

## CustomWorks II Christmas Table Topper



Plan your Christmas decorating around a beautiful quilted table topper using our newest software program, CustomWorks II from Designer's Gallery. This free embroidery project will be as fun to create as it to display.

**Skill Level:** Advanced

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**Supplies:**

Baby Lock embroidery and sewing machine that can use a 200mm x 200mm or 200mm x 300mm hoop size

Designer's Gallery software: CustomWorks II and SizeWorks

Amazing Designs collection: ADP-74J Christmas Past, designs used: CP22 and CP23

Fabrics:

Red: 1-1/2 yards for front. 1-1/3 yards for backing

Blue: 7/8 yard

Beige: 1/2 yard

Tear-Away Soft Stabilizer: BLT104 (Use 2 layers for carousel designs)

Madeira Rayon machine embroidery thread

Cotton batting 45" square

Machine quilting thread for the bobbin: 50 wt.

Madeira Monofil thread: 40 wt clear for machine quilting

Sewing thread to construct the topper

Clover Quick Bias: 700/gold

Book: Seasonal Quilts Using Quick Bias, by Gretchen K. Hudock

Free motion quilting foot

Curved quilt basting safety pins

Straight pins

Hand sewing needle

Scissors, Rotary cutter and large quilting ruler with 60 degree angle markings

**Note:** Fabric for table topper

In this sample, different fabric colors were used instead of going with a one color theme. If you wish to do this, carefully follow the yardage and cutting directions in the book.

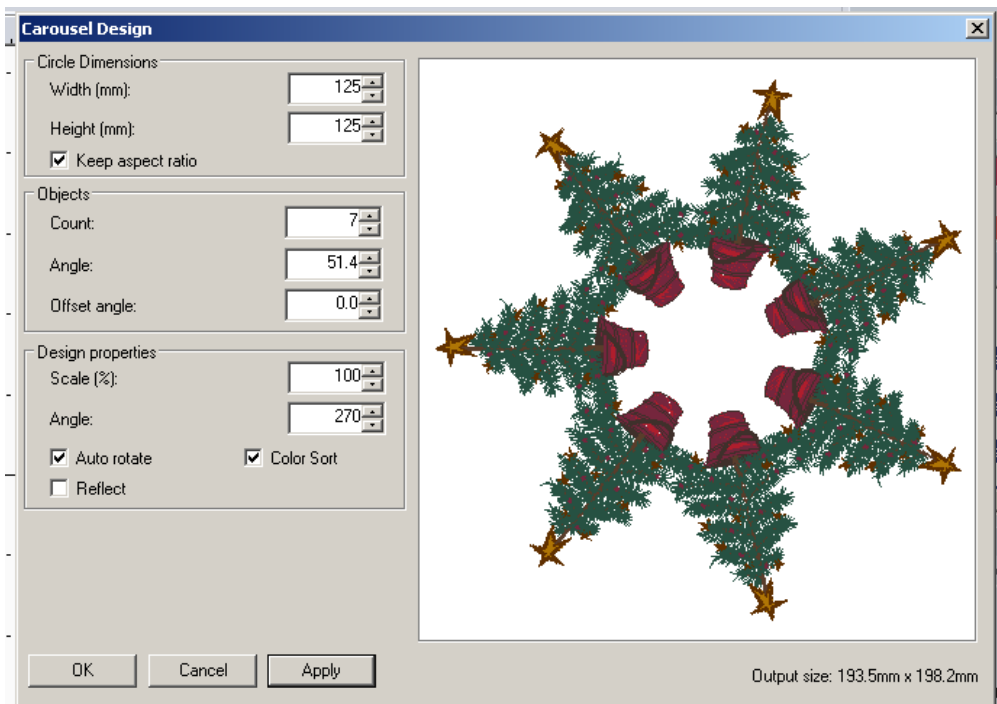
Finished size: 43"

## Instructions

In the following instructions, seven designs were used to create the wreaths. You may not want to use that many, or if you have a super large embroidery area, you may want to add more designs to the wreath. **Note:** Follow the instructions on page 72 through 77 for the cutting and construction directions of the table topper pieces with your fabric colors. The construction of the table topper will begin after the squares and triangles have been embroidered. The oval sections that are shown between the square and triangle that are shown in the picture on page 73 were not added to our topper. You may add them if you wish.

