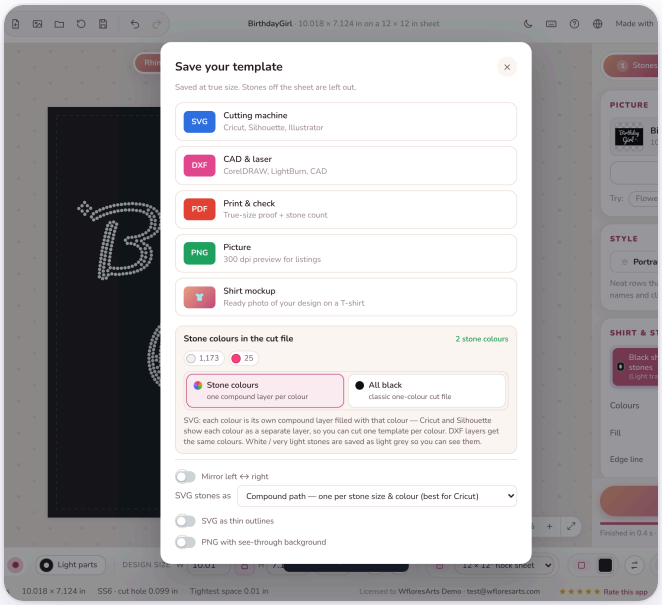
Stone check

Stones that are too close get a **red ring** and a red alert appears in the top bar. Two ways to fix it:

- **Fix spacing** (P) moves touching stones apart.
- **Remove overlaps** removes the fewest stones so nothing touches.

When the Finish tab shows **✓ All good — no stones touch**, you are ready to cut.





Export (Ctrl E)

SVG **Cutting machine**	Cricut Design Space, Silhouette Studio, Illustrator, Inkscape. True size in inches. Each stone size is **one compound path** (one object) — Cricut and Silhouette open big templates (1,000–5,000+ stones) quickly.
DXF **CAD & laser**	CorelDRAW, LightBurn and CAD programs. Units in millimetres.
PDF **Print & check**	A true-size proof with the stone count — print at 100% to check the size.
PNG **Picture**	300 dpi preview for your listings or to show a customer.
👕 **Shirt mockup**	A ready photo of your design on a T-shirt — perfect for your shop or to show a customer.

Stone colours in the cut file: Stone colours (one compound layer per colour — cut one template per colour) or **All black** (classic). **Options: Mirror** flips left ↔ right · **SVG stones as** Compound path (best for Cricut) or Separate circles · **SVG as thin outlines** · **PNG with see-through background**.

> **Cutting tip:** after importing the SVG, check the size matches what you set in Flores Sparkle before you cut. If your program scaled it, set the width back to the exact size.

PART 8

Keyboard shortcuts

Press ? in the app to see this list any time.

File

Ctrl N	New
Ctrl O	Open picture
Ctrl Shift O	Open project
Ctrl S	Save project
Ctrl E	Export
Ctrl Z / Ctrl Y	Undo / Redo

Tools

V	Move & resize
A	Select stones
S	Add a stone
E	Eraser · [ ] size
B	Colour brush
H / Space	Pan
Alt + drag corner	Resize from the centre
Shift + drag corner	Free shape (not in proportion)

Stones

Enter	Make stones
I	Invert fill (dark ↔ light parts)
P	Fix spacing
R	Stones report & cost
Q	Real look
Delete	Delete selected
Ctrl A	Select all
Arrow keys	Nudge (hold Shift for more)

View

1 – 5	Rhinestones · Layered · Photo · B&W · Shirt
O	Hole rings
X	Swap colours
Ctrl + / Ctrl -	Zoom · Ctrl 0 fit
F · C	Fit design · Centre
T	Light / dark app

PART 9

Tips, questions & help

For the best results

• **Black shirt:** photos with a dark background work best. Start with Threshold around 25%.
• **White shirt:** logos and text with dark lines on a white background work best.
• Use a **sharp, high-resolution** picture. Crop away anything you don't want stoned.
• Busy photo background? Remove it in a photo editor first — **Remove background** is for plain one-colour backgrounds only.
• Thin lines and small text need small stones (SS6) and a bigger design size.
• Always print the **PDF proof** at 100% to check the size before cutting flock.

