

How to Clean Cricut Cutting Mat: 3 Tips and Tricks

Do you also want to learn [how to clean Cricut cutting mat](#)? I have been asked this question many times, and today, I finally decided to answer it in this write-up. The day before yesterday, one of my friends, who is also a Cricut user and loves creating crafts, asked me this question. I helped clean the mat, but then I thought about the other novice crafters who might be looking for the answer to the same question.

Then, I decided to guide them through this easy guide, which explains how to make the Cricut mat sticky again. In this blog, I discuss how to protect mats' stickiness. I have mentioned three points. After that, I also explained how to clean the mat using various cleaning methods. Dive into the blog to learn more!

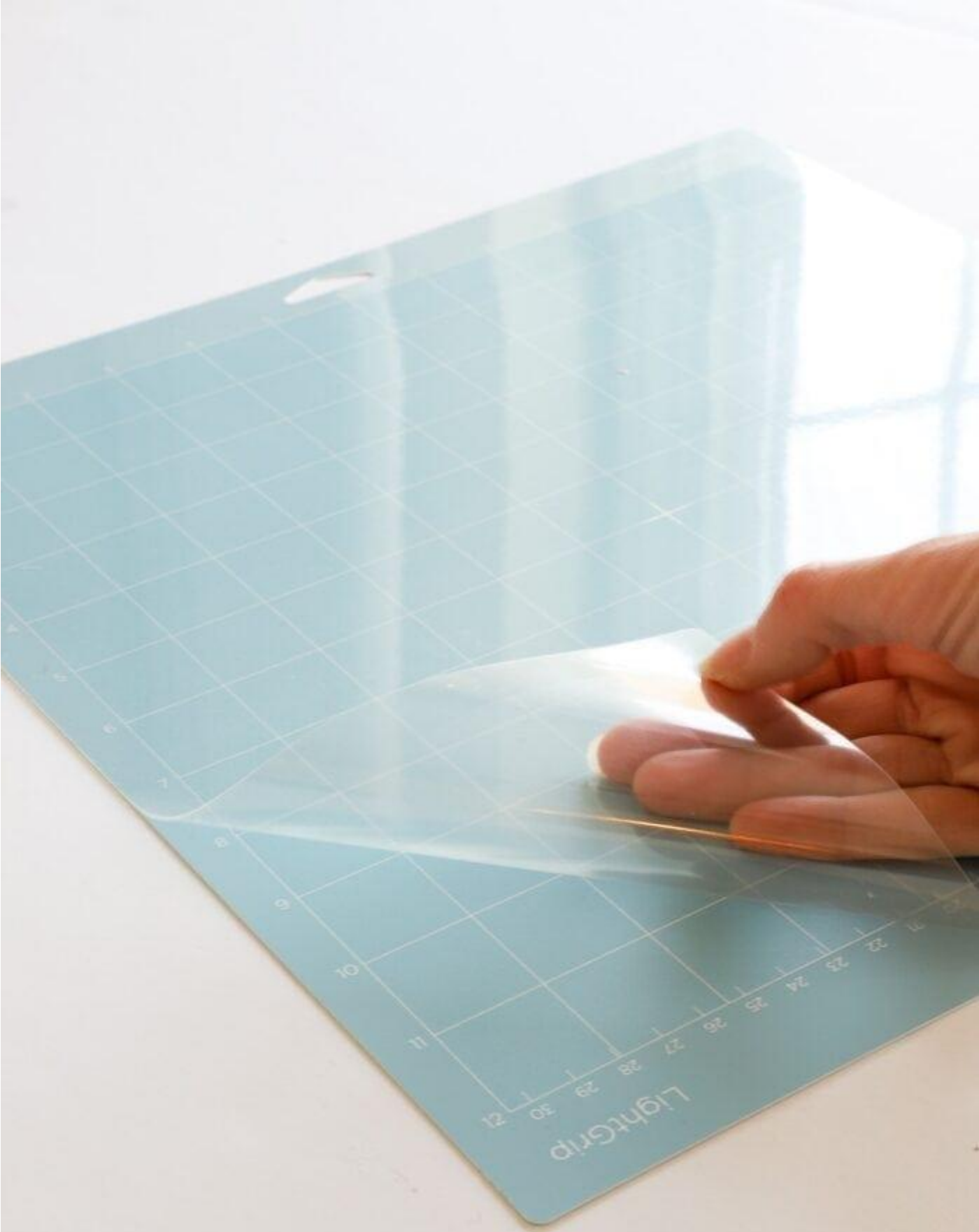
How to Protect My Cricut Mat From Losing Its Stickiness?

