

“Casserole Carrier”



Wouldn't it be nice to have a carrier to transport casseroles or any type of dish to a picnic this summer? All it takes is 1-2 hours, and you will have your carrier made and ready to use. CustomWorks™, SizeWorks™, and LetterWorks™ from Designer's Gallery® along with *Home Accents* design collection from Baby Lock® grant you the ease and creative elements to help in your endeavor.

Skill Level: Basic

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Sewing and Embroidery Machine

CustomWorks™, SizeWorks™, and LetterWorks™ from Designer's Gallery® (Installed)

[Home Accents Design collection \(BLEC- 67\)](#) from Baby Lock® (Installed on your computer)

4 purchased placemats (18" x 13")

1 napkin to match placemats


2- 8 ½" wooden dowels


Velcro® fastener

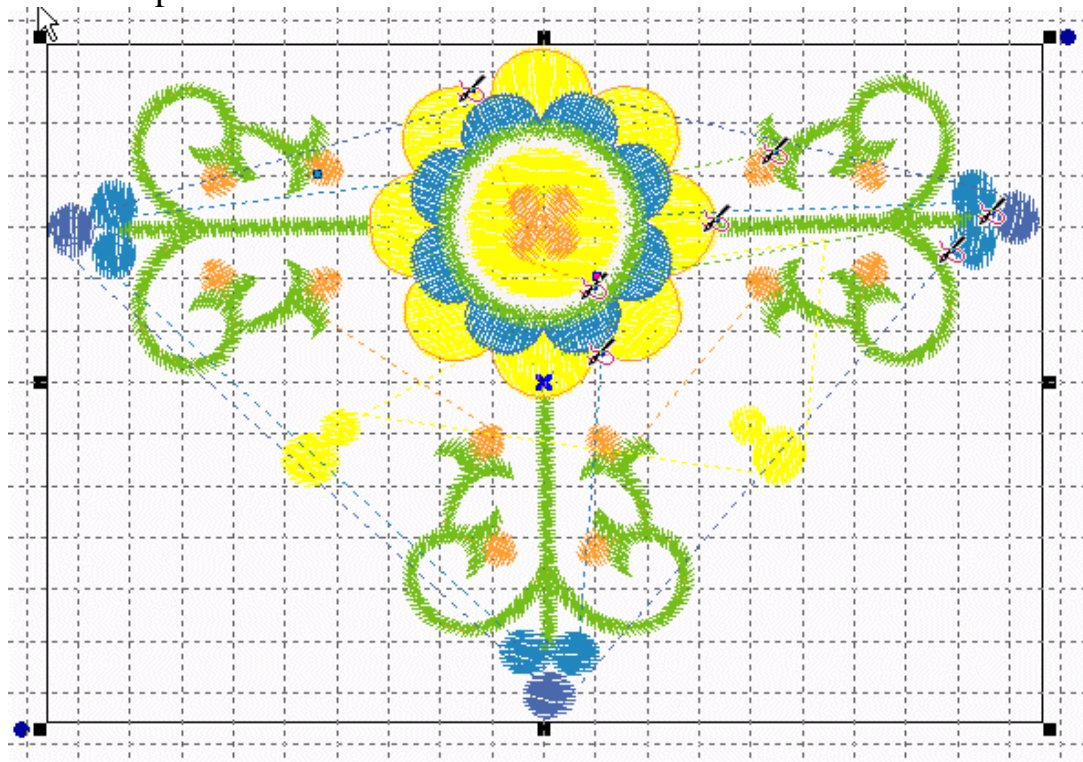
Robinson-Anton® polyester embroidery threads (Assorted Colors)
Chaco Marker
Cotton thread to match placemats
Sulky® Tear-Away stabilizer
505® Spray and Fix, a Temporary Fabric Adhesive

Instructions:


At the Computer:

1. Open CustomWorks and select Merge Design  on the top toolbar.
2. Go to the file location where you saved the design collection *Home Accents* and import design number 67031.pes with a double click of the mouse.
3. Since the design is sitting as a corner design we want to rotate it. Select the design with a left click, then click on the rotate handle in

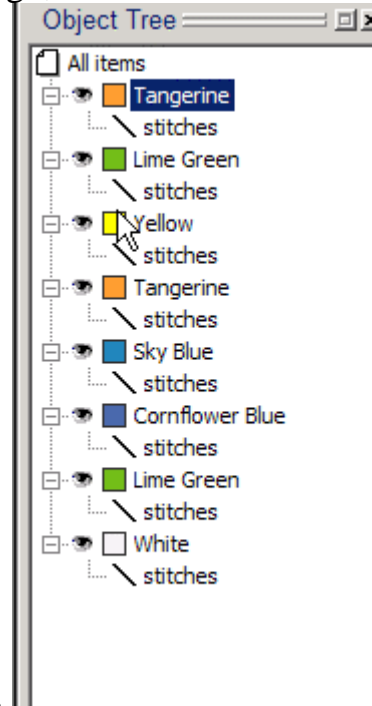
the top right corner  and rotate the design until it sits level on the workspace as shown in the illustration.



4. Click on View menu and scroll down to Select Hoop. Choose the 100 x 100 mm hoop and click on Apply. To exit out of the field click on OK.
5. Since the design does not fit in the hoop we need to resize the design


by clicking on Fit Hoop.  The design is resized with the stitches recalculated. (This function is available because SizeWorks is loaded on the computer and working together with CustomWorks.)

