

“Teal Lace Shaping Dress”



What little girl wouldn't look adorable in this dress? With the use of CustomWorks and SizeWorks from Designer's Gallery you too can create this stunning dress. The design was taken from the Ellisimo sewing and embroidery machine.

Skill Level: Advanced

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Supplies:

Baby Lock® Ellisimo sewing and embroidery machine

4" x 4" embroidery hoop

Designer's Gallery® CustomWorks

Designer's Gallery® SizeWorks

Pascal dress pattern from Sew Beautiful Magazine, issue #114 or dress pattern of choice

5/8" insertion lace for lace shaping

Baby Lock Tear-Away stabilizer

Madeira sewing and embroidery thread of choice


General sewing and embroidery supplies

Instructions

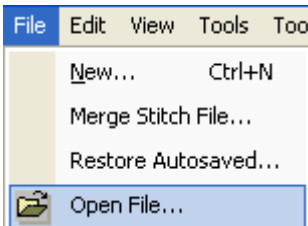
Getting Started:

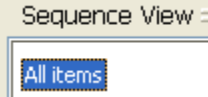
1. Save the chosen flower design from the Ellisimo to your computer. The design is located in Embroidery/Embroidery Edit in the Exclusives category under Flowers. See the design below in the illustration for the design used.



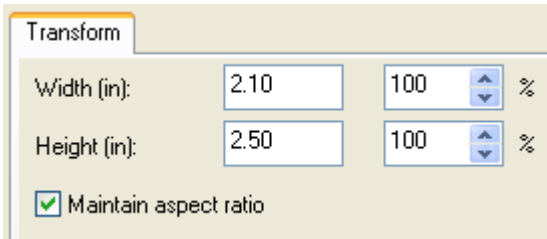
2. Open CustomWorks by clicking the CW  icon on your computer screen.


3. Select File>Open File and select the floral design to open in to CustomWorks.



4. Once the design is on the screen, select all items  under Sequence View and choose a color from the color palette. This will change the design to a single color. Save the design as single color floral, this will be used along the bottom edge of the dress.

5. While the design is selected, in the Transform window, using inches as the measurement, change the height to 2.50 and make sure that Maintain aspect ratio box has a check mark in it. Save this design as small floral and it will be used in the bodice of the dress.



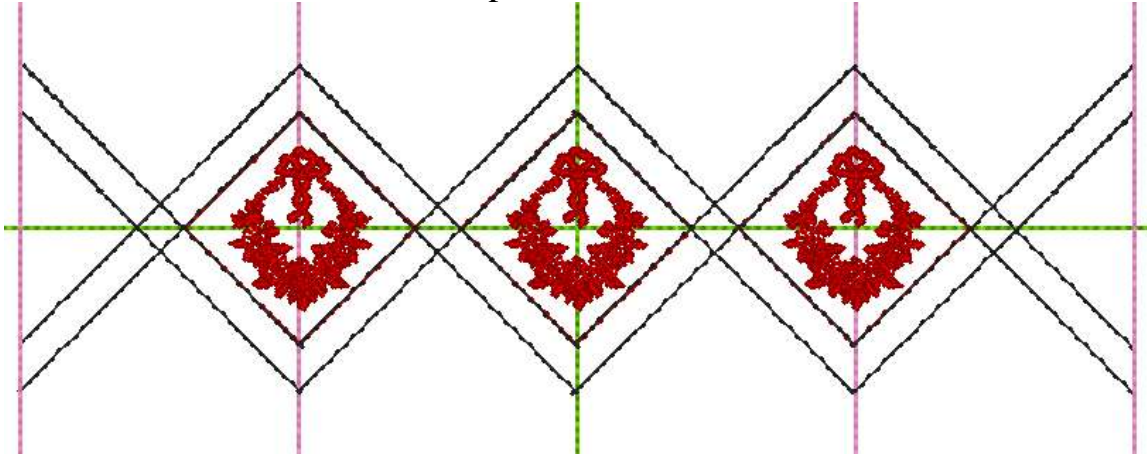
6. Your designs are ready to be stitched. Print  several templates to determine the layout for the lace shaping.

Creating the Lace Shaping Design:

1. Use tracing paper to determine the shape of your lace design and how far apart your designs need to be stitched. To start, cut off a piece of tracing paper about 24 inches. Mark the center of the paper vertical and horizontal by folding the paper.
2. Cut out the template of the designs just around the outside edges of the design. Place the single color floral template at the center of the tracing paper and tape in place.



3. Using a long or square ruler, draw a square around the floral design with the design centered in the square.
4. Draw a line along the edge of the square and a second line $\frac{5}{8}$ " away from this line depending on the width of your lace insertion. That will give you the start of your lace shaping design. The lines need to extend past the points of the squares for the lace to be mitered.
5. Place the second design and draw a square around it, using and connecting to the lines from the previous square.
6. Continue drawing lines along the edges of the squares with the designs to find the overall lace shaped design that will go along the bottom of the dress. It will look similar to this picture:



The green lines represent the overall center of the entire design. The pink lines represent the centers of the next designs in the stitching sequence. The black lines represent the lace shaping pattern to be followed. The designs and lace shaped squared are continued all around the bottom hem of the dress.

7. Using this same technique, use the bodice pattern of the dress and create a lace shaped design that will fit with the smaller floral designs.
8. You are now ready to stitch your designs and shape your lace. Be sure to mark the hem before you start the lace shaping along the bottom hem of the dress so it is not longer than you like. Trace the bodice pattern on to the fabric and cut out after stitching.

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