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Trace a Photo with Pen

A manual art zone on a real part

Best for: Photos with glare, shadows or busy backgrounds

The art zone is where the AI puts the engraving art.
Paint it, and the Fabricator fills only that area.

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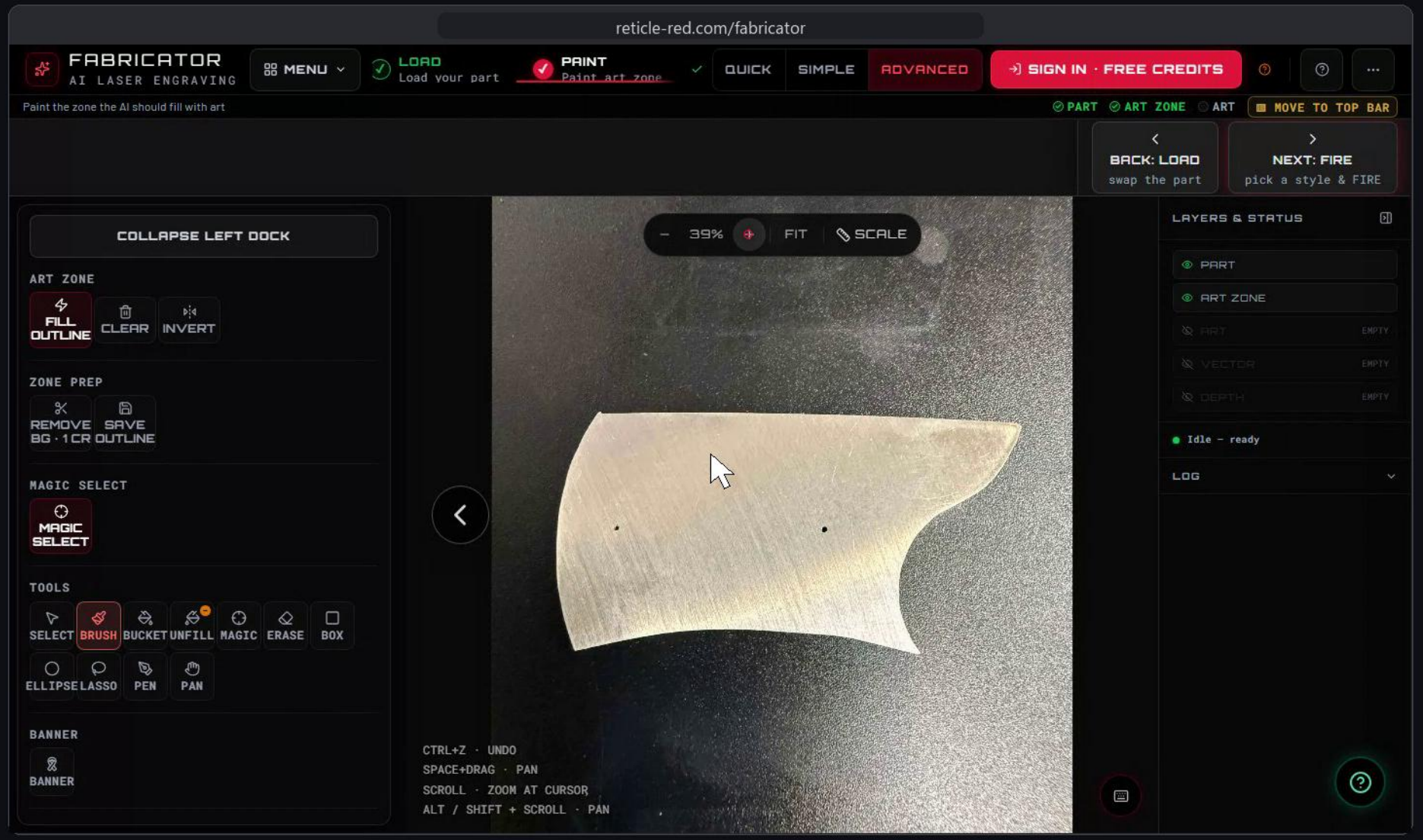

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A photo of the real part

Photos have shadows, glare and texture. When one-click tools pick up the wrong area, trace the part yourself with PEN.