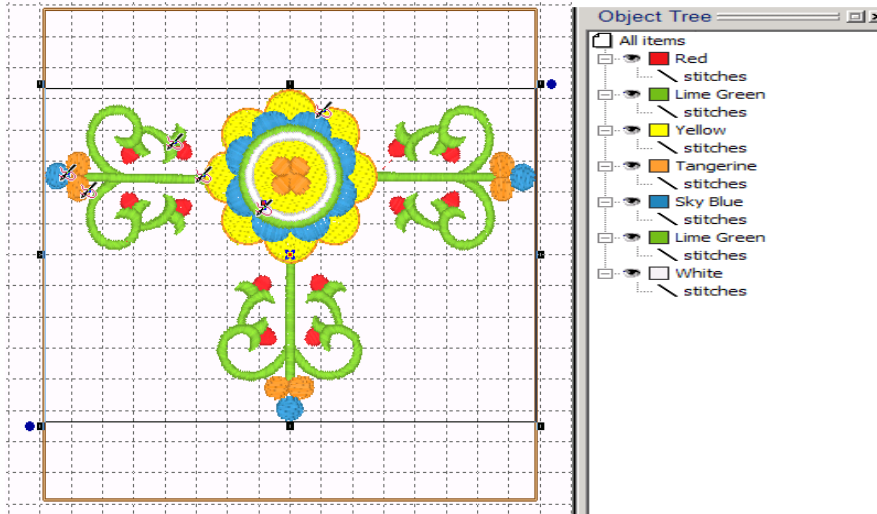
6. To change the colors of the design, left click on the first color listed



(Tangerine) on the Object Tree.

Select the

Change Colors icon  on the top toolbar. When you slide the cursor over the tool the colored crayons appear. Left click on the tool to open the color palette. Select the red color chip. Click on Apply. Go through each of the colors in this fashion and make changes as needed or you can follow the example below for color options. (You can make changes to any colored section to coordinate with the colored placemats that you selected.)



7. To print a template for accurate placement, select the Print Preview



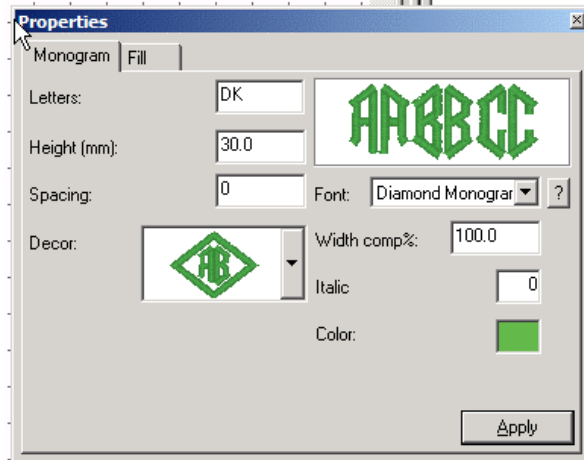
icon. Click on Settings and place a checkmark in the top three categories; Print Actual Size, Print Color Analysis and Print on One Page. Click OK and then select Print.

8. Cut out the template and set aside for now.

9. Save the design to a floppy disk, removable USB thumb drive, memory card or send to the machine through the USB connector. (The device you save the design to will be determined by the machine you use.)

10. Click on New Page. 

11. Select the Monogram icon.  Left click on the center of the workspace to open the Monogram Properties page.



12. In the Letters field type in your first and last initials. Choose Diamond Monogram under the Font field, under the Décor drop down menu select the frame with two letters around them and next to Color change the color to one that will coordinate with the placemats. For all of the other settings rely on the default settings.

13. Click on Apply and close out of the field.

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15. Cut out the template and set aside for now.

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At the Sewing and Embroidery Machine:

1. Determine the center on one end of each of the three placemats and mark with a Chaco marker. (Approximately 6 ½" in from each end of the placemat) Place the template on the chalk line with the design positioned approximately 1 ½" up from the bottom edge.
2. Hoop the tear-away stabilizer in the 100 x 100 mm hoop and spray with the 505® spray adhesive. Place the placemat on top of the hoop centering the template. Finger press in place. Remove the template before embroidering the design.

3. Embroider the customized design #67031.
4. Repeat steps 1-3 one more time for the second placemat. These two sections will be the carrying handles.
5. The third and fourth placemats will form the inside cover. On the third placemat we will embroider the monogram design. Hoop the tear-away stabilizer in the 100 x 100 mm hoop and spray with the 505® spray adhesive. Place the third placemat on top of the hoop centering the template. Finger press in place. Remove the template and embroider the monogram design.
6. With both right sides facing upward, lay the two handle pieces on a flat surface with the non embroidered short ends butted together. Pin in place. Option: Lay a piece of sticky stabilizer onto a flat surface and butt the two sections on top of the sticky stabilizer. This will hold the two sections together while you stitch.
7. Set the sewing machine up for zigzag sewing with the widest width 7.00 and density at .09. Holding the handle pieces as close together as possible with no gaps between them, zigzag in place, backstitching at the beginning and end points. Repeat for the inside cover sections. Make sure that you tear away the stabilizer after joining the edges together.
8. Mark horizontal center of both sections with the Chaco marker. Where the seam and chalk lines intersect will be the center point.
9. Lay the handle section facedown on a flat surface. Place the cover section facedown on top of the handle section in a cross fashion matching center points and lines. The square area where the two sections intersect will be the area where the carrier will be sewn together. Pin in place.
10. Set the sewing machine for straight stitch sewing. If the placemats have a topstitch seam use these lines as a guide and sew around the square center area.
11. Attach a 6" piece of Velcro® to each side edge on the inside cover section. Since your casserole dishes may vary in size it will be easy to adjust the cover according to the dish or container you are carrying.

For an added coordinating project download the Wine Bottle Tote project.

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