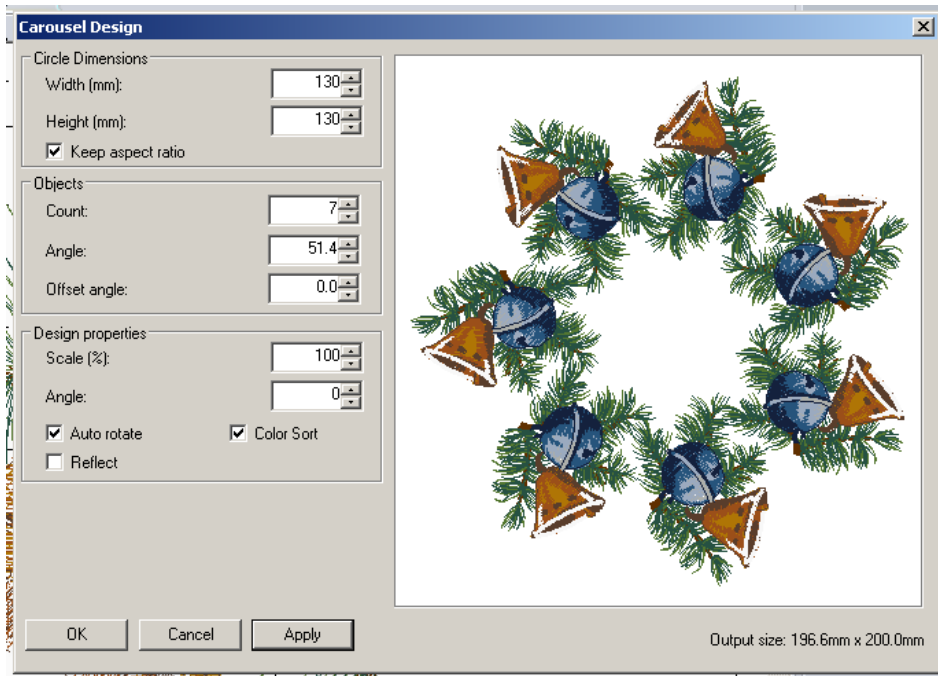
1. Open CustomWorks II software program.
2. Click on File – Open, select design CP22.blf.
3. In the Properties box, resize the design by clicking on the Transform Tab. Change the percentage to 80% and click Apply.

4. Select the design and right click to reveal a menu. Select **Carousel** from the menu.
5. This will open the tree design into Carousel to form a circle.
6. Add more trees to the circle for a total of seven trees.
7. Change the design property angle to 270°.
8. Change the circle dimensions to 125mm x 125mm and click Apply.
9. The output size should be approximately 193.5mm x 198.1mm. If your embroidery machine will not sew a design this size, please re-size the tree design in the Design Properties Scale in the Carousel dialog. If you do not have SizeWorks software installed on your computer, you will need to use a .blf file for best sizing results. See the Carousel dialog on the next page for the Carousel settings.



10. If the design is the way you want it, click OK to send the design to the main design page.
11. Click on Print to print a full size template of the carousel design.
12. Save the file in your machine's format.
13. Click on File – Open, select design CP23.blf.
14. Select the design and right click to reveal a menu. Select **Carousel** from the right click menu.
15. This will open the bell design into Carousel to form a circle.
16. Add additional bell designs to the circle for a total of seven bells.
17. Change circle dimensions to 130mm x 130mm and click apply.
18. Output size should be approximately 196.0mm x 200.0mm. If your embroidery machine will not sew a design this size, please re-size the bell design in the Design Properties Scale in the Carousel dialog. If you

do not have SizeWorks installed on your computer, you will need to use a .blf file for best sizing results.



19. Click on Print to print a full size template of the carousel design.
20. Save the file in your machine's format.
21. Embroider three blocks with the tree carousel design and three blocks with the bell carousel design.
22. Embroider design CP22 on three of the triangles that are sewn between the squares.
23. Embroider design CP23 on three different triangles that are sewn between the squares.
24. Construct the table topper according to the directions in the manual.
25. After construction, press the gold bias tape along the scallop edge and around the center with a craft iron.
26. Select an open style decorative stitch on your sewing machine.
27. Sew the gold bias tape in place.
28. On a large flat surface, place the backing wrong side up and lay the batting on top of backing. Next place the table topper right side up on top of the batting. The backing should be at least 1-1/2" larger than the topper.
29. Randomly pin through all the layers to hold the fabric sandwich together.
30. Attach the free motion quilting foot to your sewing machine and free motion quilt the table topper.
31. Trim away the excess batting.
32. Trim the backing to be 1-1/2" all around.
33. Fold the backing over the front and turn under the edge to form the binding around the quilt.

34. Pin in place as you fold the binding under.
35. Hand stitch the binding in place.

Enjoy your new Christmas Table Topper!

Other design collections that would also be great for this table topper are:

ADC-62 Bountiful Harvest I

ADC-120J Autumn Bounty

ADP-75J Poinsettia and Pine Boughs



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