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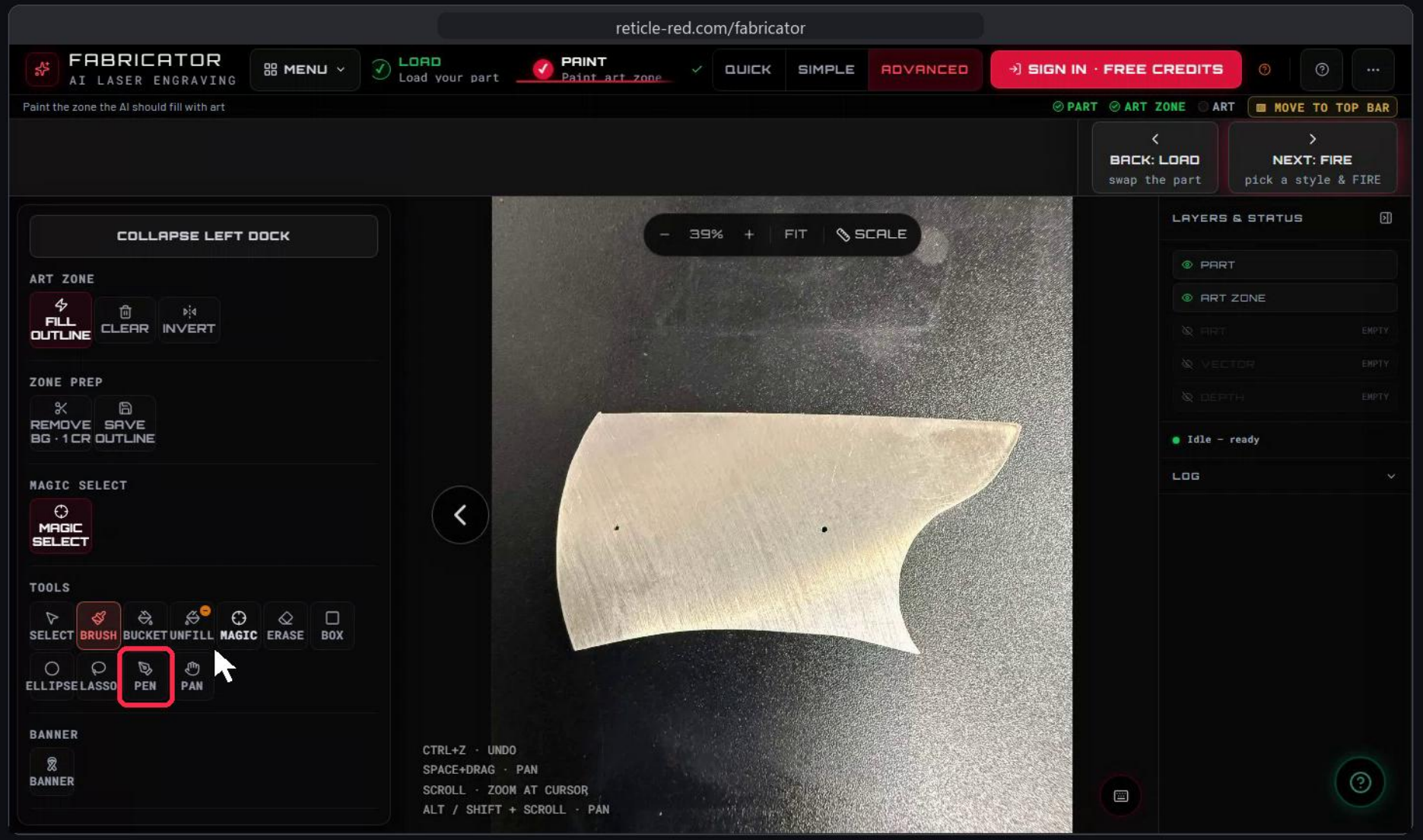

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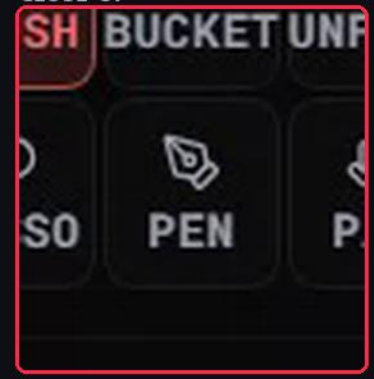
Pick PEN

Click PEN, or press P. Zoom in first so you can see the edge.