You can do many things, like use it with precautions and keep it clean as much as possible. However, I often do what I have described below to keep my mat clean. Hence, I expect you to do the same.

Option 1: Using Mat With the Right Material

Believe it or not, you can't use the same Cricut mat with every type of material. Some materials are tough, so they will only be compatible with a **Strong Grip** mat. Yes, the **Strong Grip** mat has an extra adhesive that secures the materials properly throughout the cutting process.

Option 2: Changing Protective Sheet



A Cricut mat always comes with a plastic protective sheet. Remove the sheet only when needed, and then place it back on the mat. Using this sheet always protects it from dust and other unwanted particles that can remove the adhesiveness from the mat.

Option 3: Cleaning Regularly With a Cricut Scraper

You should always clean up the mat using a **Cricut scraper tool**. If you don't have a scraper tool, you can use any plastic card, such as an old credit/debit card.

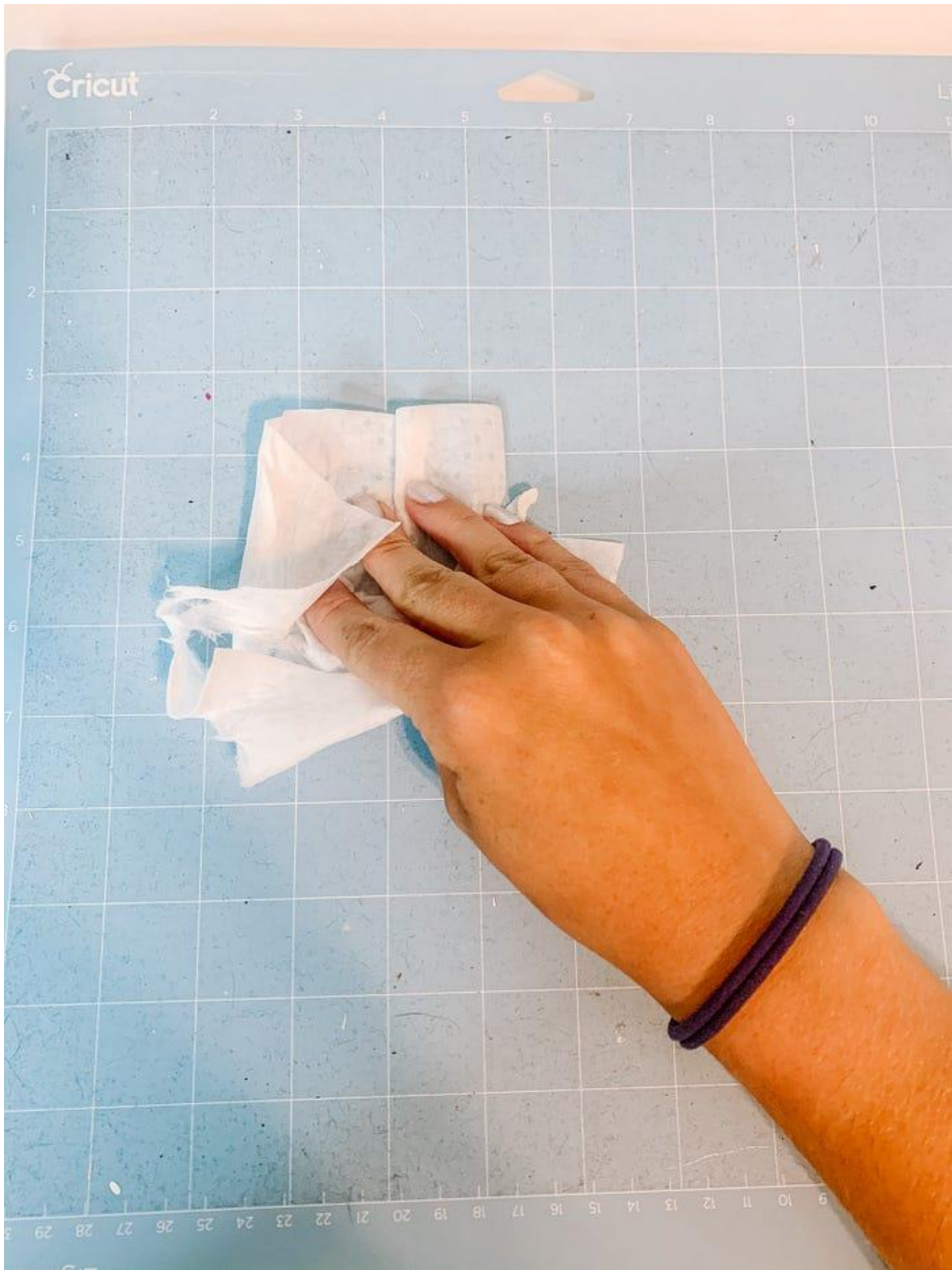


This tool can help you eliminate unwanted scraps or debris from your mat easily in no time.

How to Clean Cricut Cutting Mat for the First Time?

Now the question is [how to make Cricut mat sticky again](#). Well, that's simple! Just follow the steps I have mentioned below, and then you will see that your mat is clean like magic! Let's start!