Questions

Does it work on Mac, iPad or phone?	No — Flores Sparkle is for Windows 10 and 11.
Windows blocks the app (Smart App Control)	Open the Browser version (**Flores Sparkle.html**) in Edge or Chrome. Ask us on Etsy if it wasn't in your download.
Do I need the internet?	No. It works offline. Your pictures stay on your computer.
Can I use it on my other computer?	Yes — activate it there with the same details. Your key is personal; please don't share it.
Can I sell what I make?	Yes, the templates and shirts you make are yours. Make sure you have the rights to the pictures you use.
The app window closed — is it still running?	No — it closes by itself about 20 seconds after you close the window.
Where can I find this guide again?	Click 📄 **Guides** at the bottom right of the app, or open **wflores.art/get/guides**.
My stones touch after resizing	Open the Finish tab and click **Fix spacing** or **Remove overlaps**.



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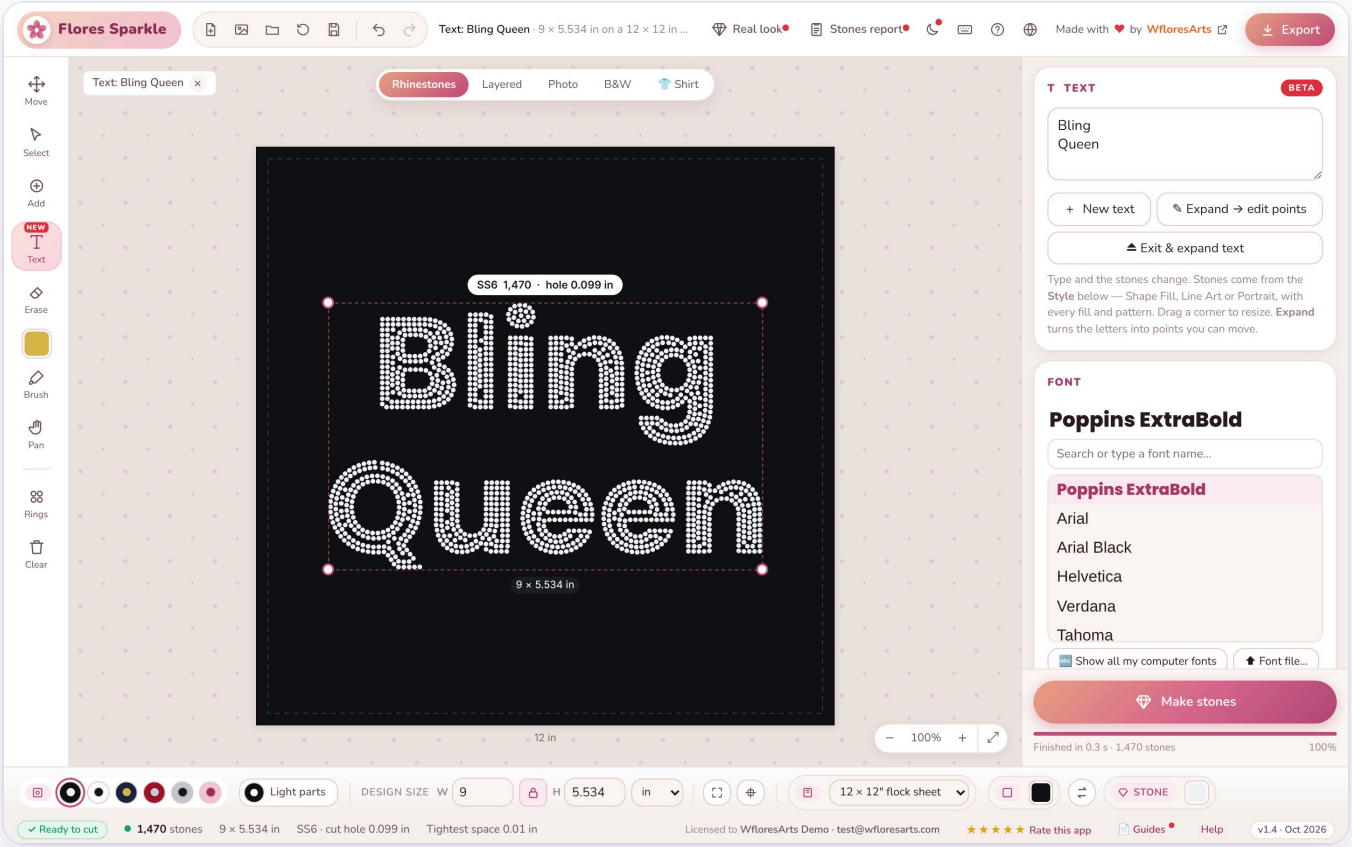
PART 10

What's new in version 1.4

The new **T Text** tool — type names and words right in Flores Sparkle. No more typing in Canva first.