CLOSE-UP



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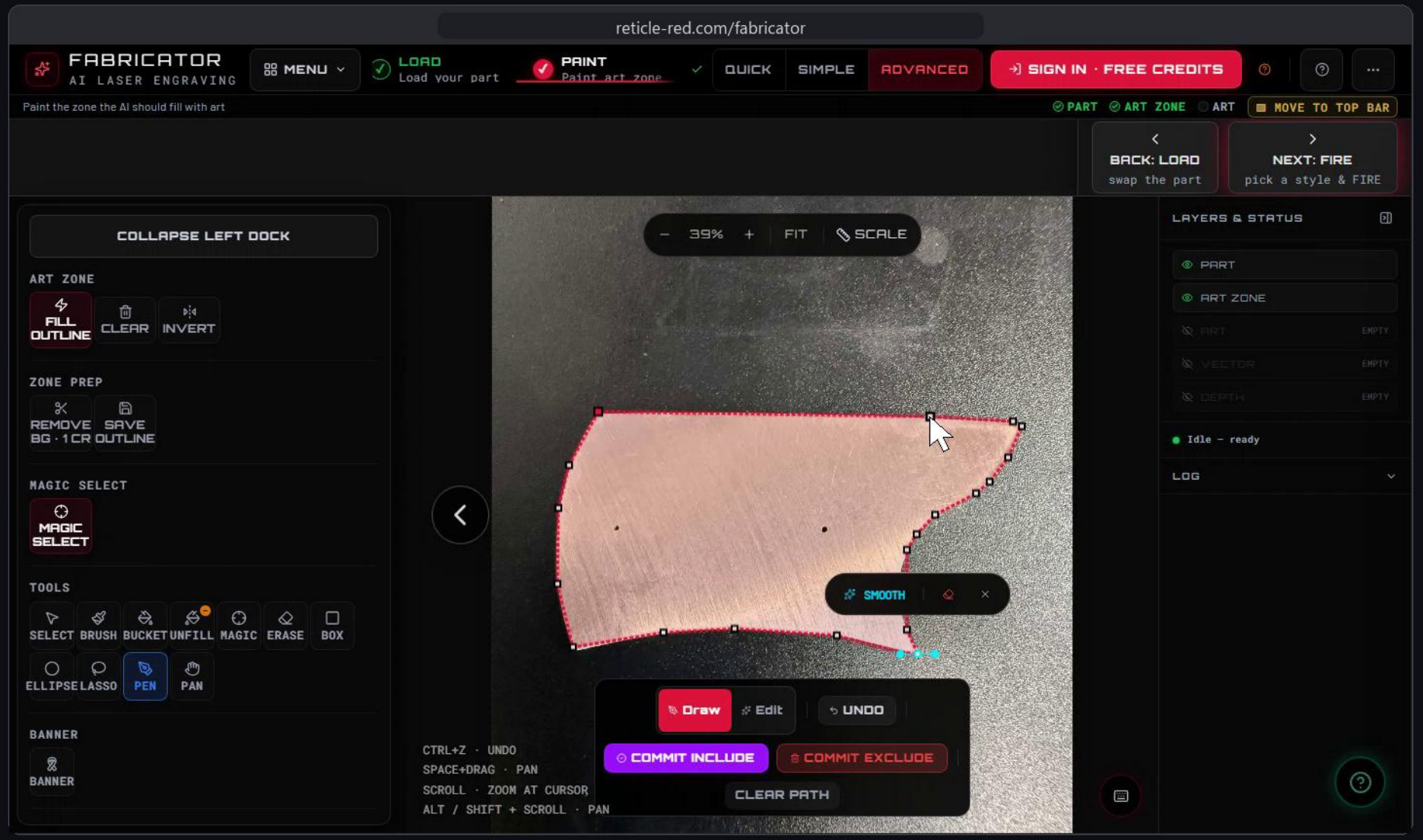

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Click around the edge

Put a node at every corner and every few millimetres along a curve. More nodes, closer fit.

