



## The Text and Shape Cutter Tool

### Description

With version X7, Corel added the **Text** and **Shape Cutter** tool. Although one can easily cut a photo to fit a particular shape or text, this tool makes the process simpler. Let's see how you can use this tool in your project.

### Where is the cutter?

You will find the **Cutter** in the toolbar for any of the following vector tools: **Ellipse**, **Rectangle**, **Symmetric Shape**, **Preset Shape**, and the **Text** tool. The only vector tool that does not have access to the **Cutter** is the **Pen** tool. As soon as you activate those tools, you will see the **Cutter** option appear in the toolbar.



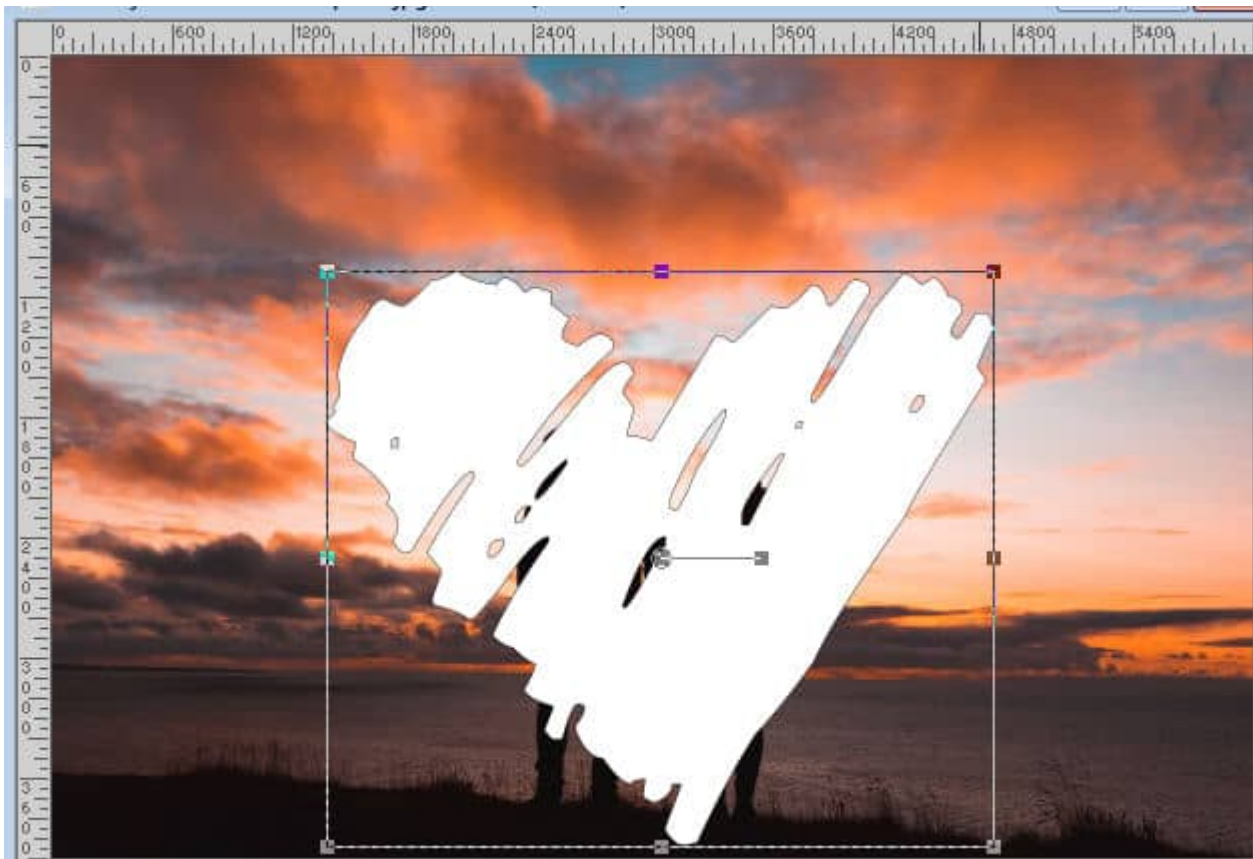
If you don't have a shape on your project yet, those options are greyed out.

### Let's get started

I will start with a image that I want to cut into a fun shape.



Since the **Shape Cutter** only works with vector shape, I drew a fun heart shape from my preset shapes. The colors of the fill and stroke don't matter at all. I drew it about the size I want it.



Clicking on the eye in the toolbar will activate the "preview" function of this tool.



That will darken the background while it keeps the original colors intact, where the shape is. This will give an idea of what is going to show.



If needed, you can move, resize, or rotate this shape on the image. This can be very useful if you want to make sure a specific section of the photo is included (or excluded) from the cutout.



## And you are done

Once you are happy with the placement of the outline based on your photo, click on the **Shape Cutter** icon.



Click this icon and the program will cut out your photo based on the shape, size, and location of the shape and paste it as a new image.

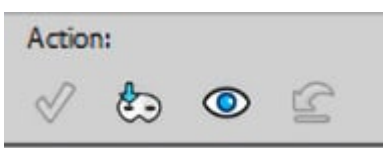


Once you have the cutout image, you can use it however you want. You can copy and paste it on a current project. You can add a background to it. If you are inclined to do so, you can also apply various effects to that cutout. The possibilities are endless.



## Other Cutters

You can also use the **Text Cutter** in the same way. You will have also the **Cutter Preview** and the **Text Cutter**. They will appear with the other icons associated with the **Text** tool.



Let's use this photo.



I can add the text that I want, and click on the **Cutter Preview**. This will help me align and resize the text so I can see most of the people in the photo.



And I can finally cut it.





## What if I don't have the cutter tool?

If you are still using an older version of PaintShop Pro and you don't have access to the **Text** or **Shape Cutter**, you can still get the same result manually. It is just a few more steps, but it will still yield the same result. [Check out this article](#) about cutting a photo into shape.

You have no reason to shy away from cutting photos into impressive cutouts! Go for it!

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