

Importing Your Stash from Evernote

A short guide for bringing your existing Evernote inventory into CraftSpace.

Why import?

If you've been tracking your craft supplies in an Evernote notebook, you don't have to start over. CraftSpace reads your notes directly and pulls in product names, item numbers, brands, categories, quantities, prices, tags, and photos.

After you point CraftSpace at your file, the app matches your items against the catalogue, finds clean professional product photos for the ones it recognizes, and shows you a preview before saving anything. Nothing lands in your stash until you say yes.

Step 1: Export your notebook from Evernote

Before opening CraftSpace, you'll need a copy of your notebook as an .enex file. This is Evernote's own export format and it captures everything CraftSpace needs.

In the Evernote desktop app (Mac or Windows):

- Right-click your stash notebook in the sidebar and pick "Export Notebook."
- Choose ENEX as the format.
- Save the file somewhere easy to find – your Desktop or Downloads folder is fine.

Important: the Evernote web version cannot export. You need the desktop app for this step. If you don't have it installed, it's a free download from evernote.com.

Step 2: Open CraftSpace and find the Import button

Go to your Stash. In the toolbar across the top, look for the Actions group on the right. The middle icon (a downward arrow into a tray) is the Import / Export button. Hovering shows the tooltip "Import / Export." Click it.



The Actions group. The middle arrow-down icon opens Import / Export.

A window opens with two tabs: Import and Export. Import is selected by default.

Step 3: Pick where the items should land

At the top of the Import screen, pick a destination from the "Which Stash to import into?" dropdown. Most people leave it on Main Stash.

Every imported item ends up in your Main Stash automatically. If you pick a different stash, items go there in addition to Main Stash, so you can't accidentally lose anything by picking the wrong destination.

Step 4: Choose Evernote and add your file

Below the destination picker, four large buttons let you tell CraftSpace what kind of file you have. Click Evernote.

A drop zone appears. Drag your .enex file onto the highlighted box, or click the box and pick the file from the dialog.

CraftSpace will start reading the file right away. Depending on the size of your notebook and how many photos are in it, this can take from a few seconds to a minute or two. You'll see a progress strip while it works.

Tip: large uploads go faster when nothing else is using your internet. If a big import is slow, try pausing video calls, VPN, or large cloud backups while it finishes.

Step 5: Review the preview

Before anything saves, CraftSpace shows you every item it found. Two things to look at:

Catalogue matches. Items with green checkmarks are matched and will pull in clean professional product photos. Items without a match keep whatever info came from your notes. Nothing is lost either way.

Photos. Recognized items get catalogue product shots automatically. Unmatched items keep whatever photos were attached to your Evernote notes as your personal photos. If your notebook has lots of photos, the app asks once whether to prefer catalogue shots or your own when both exist.

Take your time on this screen. Nothing has saved yet.

Step 6: Run the import

When the preview looks right, click Import at the bottom. A progress bar shows the count ("142 of 380 items imported").

You can leave the screen open while it runs, but don't close the browser tab until the bar finishes. If you do, the items already saved stay (nothing corrupts), but anything not yet processed won't come in and you'd need to re-import.

Step 7: All done

When the import finishes, CraftSpace shows a summary: how many were added, how many were already in your stash and skipped, and how many had warnings. Anything flagged is easy to review and edit by hand.

Close the window and head to your Stash. Everything is right there, organized by category, ready to filter, search, and add to projects.

Common questions

What if my list isn't in Evernote?

Same seven steps – you just pick a different button at Step 4. CraftSpace can also read:

CSV or Excel spreadsheet (.csv) – export from Excel, Google Sheets, or Numbers using File > Save As. Make the first row column headers and each row below one supply. CraftSpace recognizes common column names automatically (Name, Title, and Product Name all work). Include Item Name, Brand, Category, and Quantity columns for the cleanest match. Other columns like price, item number, notes, tags, and image URL come through too if present.

CraftSpace Backup (.json) – a previous CraftSpace export, used to restore everything (items, categories, tags, notes, locations, photos), for example after switching devices.

Other Apps (.csv, .json, .xml) – a generic file from another craft tracking app. CraftSpace does its best; results depend on how the other app structured the file, and you may need to clean up some categories afterwards.

Everything else in this guide – Steps 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 – works exactly the same for these formats. The only difference is which button you click at Step 4 and what kind of file you drop in.

Will I get duplicates if I import the same file twice?

No. CraftSpace skips items already in your stash. Re-importing the same file is safe; it just won't add anything new.

Will photos come in too?

Yes. Recognized items get clean catalogue photos automatically. Unmatched items keep whatever photos were attached to your Evernote notes (or referenced in your spreadsheet, if you're importing one) as your personal photos.

What if I import the wrong file or want to undo?

Select the unwanted items in your Stash and use Move to Trash. Trashed items can be restored for 180 days. You can also re-import a corrected file at any time; duplicates are always skipped.

Bonus: Export your stash

The same Import / Export button has an Export tab. Use it for a backup or a printable list:

CSV Spreadsheet opens in Excel, Sheets, or Numbers.

PDF Report is a printable list grouped by category, handy for craft store trips or retreats without internet.

CraftSpace Backup is a complete backup file you can re-import later. Worth doing periodically; it takes about ten seconds.

On the Export tab you can also pick which categories to include, so you can export only stamps, or only paper, or your whole stash.

Need help?

If anything in your import doesn't look right, the fastest path is the Feedback button in the lower-right of the app. Type a quick description, attach a screen capture, and submit. Reports usually come back within a few hours, and you can track them under "My Reports" in that same panel.

You can also reach the team directly at support@craftspaceapp.com.