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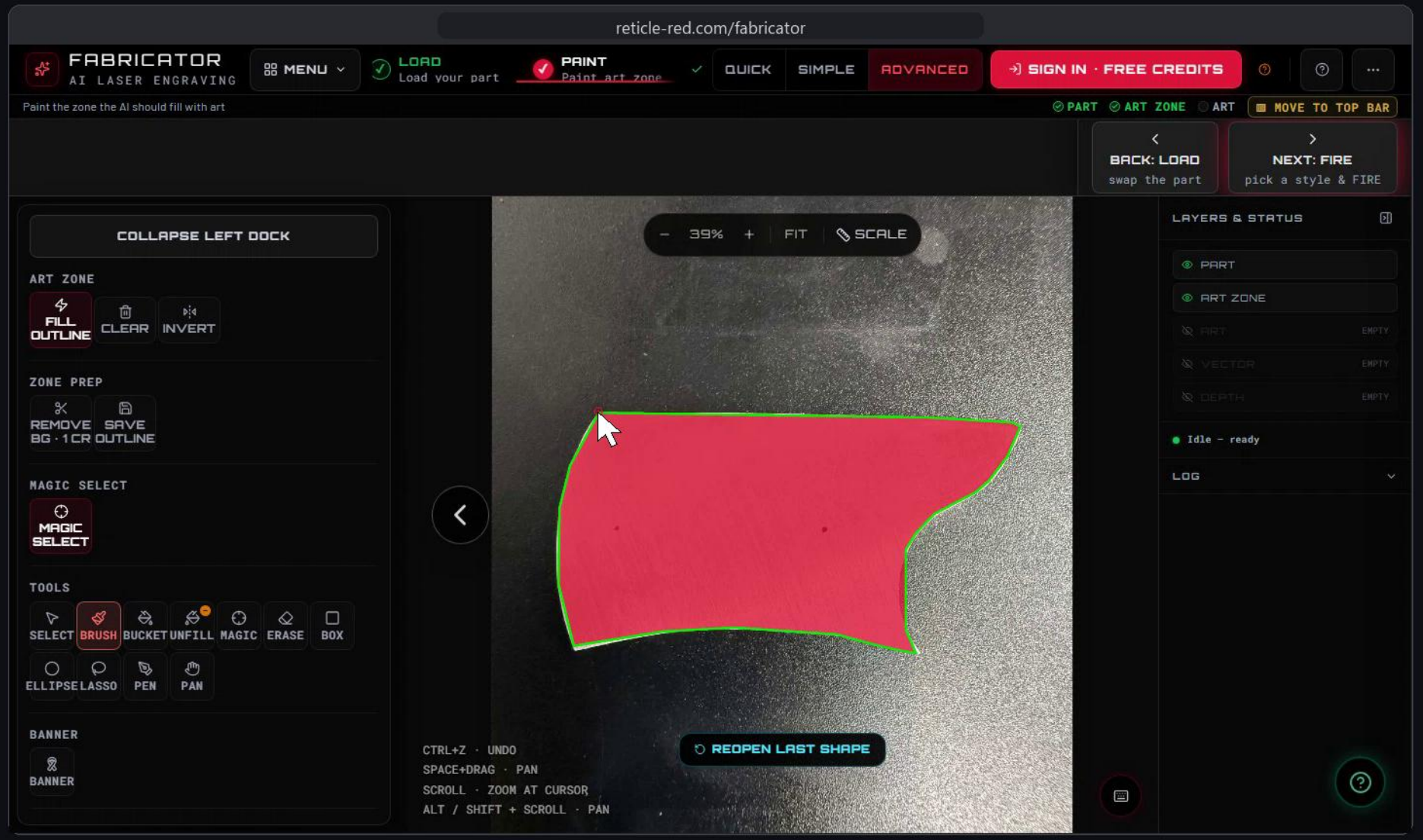

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Click the first node to close

The loop closes and the inside becomes your art zone. Enter or a double-click works too.

