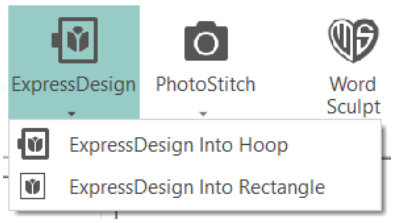
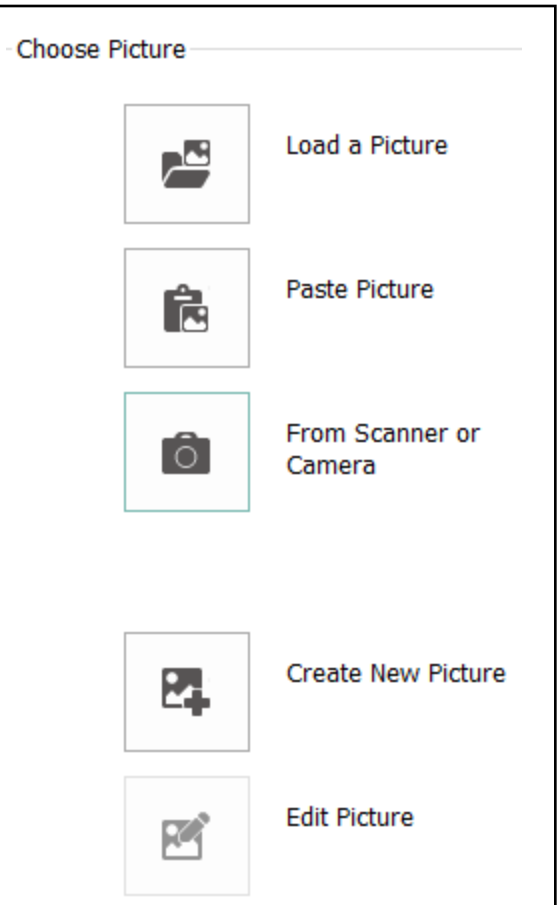
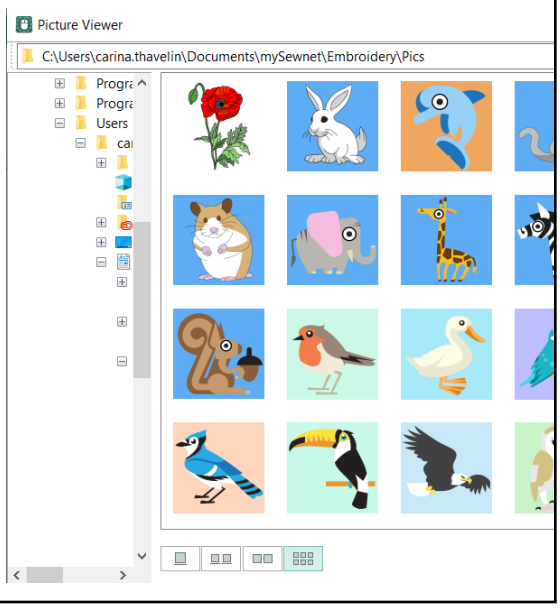
mySewnet Embroidery Software
Levels: Gold/Platinum

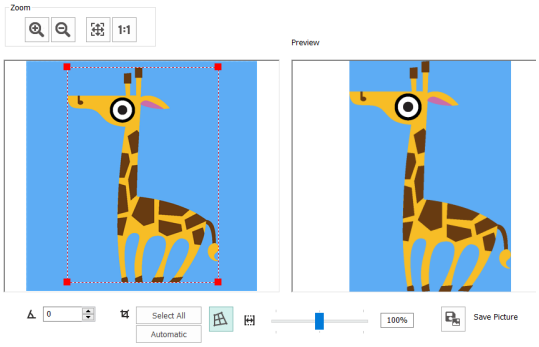
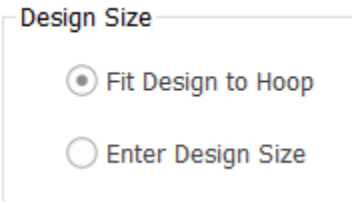
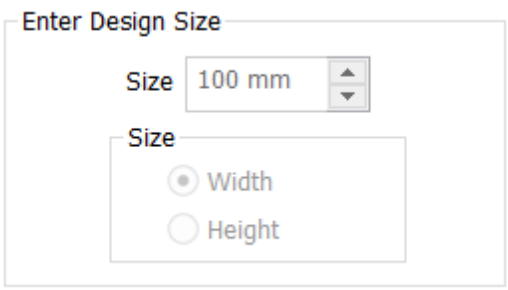
Express Design Wizard