1. Click **T Text** in the tool bar on the left. The right side shows only the text settings.
2. Type your words (**Enter** = new line) and pick a font — the common fonts, **Show all my computer fonts**, or load a font file (.ttf / .otf).
3. Click **Add text**. Change the words any time — the stones follow.
4. Choose the stones in the same panel: **Shape Fill, Line Art or Portrait**, with every fill and pattern, stone size, spacing, threshold and density.

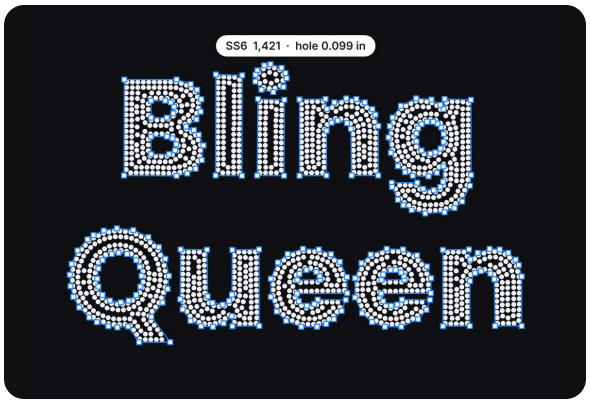
B / *I*, **Left · Centre · Right**, letter height, letter spacing and line height are under **Font**. Drag a corner of the text to resize it.

Another text? Click **New text**, type, then **Add text** — the text already on the sheet stays (it moves up). **Click any text** to select, move, edit or delete it (**Delete**; **Ctrl** **Z** brings it back).

More new things in 1.4

✎ Expand → edit points

Expand turns the letters into a path. Then **drag a point** to change a letter, **click the blue line** to add a point, or Alt-click a point to remove it. The stones fit again when you let go. ⏏ **Exit & expand text** does the same and goes back to the Move tool.



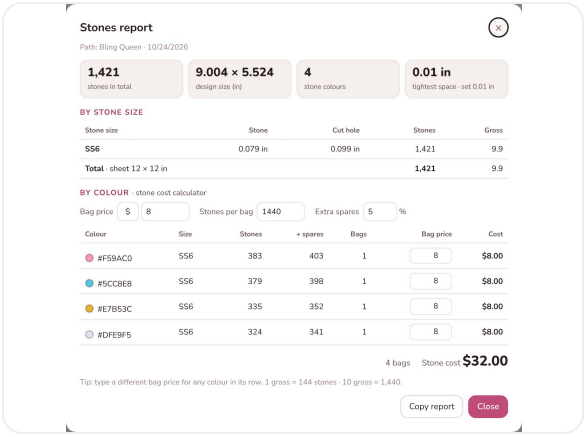
💎 Real look Q

Click **Real look** at the top (or press Q) to see your stones as real, sparkling rhinestones in their own colours — on **black** or **white**. Great to check colours before you cut, or to show a customer.



📋 Stones report & cost calculator R

Click **Stones report** at the top (or press R): the total stones, design size and number of colours, a list **by stone size** (stone, cut hole, count, gross) and **by colour**. Type your **bag price** and **stones per bag** — it counts the bags and the **stone cost** for each colour. **Copy report** for your notes or a customer quote.



🌓 Black & white app · colour boxes · red dots

The theme button at the top (or T) now switches **Bright** → **Dark** → **Black & white**. The colour boxes change exactly the stones you selected — click the box again (or the sheet) to close it. A small **red dot** marks what's new; it goes away once you click it.

PART 10 · EARLIER UPDATES

What's new in 1.3 & 1.2

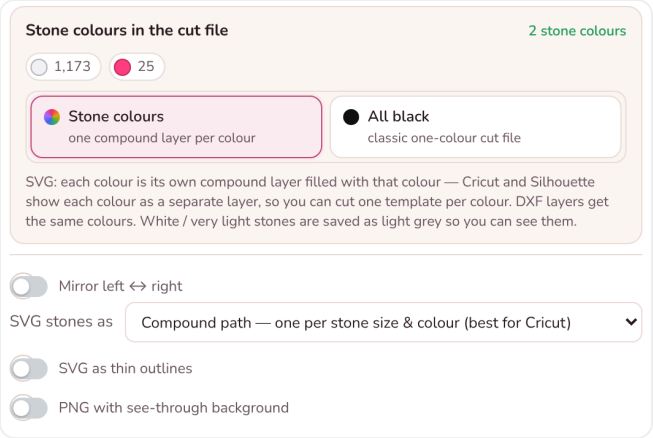
Made from your feedback — thank you! 💛 Your activation key stays the same.