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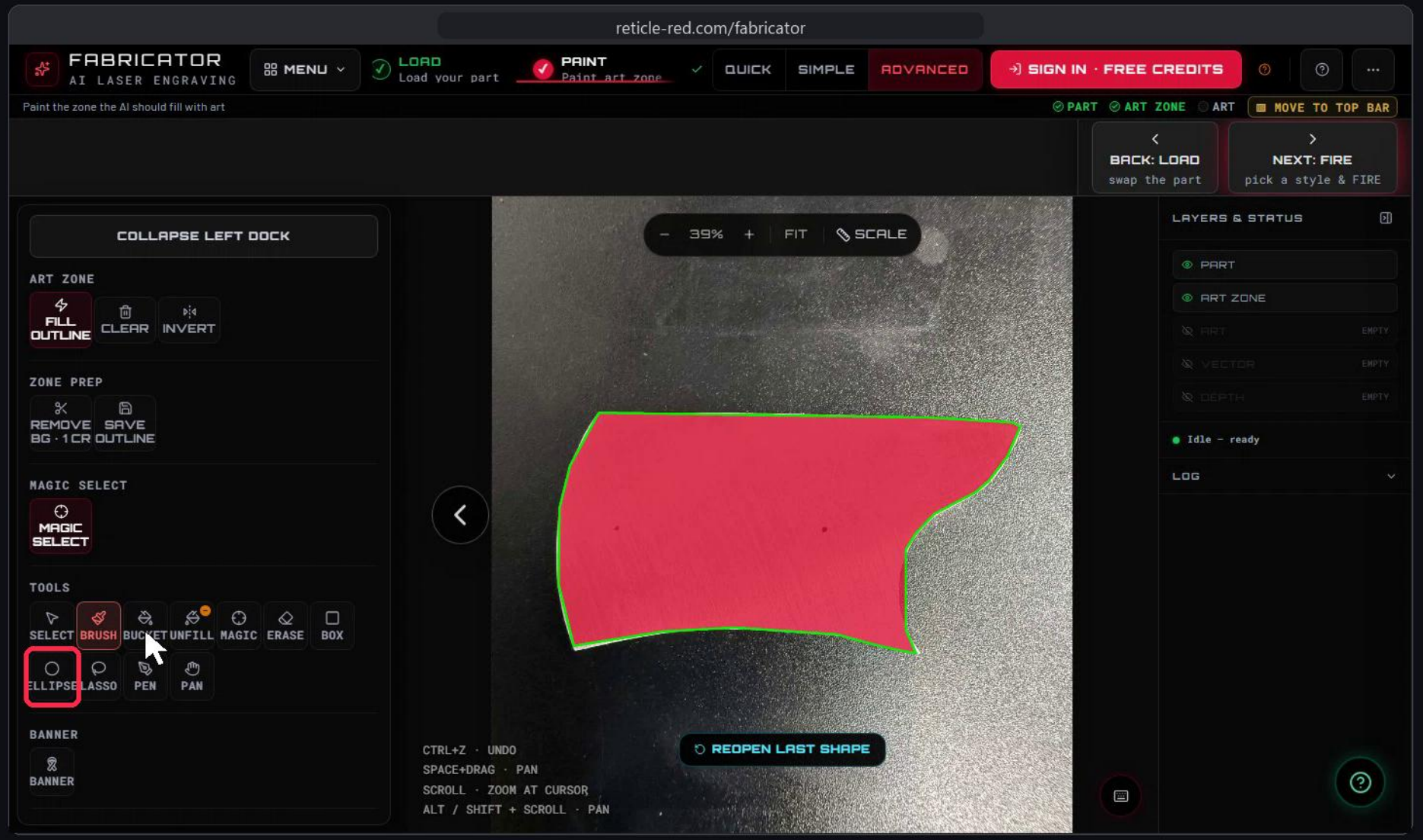

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Cut the pin holes

ELLIPSE in Erase mode: drag a small circle over each hole so the art goes around it.