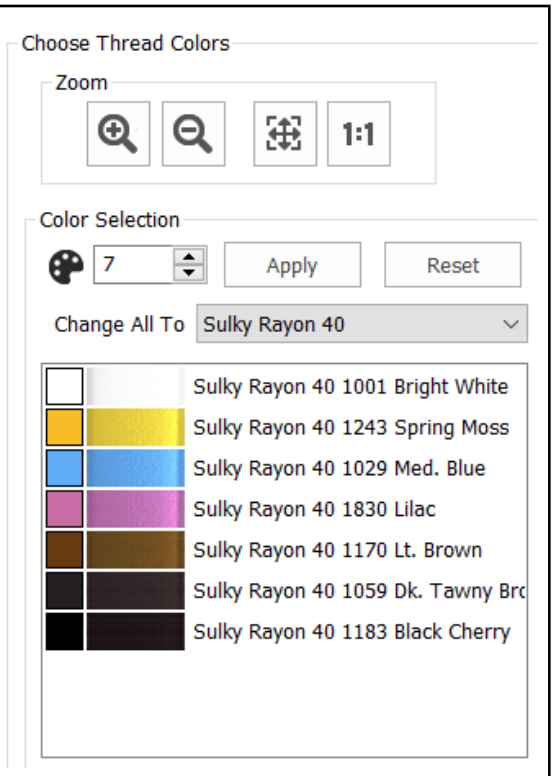
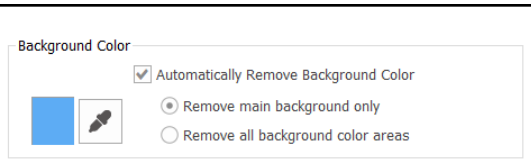
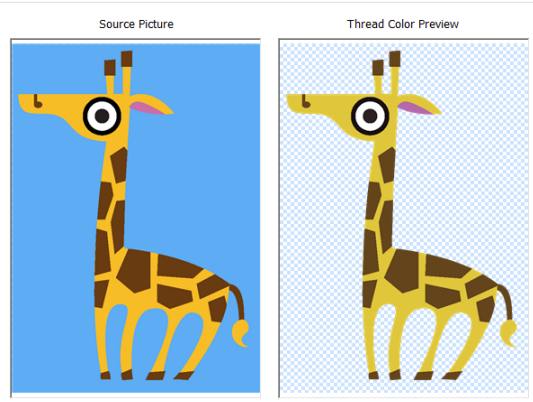
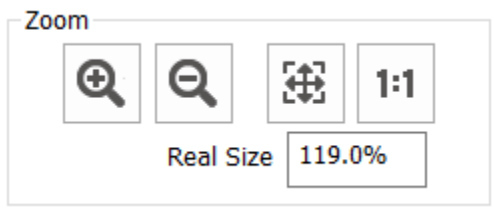
Create an embroidery design automatically from a picture.
This Wizard works best with clear pictures in a cartoon or coloring book style.

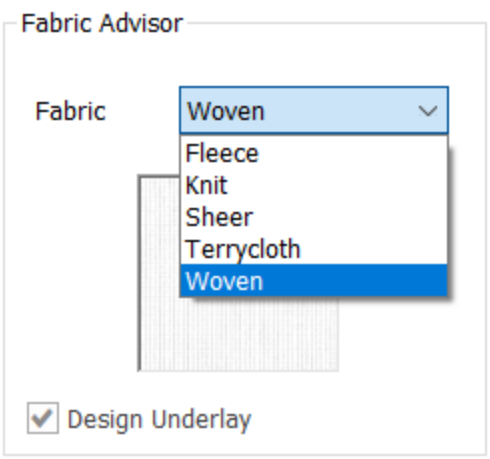
- Convert color areas into satin and fill stitches
- Trace picture outlines
- Create borders or appliqués around shapes in a picture