1 · Easier names (1.3)

Where	New names
Views	**Rhinestones** · **Layered** (stones over your picture) · **Photo** (your picture) · **B&W** · 👕 **Shirt**
Styles	**Portrait** — photos, faces · **Shape Fill** — logos, text · **Line Art** — edges only
Shirt & stones	**Black shirt · White stones** (Light trace) · **White shirt · Black stones** (Dark trace)
Units	The unit is shown with every number, e.g. *SS6 · stone 0.079 (in)*

2 · Colours under Shirt & stones (1.3)

Right below **Pattern** there is a **Colours** row: **Sheet**, ⇄ **swap** and **Stone**. It is the same as the colour bar at the bottom — use whichever is closer.



3 · Export in your stone colours (1.2)

Export (Ctrl E) → **Stone colours in the cut file**:

• **Stone colours** — every colour is its own **compound layer** filled with that colour. Cricut and Silhouette show each colour as a separate layer, so you can cut **one template per colour**. DXF layers get the same colours.
• **All black** — the classic one-colour cut file.

4 · Help, Guides & Rate (1.3)

At the bottom right: **Rate this app**, 📄 **Guides** (this guide and the examples PDF, always the newest version), **Help** (message me on Etsy) and the version number.

PART 10 · CONTINUED

Added in version 1.1

Made from your feedback — thank you! 💛

1 · Open ready rhinestone templates (SVG)



Open a template made in Illustrator, Silhouette, Cricut or another rhinestone app (Ctrl O). Flores Sparkle now opens it **at true size**:

- Every hole stays exactly where it is, at its exact size (the SS size is found for you).
- The file's **artboard becomes your flock sheet** — and the SVG you export has the same artboard, so Illustrator and Cricut open it at the same size.
- Move it (V) and resize it with the corners — **holes keep their exact size**, only the space between them changes. Red rings? Press **Fix spacing** (P).
- Changing settings never re-makes a template's stones. Want new stones from it? Click **Make stones**, then the yellow bar.

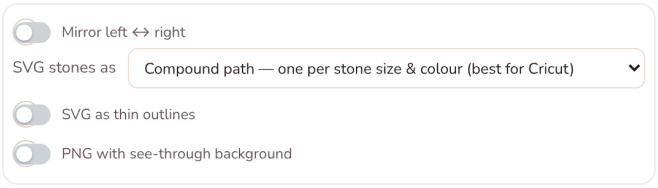
2 · Stone details right on your design

A white label on top of the design frame shows **every stone size, its count and hole size** (e.g. *SS12 564 · hole 0.146 in*). It moves with the design. Click it to select all stones of that size. With stones selected it counts the selection.

More from version 1.1

3 · Compound path SVG — best for Cricut

Export → **SVG stones as**: **Compound path** (default) puts every hole of one size into ONE object, so Cricut Design Space opens 1,500 – 2,000+ stones without trouble. Choose **Separate circles** if you need one object per stone.



4 · Easier moving & resizing

• **Move tool:** drag a box on empty space to select the design (Space or `H` pans).
• `Alt` + drag a corner resizes from the centre — the design stays in its place. `Shift` + drag = free shape.

5 · Picture colours in Portrait style

Use the picture's colours now works for Portrait style too — stones take the colours of your photo, grouped into up to 6 stone colours (one layer each).

> **How to update:** installed from **wflores.art/get**? It updates by itself — open it once with internet. Using the Windows app? Download it again from **wflores.art/get** (links in the START HERE PDF) and install. Your activation key stays the same.

✦ NEW · JUST LAUNCHED

Flores Sparkle PRO

The new, advanced version of Flores Sparkle — a separate app with everything in Flores Sparkle plus powerful PRO tools.

✓ **Selected personalization (PRO) in your order?** You get **Flores Sparkle PRO** with everything below. Your PRO key comes in your Etsy messages — install it from **wflores.art/pro**.
Didn't buy personalization? Flores Sparkle customers get a **discount** on PRO — just message me on Etsy (etsy.com/shop/WfloresArts).