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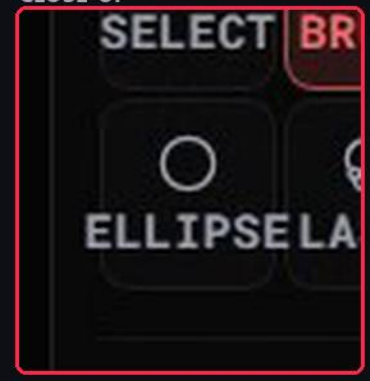

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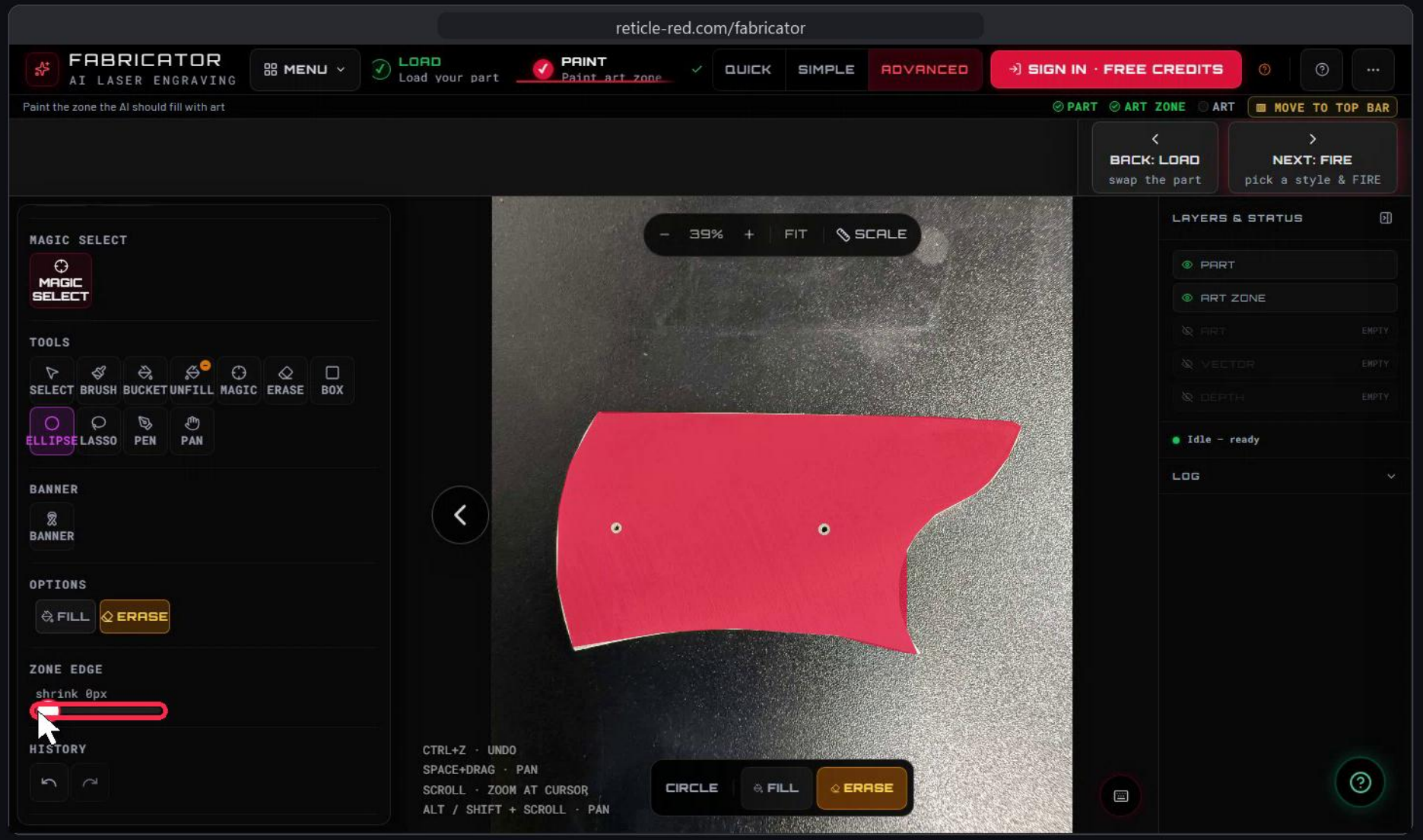

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ZONE EDGE to 0

Drag ZONE EDGE all the way left so the art runs right to the edge of the part.

CLOSE-UP