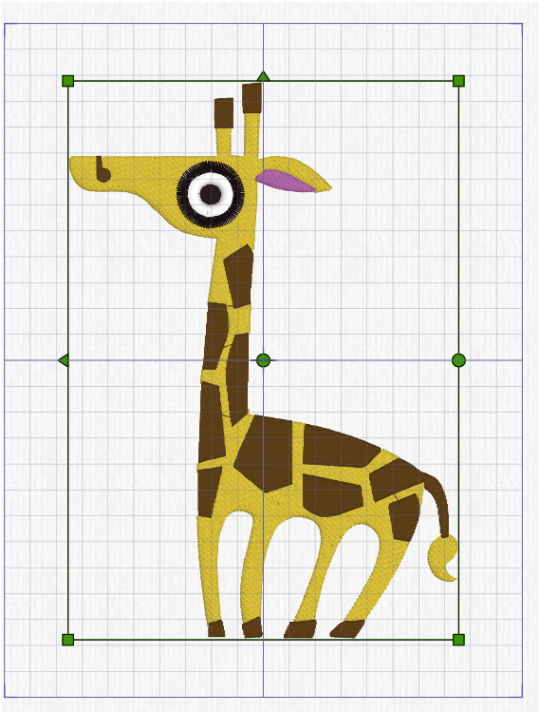
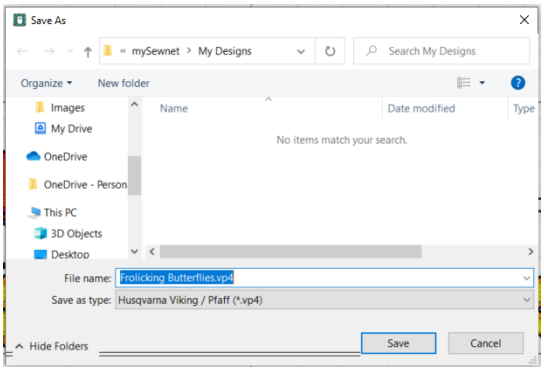
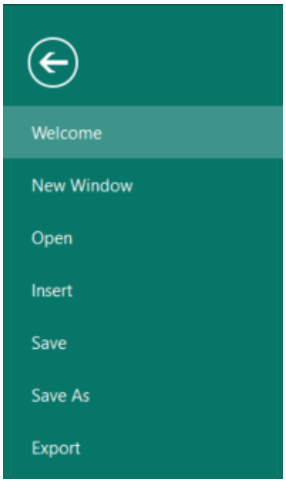
1.	Go to the Create Tab and choose Express Design. You can choose Into Hoop which will create a design to fill the chosen hoop size or Into Rectangle where you can draw a rectangle with a specific size. Click Into Hoop	
2.	In the next step, you can choose what style you want on your embroidery; Express Embroidery - A full color embroidery with satin and fill areas. Express Trace - Creates an outline of the picture Express Border - Creates a border around the enclosed areas in the picture. Choose Create Express Embroidery, click Next	