📘 The PRO User Guide is inside the PRO app: click **Guides** at the bottom of the app to open or download it.



Stones around real gold text


Any ready SVG template, edited

What's in PRO

Everything in Flores Sparkle
Photos, logos, names, shapes, every stone editable, real look, stone count & cost, all exports.

Offset Rings — halo, rings & burst
Rows of stones around names, text, shapes and silhouettes. Gap, spacing, stone size and colour per ring.

Scatter & Random
Make the outer rings sparkle loose — Random starts at the outer ring and moves inward.

Text or shape without stones
Keep it as gold, black or any colour — filled or just an outline (on the line or inside) — with stones around it. It goes into the export too.

SVG Stones — template editor & detector
Open any ready rhinestone SVG: every hole becomes a stone. New stone size in place, colour, gap.

Layers
Picture, text, shape and rings are separate layers — click one to change only its stones and colour.

Stronger text tool
Bold to light weight, size and letter spacing in easy steps.

Easier interface
Picture cards for the styles, quick SS6 / SS10 / SS16 sizes, smooth moving.

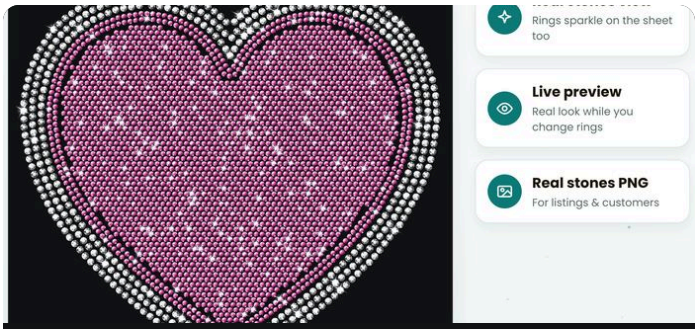
💎 ALSO FROM WFLORESARTS

Glimmora 2.1

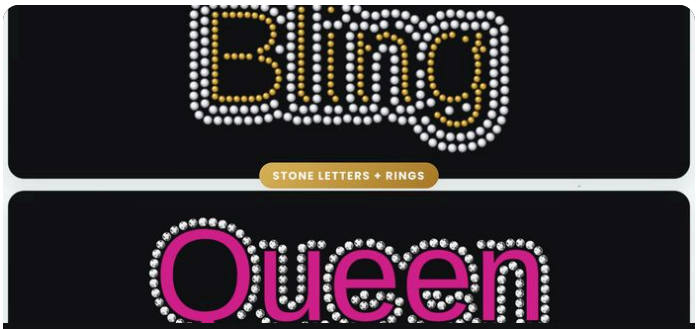
The luxury big sister of Flores Sparkle — everything you know, plus pro-level sparkle tools. A separate app with its own key.

Already a Flores Sparkle customer? Ask me for your **special discounted price** ✨ — I'll make you a custom order on Etsy: **etsy.com/shop/WfloresArts**

Glimmora is a separate product — it is not a free update of Flores Sparkle. Your Flores Sparkle keeps working as it is.



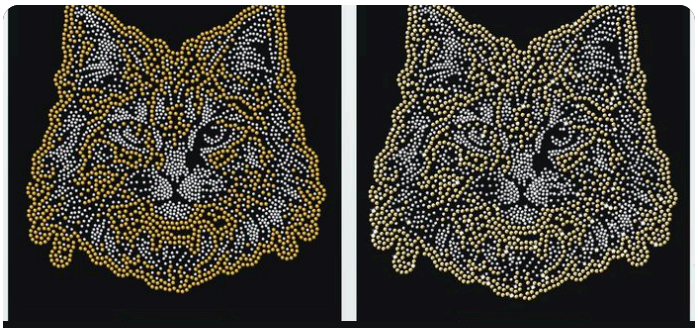
Real stones view — see the sparkle



Rings around text — names that pop



Halo · Rings · Burst in one click



Gold or crystal rings around photos

What Glimmora adds

Real stones view
See true sparkle before you cut.

Rings around text
Names that pop — stones on or off.

Colour presets
Every ring its own colour, size & gap.

Halo · Rings · Burst
Rows of stones around anything.

Pick & change colours
Select any stones, recolour in one click.

Layers & more tools
Shapes, SVG stones, round clean lines.

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