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If you can draw what you want on a bit of paper (or find something online if you don't want to draw), and again, if you can read a screen, use a mouse, we can teach you basic skills you need to layout and cut your design on one of our fancy Laser cutters Checkout these examples.

So... Your Mission if you Choose to accept it

Step 1

Get yourself to Hack the Evening at the State Library on a thursday night (hardest part of the whole process cause you can't do it from the couch) Introduce yourself and we'll show you around.

Step 2

We'll talk about you project and make some measurements. Find a nice simple image (preferably black and white) on the internet (usually if you google your favourite animal/character/go to thing with "silhouette"you get a good result) or draw something with a fat black marker. It doesn't need to be super detailed its only going to be small.

Step 3

Download the image or take a photo with it your phone and open it in your favourite vector drawing program (Adobe Illustrator, CorelDraw or Inkscape is free and there's a tutorial here)

Step 4

Trace your image using the pen tool or Autotrace function

Step 5

Add some text* if you like or a border round the outside if you like(a border round the outside makes it easier during the weeding stage). *Remember if you write something you need to convert it from text to an outline before you cut it.