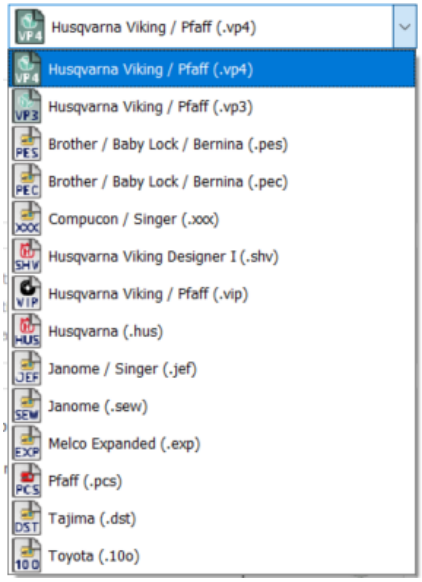
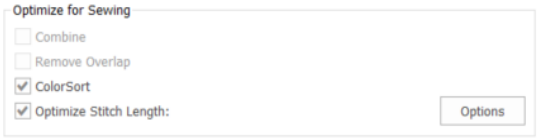
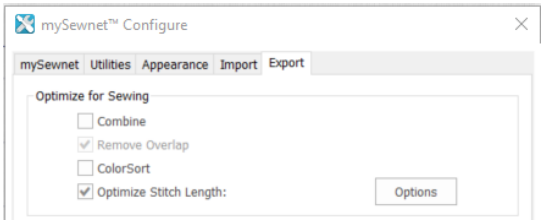
3.	Here you choose which background picture you want to use; Load a picture - Find the picture you want to use in your folders. Paste Picture - If you previously Copied the picture. From Scanner or Camera - Find your source and open picture. Create New Picture - This will open the Draw & Paint module and you can create a new picture. Edit Picture - Will become available when a picture is chosen and you have the possibility to edit.	
4.	In this exercise we will use one of the Sample Pictures available for mySewnet. If you haven't installed them, they can be found where you download the software. The animals can be found in the folder mySewnet/Embroidery/Pics Choose the giraffe (Animals6) and click Next,	

5.	In the next step, you can zoom and crop your image by clicking on the blue corners. To the left is the original image and to the right a Preview of the changes. You can also rotate, Crop and change perspective. If you are making a lot of changes it can be good to save the image before proceeding. Click Next	
6.	In this step, you will set the size of your design. There are two choices; Fit Design to Hoop and Enter Design Size.	
7.	When you choose Fit Design to Hoop, you can choose the hoop you want to use with the Change Hoop icon. This will show the full list of available hoops and the design will be created to fill the chosen hoop.	
8.	When you choose Enter Design Size, you can set the size choosing Width or Height. The aspect ratio will be kept and the size will be adapted. NOTE: You need to choose the option Enter Design Size at the top for this option to be active. Otherwise it is grayed out. Set the size to 150mm Width and click next.	

9.	In the next step you choose Thread Colors. This can of course also be done when the embroidery is finished but the Wizard will set the thread numbers according to the picture. The number under Color Selection can be lowered if you think the Wizard is setting too many colors. This can happen when the picture is low resolution and pixelated.	
10.	If there is a background color you do not want, you can choose Remove Background Color. If there are more areas with that color, like holes in the picture, choose Remove all background color areas.	
11.	This step will also show a preview image of the choices you made with source picture and the changed picture. Choose to automatically remove background color and click next.	
12.	Now your picture is digitized. You can use Zoom to look closer at the embroidery. Just click on the + button and draw a square on the image where you want to zoom in.	

13.	With Fabric Advisor you can set the type of fabric you intend to stitch the embroidery on. This will change the amount of underlay stitches to stabilize the design. The setting for Woven also works well with stretch fabrics. There is also the choice to uncheck the box for underlay and not have it.	
14.	You can move the slider to set the preferred stitch type. This is an approximate setting and a trial and error on the type of picture used.	
15.	If you make any changes, make sure to click Refresh Preview to update the embroidery.	
16.	The specifics for the design is shown underneath the embroidery image with width, height, stitch count and color blocks.	
17.	Now your embroidery is finished!	

18.	Your design will appear in the hoop and ready to be stitched out!	
	To save the design click on File and Save As. This will save a .vp4 file that is fully editable again if you want to continue working with it.	
	If you want a different format you use the Export instead. Here you will get a list of	

	Here you will get a list of all available formats and you can choose the format you need for your embroidery machine.	
	On the Export pop-up you also get additional choices under Optimize for Sewing. These are settings you can change in Configure.	
18.	If you open Configure under the File menu and the Export Tab you can select your options. Removing the checkmarks for Combine and Color Sort helps if you want to decide when to do that manually before Export. This is very useful when working with Appliqué designs where you want to keep the number of color blocks for the technique steps. When you have made the changes click Apply and OK.	

To create the stuffed animal, just embroider the design on a plain white fabric. Add a ⅝” (1.5cm) seam allowance around all the edges following thew shape of the animal. Place the embroidered fabric right sides facing with a plain fabric for the back. Sew them together with a ¼” (6mm) seam allowance and leave an opening at the bottom to fill with fiberfill. Sew together by hand.