

## What comes with the Portrait 3?

- Silhouette Portrait® 3 cutting machine
- Power cord
- USB cord
- AutoBlade for Cameo 4 (and Portrait 3)
- 8-by-12-inch cutting mat

Other blades and accessories are sold separately.

## How is the Portrait 3 different from the Portrait 2?

The Portrait 3 and the Portrait 2 are very similar in most respects. However, there are three main differences between the Portrait 3 and the Portrait 2:

- A new tool chamber (houses the new AutoBlade)
- Automatic Tool Detection feature
- Matless cutting mode called pop-out cut

## How is the new tool chamber different?

The Portrait 3 has a new and improved tool chamber that houses the updated AutoBlade (also compatible with the Cameo 4).

Very similar to the previous AutoBlade, the AutoBlade for the Portrait 3 automatically adjusts the blade depth according to the settings in Silhouette Studio®. But this new AutoBlade has a single tap reset, meaning it can complete a blade-depth adjustment in two turns—one turn to reset and one turn to go to the set blade depth. Once the Portrait 3 adjusts the blade, the machine continues to perform its cut job.

## Are other Cameo 4 tools compatible with the Portrait 3?

No. The Portrait 3 doesn't have the powerful second tool chamber that the Cameo 4 has, so the additional tools available for the Cameo 4 (i.e., the Rotary Blade, the 3mm Kraft Blade, and the Punch Tool) are NOT compatible.

## Can I still use older tools with the Portrait 3?

Yes, several of the tools can be used in the Portrait 3 as long as they are first put into their corresponding tool adapters. (The tool adapter set is sold separately.)

There are 4 adapters you can use with the older tools. Use the black adapter with the Standard (Ratchet) Blade, the Premium Blade, and the Fabric Blade; the gray adapter with the Deep-Cut Blade; the white adapter with the 2mm Kraft Blade; and the blue adapter with the Silhouette Sketch Pens.

## What materials can the Portrait 3 cut?

The Portrait 3 can cut the following materials: cardstock, vinyl, heat transfer, specialty materials (such as sticker paper, tattoo paper, shrink plastic, and vellum), cotton fabrics (when cut with a stabilizer product), and more!

## How does the Auto Tool Detection feature work?

On the back of the Portrait 3 AutoBlade and tool adapters, you'll see a little metal strip. That strip lines up with a hidden reader in both the Portrait 3 tool chamber. When the Portrait 3 is turned on and connected to your computer, Silhouette Studio® reads the metal strip and automatically populates the inserted tool and its default action in the Send panel.

## How does the pop-out cut mode work?

The Portrait 3 can take paper and cardstock materials and cut them without a cutting mat using a special perforated cut. Once you unload the material from the Portrait 3, you can remove the cutout(s) entirely.

## Can previous Portrait models do pop-out cutting?

No. Unlike the Portrait 3 and the Cameo 4, previous Silhouette machines don't have a proper channel that allows the blade to cut without damaging the material or the machine.

## Will I need to update the machine's firmware when I get it?

In order for your machine to perform at its peak, we recommend updating the firmware when Silhouette Studio® prompts you to do so. To update the firmware, make sure you are connected to the internet, have a latest version of Silhouette Studio® open, have the machine plugged in to a wall outlet and connected to your computer, and turn your Portrait 3 on. When you open the Send panel of Silhouette Studio®, the software will prompt you to update the firmware of the machine when there are available updates.

## Is the Portrait 3 PixScan™ compatible?

Yes, as with previous Silhouette models, the Portrait 3 is compatible with PixScan™. To use that feature, all you need is a compatible Portrait PixScan™ cutting mat.

## What is the maximum cutting area of the Portrait 3?

The Portrait 3 can cut up to 8 inches wide and 12 inches long on a cutting mat. However, if you are using rolled materials, the Portrait 3 can cut up to 60 feet long.

## What is the size difference between the Portrait 3 and the Cameo 4?

The Portrait 3 is just over 16 inches wide and can cut up to 8 inches wide. The Cameo 4 is just over 22 inches wide and can cut up to 12 inches wide. Both machines can cut up to 60 feet in length when using rolled materials.