

“Guest Towels Using Designer’s Gallery Interactives”



Are you ready for some Interactive fun? Create these elegant guest towels using Designer’s Gallery® Interactives™ - Dining in Lace and Simply Trims. We will also use CustomWorks™ with SizeWorks™ and DensityWorks™ to customize the interactive design.

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Supplies:

Baby Lock® sewing and embroidery machine
Simply Trims Interactive designs by Designer’s Gallery® (Installed)
Dining in Lace Interactive designs by Designer’s Gallery (Installed)
CustomWorks™ by Designer’s Gallery (Installed)
DensityWorks™ by Designer’s Gallery (installed)
SizeWorks™ by Designer’s Gallery (Installed)
2 linen guest towels
6 tear drop beads
Embroidery, sewing and bobbin thread
Wash Away Mesh stabilizer by Baby Lock
Wonder Tape
General sewing supplies

Note: The directions and supply list will make two towels.

Instructions:

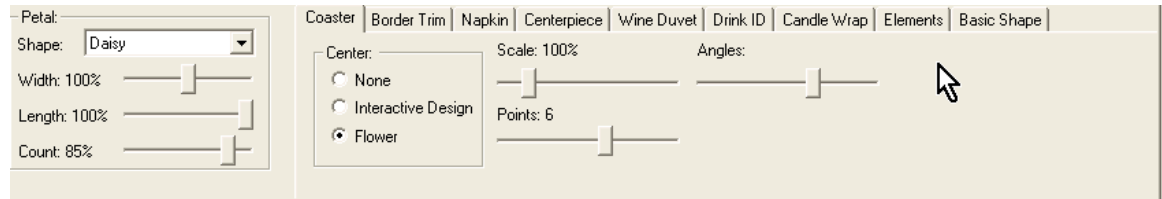
Triangle Design:

1. Open the Interactives icon on the computer's desktop.
2. If you have installed more than one Interactive program on your computer, you will need to use the scroll bar to view the various programs. The programs will install in alphabetic order. Scroll down

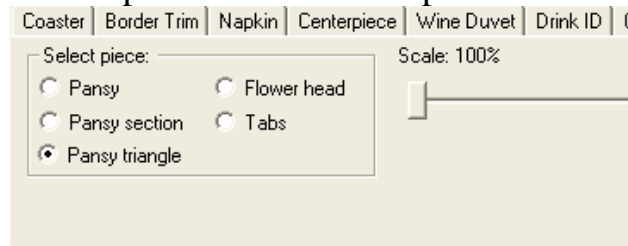


and select Dining in Lace.

3. Click on the Elements tab under the command center.



4. When the field opens place a dot next to Pansy triangle. The triangle will be placed on the workspace.

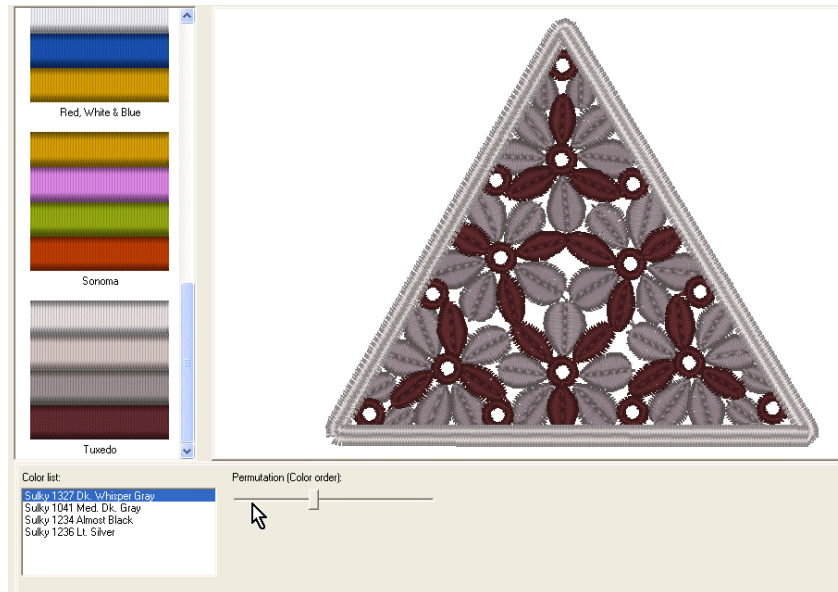



5. The scale may need to be adjusted, set it at 100%. Note: After you have made any adjustments within the program, Interactives will remember these changes. When you close out and re-open to start a new session those changes will be remembered.

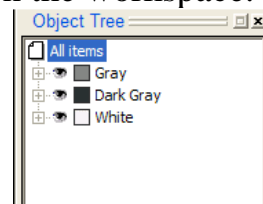
6. To change colors in the design, click on the Colors icon on the top toolbar. Using the scroll bar to slide downward, select Tuxedo. Slide the Permutation (color change options) scroll bar approximately half way across to choose the color order. Note: We will only use two colors in the design. This setting will get you close to the colors that will be used in the finished design. In the area where Almost Black is used choose Black for the color of choice. All other areas will be





embroidered in white.



7. Click on the Save  icon. Give the design the name “Triangle” and save to your hard drive.
8. Open CustomWorks; merge in the saved design by double clicking on the design. The design will be placed on the workspace.