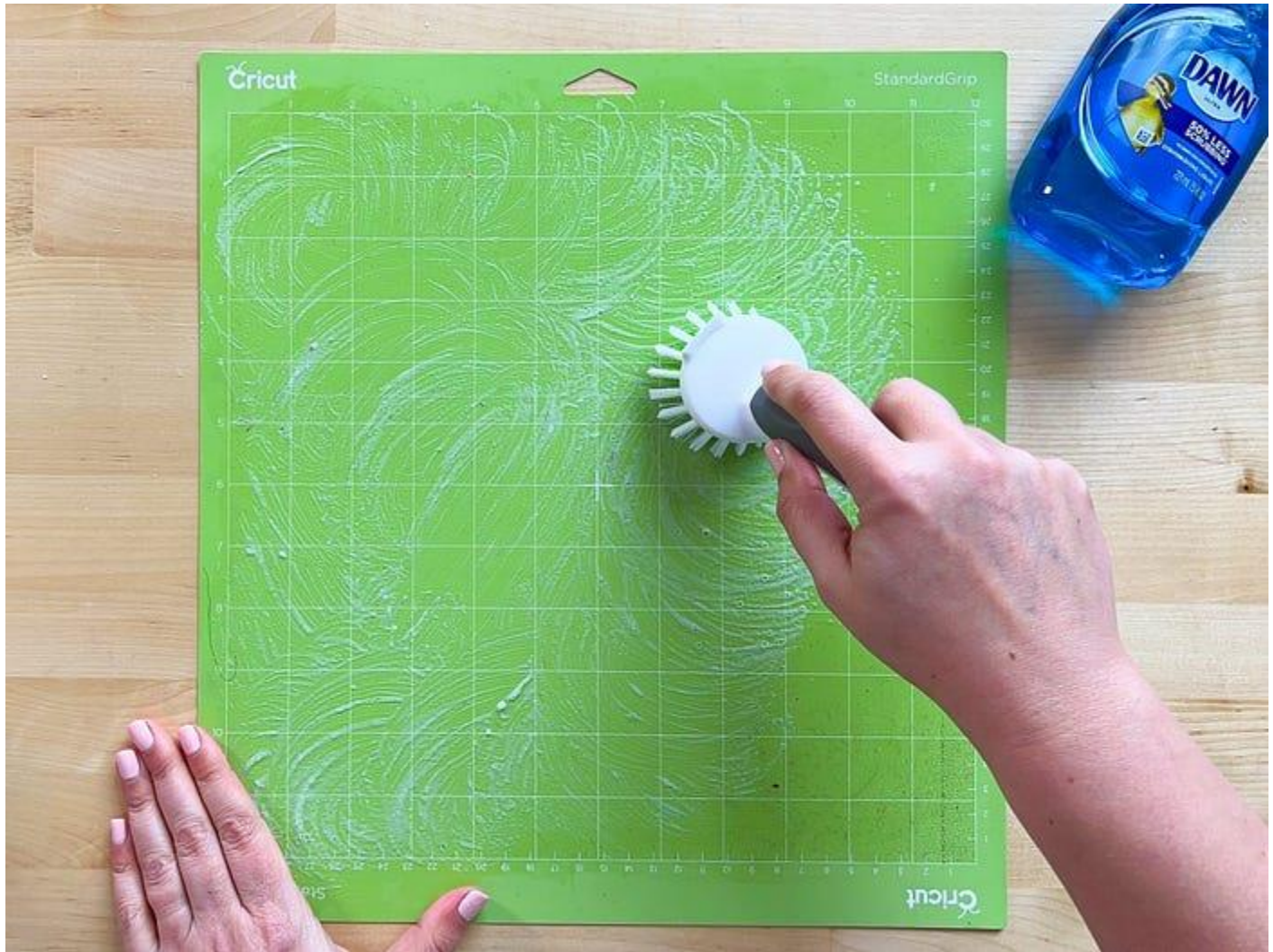
Method 1: Using a Baby Wipe



So, I have found a new way of using baby wipes. And that's for cleaning our mat. So, if you are here to learn [how to clean Cricut cutting mat](#), you need to know how to use baby wipes. Don't worry; I am not telling you to babysit 😊.

So, before cleaning the mat, you need to scrub it using a scraper tool to remove all the large debris or leftover materials. Once it is done, use alcohol- or bleach-free baby wipes to clean the mat. In addition, you have to take a small amount of cleaning agent and then rub it on the mat in a circular motion.

Method 2: With Dawn Dish Soap



To clean the green mat, you have to use Dawn dish soap before cleaning it. You need to use the same scraper tool to clean the debris and use this dish soap. If you don't know [how to clean Cricut cutting mat](#) using a Dawn dish soap, then chillax.

All you need to do is add a few drops of Dawn soap on your Standard Grip mat and rub it in a circular motion using any brush you have.

Method 3: Using La's Totally Awesome

When it comes to cleaning a **Standard Grip mat**, you need something stronger, right? Here is the La's Totally Awesome spray that Cricut users can use to clean their mat. With this cleaning agent, you can clean the purple mat and get your stickiness back.

FAQs

Question 1: What are the different types of Cricut cutting mats?

Answer: Here are the different types of mats and their uses:

- **Standard Grip:** It is green in color and used for medium-weight materials such as paper, cardstock, washi paper, and vinyl.
