

Creating a Kitchen Towel Border



Setting Up the File

- Open a New Blank Design.
- Press A on the keyboard to open Lettering Object Properties.
 - ♦ Hold the Shift key down and type the letter K in the text box.
 - ♦ Click on the drop-down arrow by Font and choose Anniversary. Change the font size to 1.5".
 - ♦ Click OK.
- Click on the screen to generate the lettering.
- Click on the generated lettering again to access rotate handles and click and drag on a corner control handle and rotate the design until the flag reads about -100° .
- Release the mouse to set the new angle.
- Reselect the letter and go to the Edit Toolbox and select Break Apart.
- Select the lower part of the letter K and press Delete.
- Select Ctrl + A to select everything.
- Right click on the letter and select Group.



Hoop & Grid Set Up

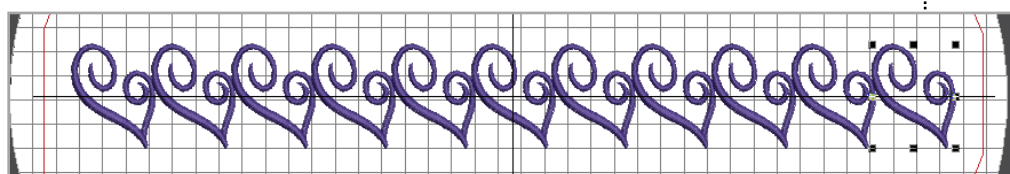


- Right click on Show Hoop.
- From the hoop types, select BERNINA Maxi Hoop.
- Make sure Show Hoop is checked. Click OK.
- Right click on Show Grid.
- Place a dot in front of Show design grid.
- Place a check mark by Snap to grid. Click OK.
- The steps for the grid must be repeated at the present time.
- With nothing selected, enter 90 degrees in the Rotate Hoop text box. Press Enter.

Creating the Border

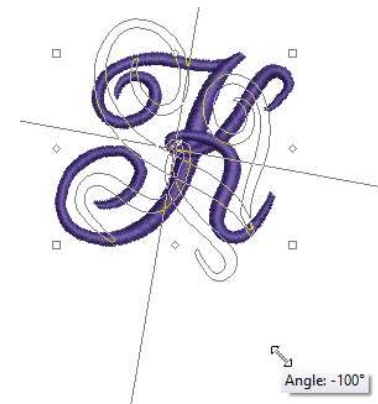


- Zoom into the design for accuracy.
- Select the design and move it to a horizontal grid line until the line turns red, indicating that the object is on the grid line.
- Create a Quick Clone by right clicking and dragging on the object and placing it to the right of the original so that it is **just touching the object and the same horizontal line is red**.
- Do not release the object until it is placed accurately.
- If you miss, press Undo and try again.
- Press Ctrl + D nine times to make duplicate copies across the hoop.

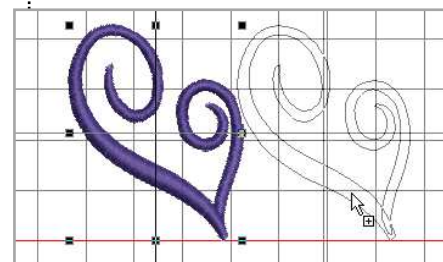


NOTES:

NOTE: If you are using Creator level software, use Abby Script for the font.



The control handles change from black squares to outlined squares in rotate mode.



Alignment & Eliminating Jump Stitches

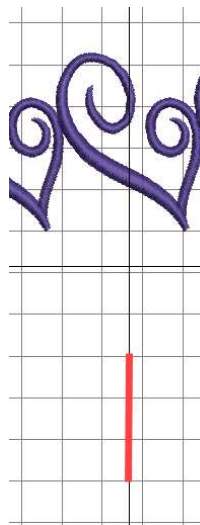


- If the objects are not aligned along a grid line, select Ctrl + A to select all the objects.
- Select Align Bottom in the Arrange Toolbox.
- With all the objects selected, go to the Edit Toolbox and click on Branching.
- Click on the beginning of the far left swirl; then click on the end of the far right swirl. (see illustrations)
- Activate Stitch Player to watch the design stitch on screen.
- There should be no jump stitches and no tie-ins and tie-offs.
- If you have tie-ins/offs or jump stitches, click Undo twice and move all the objects so they are touching one another, then select Ctrl + A and click on Align Bottom and Space Evenly Across. Then, repeat the steps for branching.

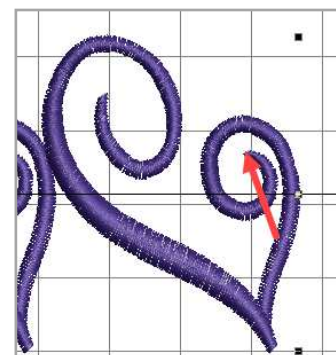
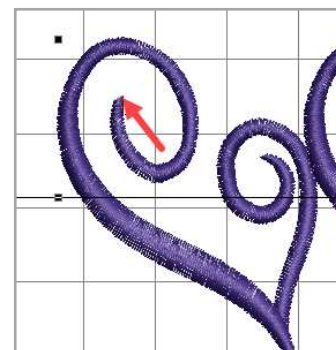
Drawing a Placement Line



- Select the Open Object tool in the Digitize Toolbox and a contrast color.
- The Single Outline should be selected.
- Using the hoop centerline as a guide, set a vertical line about three grids below the lettering with two left clicks; then press Enter.
- Set a horizontal placement line about four grids below the lettering and click on the far left of the hoop; then click again on the far right of the hoop. Hold the Ctrl key to keep the line on plane. Press Enter to activate.
- In Color Film, make sure Show Objects is deactivated.
- Select the placement line.
- Click on Move to Start.
- Save the design as Kitchen Towel Border.



NOTES:



Experiment with different fonts to create all sorts of borders for your kitchen towels!