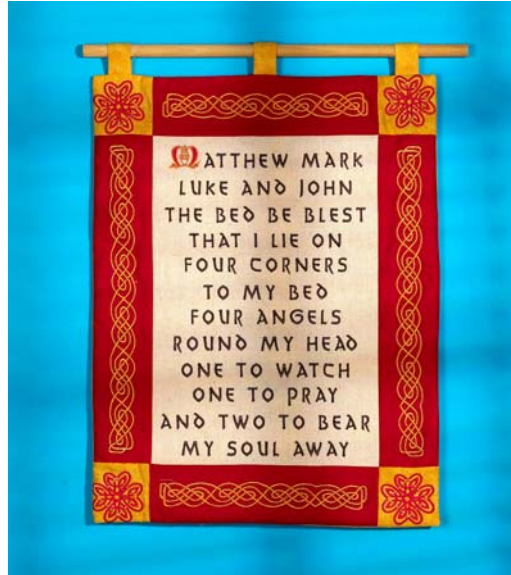


Celtic Prayer Wall Hanging



This Celtic prayer has always been one of my favorites. When working with the Celtic Interactives, I knew I had to turn it into a wall hanging. After you have made this wall hanging, see what Celtic Interactive inspires you to create!

Skill Level: Basic

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Embroidery Machine with 7" x 11 ¾" (180 x 300mm) hoop
Celtic Interactive design collection

½ yd. cotton fabric for the back, corner squares and loops for hanging (gold in the sample)

¼ yd. cotton fabric for the border pieces (red in the sample)

1-fat quarter cotton fabric for the poem (off-white in the sample)

1-1 ½ yd. decorative cording (optional for hanging)

13-14" ½" dowel rod

14 x 18" piece Warm and Natural™ Quilt batting

Baby Lock Tear-Away Firm stabilizer

Baby Lock Cut-Away Plus stabilizer

Embroidery thread assortment

Bobbin wound with embroidery bobbin thread

Rotary cutter and ruler

Small appliqué or embroider scissors

Cutting mat

All-purpose sewing thread

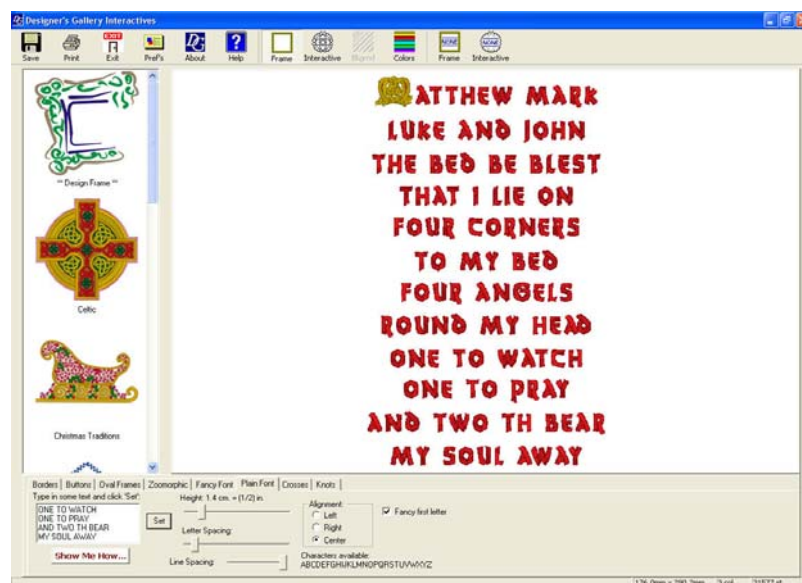
Hand sewing needle


Instructions:

Create designs:

