

Quick Start Guide

A simple getting-started guide for digital cookie cutter STL files. This guide is intentionally general so it works across different printers, slicers, and model packs.

What this file is for

Use this guide as a simple first-run checklist after downloading your STL files. It helps buyers open the files, confirm scale, slice the model, and avoid the most common beginner mistakes.

1) Download and organize your files

- Download your files from Etsy and save them in a folder you can find easily.
- Keep the STL files together with any bonus files such as recipe cards, care cards, or printing notes.
- Do not rename files until you have confirmed which design is which.

2) Open the STL in your slicer

- Import the STL into your preferred slicer software.
- Check that the model sits flat on the build plate and looks complete in preview.
- Confirm the size before slicing. Resize only if you understand how it will affect the final cookie size and dough handling.

3) Pre-print checklist

- Use a well-calibrated printer with a clean build plate.
- Make sure your first layer is consistent before starting long runs.
- Preview the sliced model and look for missing thin walls, odd gaps, or scaling mistakes.
- When testing a new design, print one sample first instead of printing a full batch right away.

4) General printing tips

- Printer, material, nozzle size, and slicer settings all affect the result.
- A clean first layer and stable extrusion usually matter more than rushing the print.
- If the edge quality matters to you, slower outer walls can improve surface finish on many printers.
- Check final scale again before pressing print, especially if you work with multiple cookie sizes.

Important note

These files are digital downloads, not physical products. Results can vary by machine, material, calibration, and slicer profile. Start with a test print whenever possible.

5) After printing

- Inspect the print for rough edges, weak areas, or incomplete lines before using it.
- Wash by hand only unless you have your own proven workflow for different materials.

- Keep printed cutters away from high heat and direct dishwasher cycles, which can warp many common materials.

Need help?

If a file appears incomplete, does not open properly, or you think you received the wrong design, contact the shop with your order details and a screenshot of the issue.