9. Select all Items under the Object Tree.
10. Slide your cursor over one of the corner resize handles. When the tool changes to a double sided arrow, drag inward to resize to 60mm wide. The size will be displayed on the Status bar located below the workspace. The stitches will be recalculated to maintain density.
11. We can also change the colors to the exact colors in CustomWorks by selecting the first color (Gray) under the object tree with a left click on the mouse. Click on the Color tab  on the Color bar and select the color white. Repeat for the second color but change to color black, and for the third color, change to white.
12. Since the design was digitized for free-standing lace it needed the stitches very closely placed. The density level is very high. We are placing the design on linen so the density can be reduced to remove some of the bulk. In CustomWorks, click on the Density  icon on the top toolbar. Change the Thread Weight to 30wt by clicking on the down arrow under Project Settings, Thread Weight. Under Automatic Density Adjustments, place a checkmark in each of the categories; Density Limiter, Remove Hidden Stitches, De-Clump, and Small Stitches Filter. A quick way to place all the checkmarks is to click on

the All button. Slide the Density Tuning scroll bar to the left so that it shows -25%.

- The new stitch count will be displayed on the Status bar. The stitch count has been reduced by just a little over 4000 stitches.

Reduction: 26.6% Orig. St: 15859 Curr. St: 11640

- Click the Save  icon and follow the positive prompts.

- Click on the Exit  icon to take you and the design back to the CustomWorks workspace. The design is ready to be saved and stitched. Click on File Save As. Give your design a name and save to the media source which your machine will be able to read.

- Hoop the Wash Away Mesh stabilizer by Baby Lock in the 130 x 180mm hoop.

- Bring the triangle design into the embroidery machine. Place the design to the left of center. Merge in the same triangle design again and move it to the right of center. The designs should not touch. Place as many designs in the sewing field as will fit. Embroider out six triangle shapes.

- Embroider the designs using black and white thread.

- Cut away most of the stabilizer.

- Rinse in warm water to remove the stabilizer.

- Allow the triangle shape pieces to dry.

- After the Heirloom design (next set of directions) is completed, attach to the top of the embroidered heirloom design, overlapping into the embroidery. Note: Before you attach the triangle shaped design you must complete the Heirloom Piece.


- Straight stitch around the outer edge of the design to attach to the towel.

Heirloom Piece:

- Select Simply Trims Interactive Designs on the computer.

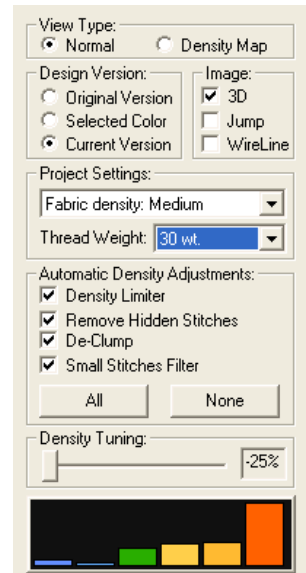
- Select the Heirloom Elements tab.

- Slide the scroll bar to select Piece 16.

- Click on the Save  icon and save it to the media source that your machine will read.

- The piece will be embroidered in three staggered positions onto the linen towel. Determine the positioning of the pieces and mark with a Chaco® marking tool. See the finished piece for positioning.

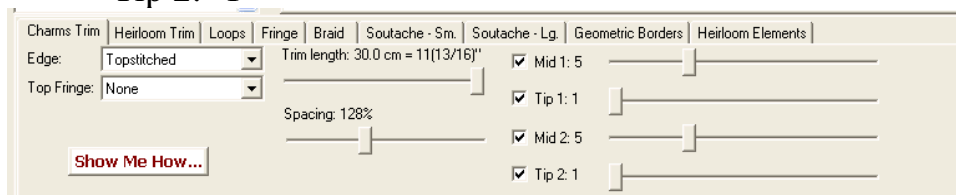
- Hoop the Wash Away Mesh stabilizer by Baby Lock in the 130 x 180mm hoop.




7. Center the design so that the needle is positioned over the center markings on the towel.
8. Embroider the designs using black 40wt polyester embroidery thread.
9. Cut the stabilizer away from the towel close to the design.

Trim Border:

1. Open Interactives Simply Trims.
2. Click on the Charms Trim tab.
3. Set the command center with the following settings.
 - Edge - Topstitch
 - Top Fringe - None
 - Trim Length - This will vary according to the largest hoop that your machine utilizes. This project used 30.0cm setting for the BMP6 machine. Any embroidery hoop will work. You will need to make additional sections and then piece them together with a zig zag stitch.
 - Spacing - 128%
 - Mid 1: -5
 - Tip 1:-1
 - Mid 2: -5
 - Tip 2: -1



4. Click on the Save  icon and save the trim to the media source that your machine will read.
5. Hoop the Wash Away Mesh stabilizer by Baby Lock in the largest hoop that comes with your machine.
6. Embroider the designs using white 40wt polyester embroidery thread. If you are using a large hoop such as 200 x 300mm hoop, merge into the embroidery field three lines of embroidery trim. This will save you time. Set your machine to start and watch your trim come to life.
7. When the embroidery is complete cut away most of the stabilizer and rinse in warm water until the stabilizer has been removed. Lay flat to dry.
8. Zig zag the pieces together to form one long piece.
9. Place on the bottom edge of the towel with the trim on the right side of the towel. Tip: Apply Wonder Tape to the bottom edge of the towels makes it easier to hold the trim in place while you sew. The Wonder Tape will wash out.
10. To secure the trim use a narrow zig zag stitch.

Enjoy your elegant towels!

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