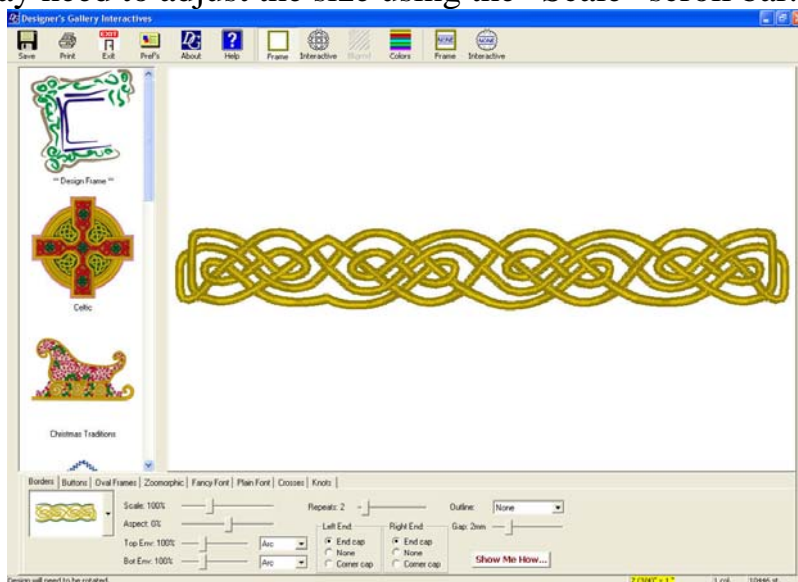
1. Open Celtic Interactive software installed on your PC.
2. Select the Plain font tab. Type the prayer in the text entry box and click set.
3. Click to select “Center” in the alignment box. Be sure the first letter is a fancy letter by selecting the “Fancy first letter” option.
4. Using the Height slide bar, set the letter height to ½”. Use the line spacing to adjust the poem to the desired line spacing. Keep in mind both the hoop and design size when adjusting the spacing.

Note: The size is displayed in the lower right corner along with the number of colors and stitch count.



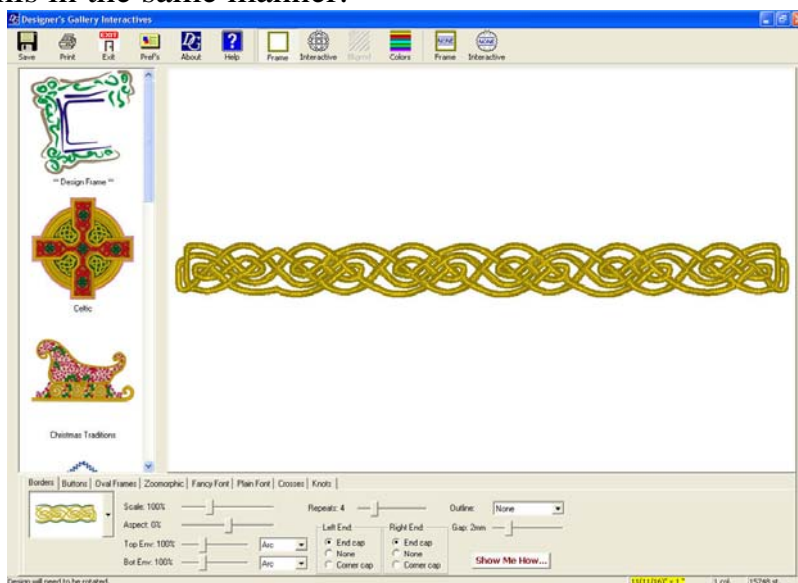
5. You are now ready to save this design. Click “Save”  found in the tool bar. Select your USB drive or other location using the “Save in” drop down menu. Select the format from the list by clicking the down arrow on the “Save As Type” box and clicking the desired format. Click “Save”. If your machine requires media other than a USB drive, follow the manufacturer’s instructions to transfer the design to that media.
6. To create the designs for the border, select the “Borders” tab.
7. Click the arrow on the Design selection box and select the desired border from the list. Kells was used in the sample.

