# ABC EMBROIDERY DESIGNS

## HOW TO USE EMBROIDERY DESIGNS & FONTS.

This help file is good for all regular fill embroidery designs and alphabets from ABC-embroidery-designs.com
(machine cross stitch designs and machine applique have different instructions. Don't mix between them).
Please read this guide at least once - it includes important info and will help you use the designs with ease.

### USING THE GIF FILES
**( They include color stops lists, design pictures, designs sizes etc.):**

Each multicolor embroidery design comes with separate color stops
list file in GIF format. Multicolor embroidery fonts may have
one thread change list for several letters. For instance, if letters A, F
and K have similar colors order - they will have one combined
threads list.

To follow the correct color stops order for your designs, you may
want to print the GIF files in color and mark each finished color while
embroidering. This is especially important for complex multicolor
designs. You may open and print the GIF files using almost any
graphics' editing software, like Windows built in "Paint". To print GIF
file using "Paint", please do these steps:

**1. Open Windows "Paint":**
On Windows "Taskbar" click "Start" ➜ "All Programs" ➜
"Accessories" ➜ "Paint".

**2. Open GIF color stops list using Windows "Paint":**
Click "File" ➜ "Open" on Paint's top menu.
Locate the required GIF threads list on your PC, select it and click
"Open".

**3. Print threads change list:**
Click "File" ➜ "Print" on Paint's top menu, and follow the grid.



### COLORS

Designs WILL display differently on various embroidery machines & software, because each machine & software has it's own color
palette. You should follow your color stops lists carefully, no matter what colors are displayed on your machine's screen. Always mark
the colors (on printed color list) that are already stitched, this way you will be sure what color should be used next.
 You can change the original colors to make them fit your specific project and purpose. To assign new colors easily, we would
recommend using designs' editing software  (like Embird, PE design, Bernina Artista, Husqvarna or other programs). This will enable
you to preview design simulation with new colors on your computer screen and check how it looks without actual embroidering.
In most programs you may even match background similar to your fabric color, to find better color solution.

### DESIGNS FORMATS NOTES

**ART** format designs are created in Bernina Artista Version 3. We also include ART files for V1 version. Please make sure to select the
appropriate file version, according to your Bernina Artista software version.

**SHV** format users - please read the "Read_First" file included in the "SHV" folder very carefully. This format is organized differently
than all the other formats files and it's necessary to follow the instructions to make the designs work on your Designer 1.

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## RESIZING, EDITING & MERGING DESIGNS

**Important:** We will support & can guarantee quality ONLY of the designs we originally distribute. You CAN edit our designs for your personal use. We understand that often there's a need to change certain design to fit specific project. However, we can't support the modified versions nor promise they will work well. Will try to give you some tips about what and how you can do to edit designs, but we don't promise anything. Any editing should be done at your own responsibility.

If you want to modify certain designs - always save a backup copy of originals aside. If something doesn't go the way you want it to happen, you will always have the good original version as backup.

Basically, many things can be done with ready design using simple embroidery editing software - re-coloring, resizing, splitting, merging with other designs, mirroring, etc.

While some of these operations are usually harmless and rarely ruin designs, some can be "dangerous". For example, resizing designs OFTEN doesn't work well. You MUST MUST MUST test stitch each resized design. This is correct for all original designs too, since it's important to match between your fabric, stabilizer and thread before applying design on your final project. But for resized design it's simply a must. It may look ok on screen but have flaws in reality. Resizing fancy stitches & backgrounds, or changing design size over 10 - 15% will be problematic almost for sure. For better results, we recommend using software that not only resizes designs, but can adjust stitches density - like Embird & Size Express by Amazing Designs.

Merging designs and embroidery font letters will bring you a bunch of new possibilities, and can hardly be over evaluated. If you want to stitch more than two separate designs in one hooping, merging can save you time and frustration with aligning designs. We've prepared a detailed online guide that will help you get started with merging designs. We used Embird software to demonstrate all the steps, but the idea and steps will be similar for almost all other embroidery programs:
http://www.annaboveembroidery.com/usemfo.html

## STABILIZATION and STITCHING
Always stabilize.
Before stitching any designs on final projects, please always test stitch them on the intended fabric, stabilizer and threads to insure the wanted results. In case you face some problem stitching the design, check the following:

1).Machine tension settings.
2).Thread, fabric, backing, stabilizer & needles.
3).Stability of your machine and hoop - large hoops often just don't hold the fabric well enough. As a result, there will be puckering and design parts that don't match. To overcome this problem, install your machine on VERY steady surface like.

We have prepared some tips that may help you match the correct stabilizer, needle and fabric to your project:
http://www.annaboveembroidery.com/tiformaem.html

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