

“LetterWorks III - Security Blanket”



With the arrival of a new little baby, why not add embroidery to a baby's security blanket? This is sure to be the baby's favorite little carry-along while LetterWorks III will become your favorite lettering program. This is the first part of a series of three projects that will take you through the many different features in LetterWorks III.

Skill Level: Easy

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Supplies:

Baby Lock® sewing and embroidery machine

LetterWorks III from Designer's Gallery®

Purchased security blanket

Baby Lock® Dissolve-Away Mesh stabilizer

Baby Lock Hydro Melt Topping

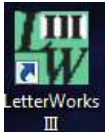


Temporary spray adhesive

Sewing and embroidery thread

General sewing and embroidery supplies

Instructions

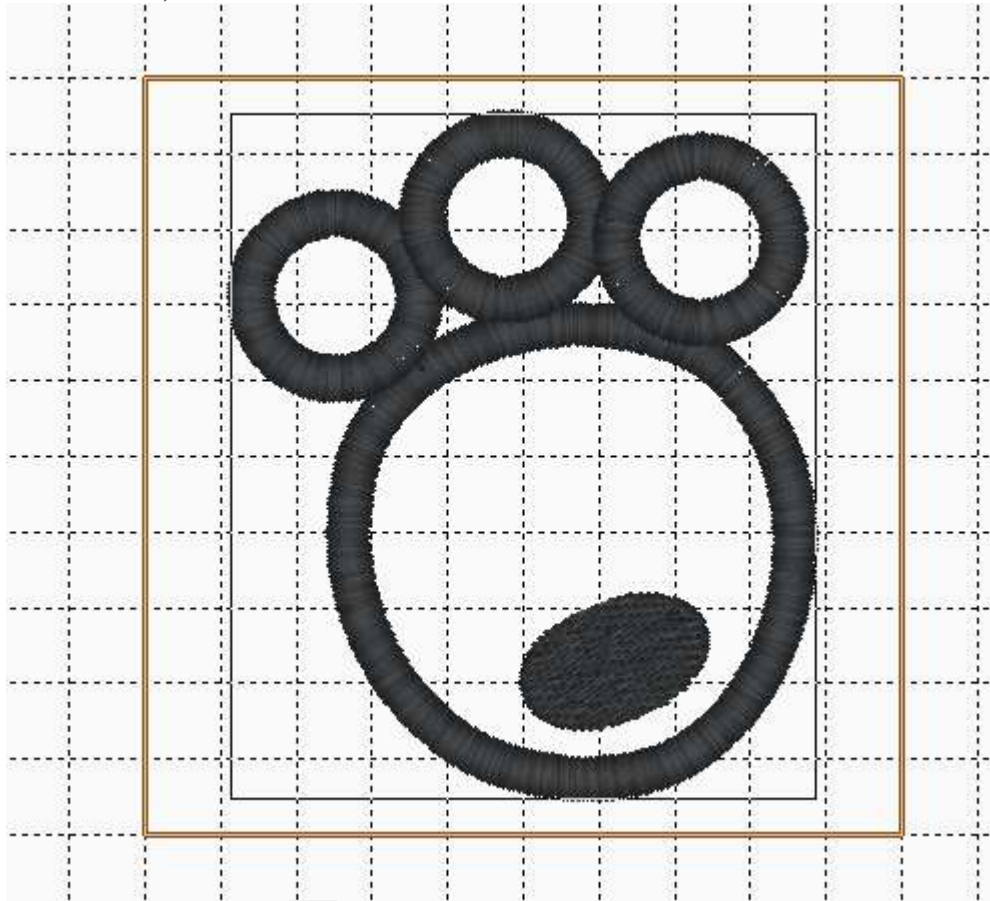
At the Computer:



1. Open the program by clicking on the LetterWorks III  icon on the desktop.
2. To place the hoop on the workspace, click on menu View and click on Select Hoop. Select the 100mm x 100mm hoop. Click OK.
3. Click on the Grid  to place the grid on the workspace.
4. We will first place the bear paw on the workspace and then add the monogram lettering. Click on the Décor  icon on the left toolbar.
5. Under the Properties field click on the down arrow to view the various decorations that can be used. Scroll down and select LW1134.

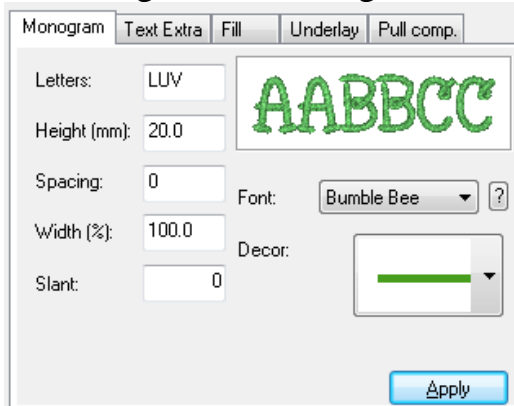


6. Move the mouse so that the cursor is positioned in the center of the hoop and left click and while dragging to draw the Bear Paw decoration. Make


the decoration smaller than the size of the hoop. (See the following illustration.)



7. Click on the Center  tool to place the decoration in the middle of the hoop.
8. Click on the Monogram  icon on the left toolbar.
9. Left click anywhere on the workspace to open the Properties for Monogramming.
10. Type in the initials of the baby's name in the Letters field.
11. Under the Font folder choose the Bumble Bee font. Rely on the remaining default settings and click on Apply.



12. Position the monogram in the center of the paw.

13. Change the color on the paw to a dark brown and the color of the monogram to a light brown.
14. Click on Print Preview  and follow the prompts to print out a template of the design.
15. Click on File Save As and save as a Working File format (.blf). Then, save as a .pes file to the media device that your embroidery machine will read.




At the Embroidery Machine:

1. Hoop the Dissolve-Away Mesh stabilizer and spray with the temporary spray adhesive.
2. Pin the template to the corner of the security blanket.
3. Place the security blanket in the hoop and finger press smooth.
4. With the design merged onto the embroidery machine's workspace, center the needle over the cross marks on the template.
5. Remove the template from the hoop and place a small piece of Hydro Melt Topping over the area where the design will be embroidered. This will create a smooth embroidery surface so stitches won't sink into the fabric. Embroider the design using the thread colors of your choice.
6. Tear away the stabilizer on the top side of the blanket. Cut away most of the stabilizer on the back side and then gently wash away all of the stabilizer to make it safe for baby.

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