- **Light Grip:** Blue in color and used for delicate materials like vellum, light cardstock, construction paper, and thinner pattern paper.
- **Strong Grip:** Purple in color and used for heavier materials such as leather, glitter cardstock, heavyweight cardstock, acrylic, and wood.
- **Fabric Grip:** Pink in color and used for fabrics.
- **Cricut Joy card mat:** Only for Cricut Joy.

Question 2: Which Cricut mat is difficult to clean?

Answer: The pink one! This mat is also known as a fabric grip mat, and it is used when fabrics are cut on the Cricut machine. It has the strongest grip, so

you can't clean it easily using a light cleaning method. Users might need to use the hard plastic bristle brush to clean this method.

Question 3: What is the life expectancy of a Cricut mat?

Answer: The life expectancy of a Cricut mat depends on various factors, such as how often it is being used. And what type of materials are being cut on it. However, the average use for a mat is about 40 cuts. It may cut more than this only if you use it lightly for lighter materials.

Conclusion

In this blog, I have discussed [how to clean Cricut cutting mat](#) using various cleaning methods. I have briefly explained three methods, such as using baby wipes and Dawn dish soap, and the last one is LA's Totally Awesome. All these cleaning agents are useful for Cricut mats. They can also restore the mat's stickiness. Besides, I have also taught how to protect the mat from losing its stickiness.

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