8. Select “End cap” for both the left and right ends. Click the arrow on the Outline selection box and select the desired outline from the list. “None” was used in the sample. Using the “Repeat” slide bar; set the repeats to 2. The finished size should be approximately 7 ¾” x 1” for the top and bottom borders. If you selected a border other than Kells you may need to adjust the size using the “Scale” scroll bar.



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9. Once you have the size set, this is ready to save. Save this in the same manner as the poem.
10. The approximate size for the side borders is 11 ½” x 1”. Use the “Repeat” slide bar along with the “Scale” slide bar to create this piece. Save this in the same manner.



11. To create the corner designs, select the “Knots” tab. Click the arrow on the Design selection box and select the desired knot from the list. Knot 2 was used in the sample.

12. The finished size of the knot should be approximately 2" x 2". Use the "Scale" slide bar to make the necessary adjustment. Remember the size is shown in the bottom right corner of the screen. Save the knot design in the same manner as the previous file.

Embroidery at your machine:

13. Starting with the poem, load the design into the machine. Select the proper size embroidery hoop and the fabric for the poem along with a piece of cut away stabilizer.

14. Stitch the poem and set aside.

15. Using the embroidery edit or similar function of your machine that will allow you to load more than one design into the embroidery field, load the top border design and move it to the far right of the embroidery field. Bring this same design in again and move it to the far left of the embroidery field.

16. Hoop the border fabric in the appropriate hoop along with a layer of tear away stabilizer and stitch these designs. Remove fabric from the hoop and tear away the excess stabilizer.

17. Follow these same steps for the side border designs.

18. Using the embroidery edit or similar function of your machine that will allow you load to more than one design into the embroidery field, load the knot design onto the machine and move it to the upper left corner. Load this design again and move it to the upper right corner. Load this design two more times moving them to the lower left and right corners.

19. Hoop the corner fabric in the appropriate hoop along with a layer of tear away stabilizer and stitch these designs. Remove fabric from the hoop and tear away the excess stabilizer.

Prepare the fabric:

20. Starting with the stitched poem, trim to 9" x 12 3/4". The poem should be centered in the 9" x 12 3/4" area. The stabilizer is the same size as the fabric.

21. The corner blocks will be cut to 2 3/4" squares, centering the knot design in the middle of the square.

22. The strips will be cut in the same manner. Centering the design the length of the strip, cut the top and bottom strips 2 3/4" x 9" and the side strips 2 3/4" x 12 3/4".

23. Cut the fabric used to make the hanging tabs 2 1/4" x 9"

Assembling the Wall hanging:

24. To assemble the wall hanging, set the machine up for a straight stitch, 1/4" seam, with all purpose thread in the bobbin and needle.

25. Starting with the top and bottom borders, sew a corner block to each end of the top and bottom borders, right sides together. Press the seam allowance toward the border strip.
26. Sew a side border to each side of the poem piece, right sides together. Press the seam allowance toward the border.
27. Sew the top and bottom pieces to the top and bottom of the wall hanging. Line up the seam for the corner blocks with the seam of the side borders. Press seam toward border. The front of the wall hanging is finished.



28. Fold the 2 1/4" x 9" piece of fabric in half length-wise, right sides together and sew along the 9" length forming a tube. Turn right side out and press.
29. Cut this piece into three 3" pieces to make the three hang tabs. Fold these in half press and set aside.
30. Using the wall hanging front as a pattern; cut a piece of fabric to use for the back of the wall hanging from the same fabric used for the corner blocks. Cut a piece of batting this same size.
31. With the wall hanging front facing up, pin a hang tab in the top center and one on each side 1" from the edge.



32. Place the wall hanging back on top of the front, right sides together. Place batting on top of the backing.



- 33.** Align the raw edges and stitch around the outside of the wall hanging to attach all the layers. Leave an opening in the bottom center for turning. Trim the corners, turn and press.
- 34.** Using the handle needle, sew the opening in the bottom closed.
- 35.** Slide the dowel rod into the hang tabs and tie the cording at each end. Finally, find a special place to hang your wall hanging.