mySewnet™ Software Newsletter – December 2023

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Holiday Greetings Wreath

Welcome to the mySewnet™ Embroidery Software Newsletter for December, 2023.

As we approach the end of the calendar year you might be dreaming of new year celebrations, traveling to visit friends and family, or simply hanging out in your personal space in warm pajamas and a robe.
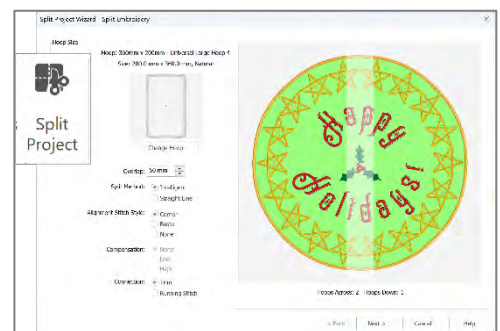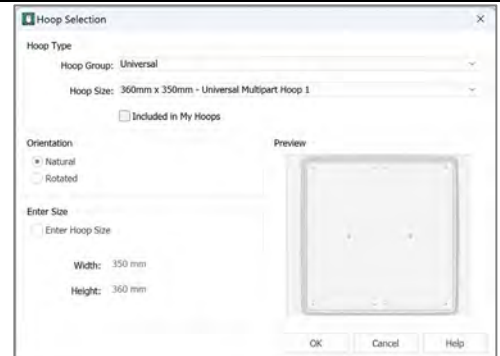
Here is an idea for a holiday wreath you can quickly design in mySewnet™ Platinum software, and stitch with a multi-part hoop (or split into two hoopings) to welcome friends and family at your front door!

Begin in mySewnet™ Embroidery with a multi-part turnable hoop, Orientation Natural.

TIP: If you don't have a multi-part turnable hoop, create a custom hoop size using Enter Size, then split the finished design using Split Project.

Using a turnable hoop, or designing into a custom hoop with Enter Size, and then splitting manually with Split Project, gives you a nice sized wreath!

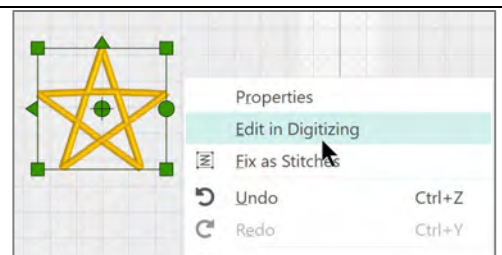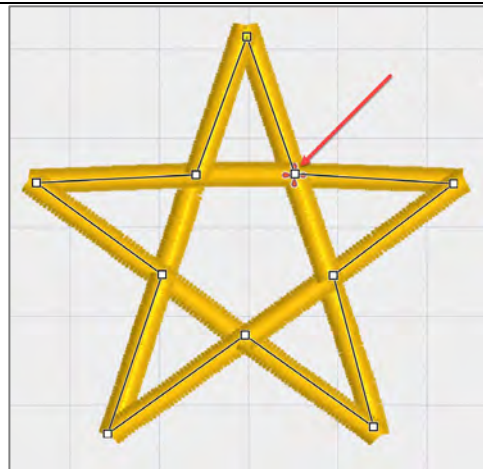|	
Use ExpressDesign in the Create tab (Shown at right, Mac Create tab icon in Mac Control Panel) to transform artwork into a star.	

It's easy to design a star using ExpressDesign, ExpressDesign into Rectangle, and Create Express Trace.
 	
Embroidery elements made with ExpressDesign in the Embroidery program window are working .edo file types (called Design Objects in the Filmstrip), and you can select and adjust their size easily after designing.
 	
This star is 2".
 	
   Shown at right, the star picture is from Samples, Embroidery, Pics, Climate 11. Make sure to select Find Outline and drag the slider so all the star's Outlines show.
   You can also choose the size of the star as part of ExpressDesign, or adjust the size after your star is done.
   This star used Satin Line as the Express Trace Method, and a Stitch Width of 2.5mm in the Stitch Options.	

Since the star is a Design Object (like a Digitizing .edo file), you can right click and select Edit in Digitizing. You will link to the Digitizing program window to add or change up the stitches in your star, for something a little more elegant!	

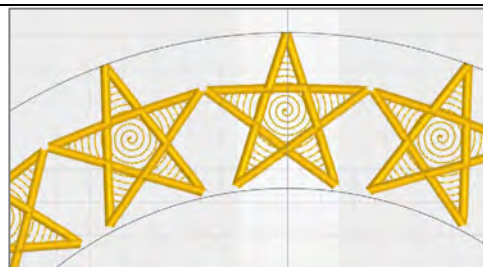|	
For example, in this star, I clicked the thread color in the Digitizing Filmstrip, so the added fill would stitch before the satin columns. In the Point Create tab, I chose Spiral Fill, turned off the border Line, and set the Fill Density at 20. Once you click Create Area or Line, to reduce jump stitches, click the first point on the little pink bow that indicates the location of the color change. TIP: To place square points for sharp corners, hold down the Shift key.	
Once you Create Area or Line, you'll see the new Spiral Fill, and your star will go from simple to stellar! And best of all, when you close Digitizing, you return to Embroidery, so you can use other designing tools like Encore, Frames, and more.	
If you don't want to design your own star, you can also find several stars in the Super Design menus.	
With Encore to Circle, 18 repeats and Arrangement as Group, make a wreath so the stars barely touch at their closest tips. TIP: Click between the two baseline circles and drag in to reduce the diameter of the circle of stars before you click Apply to set the Encore!	

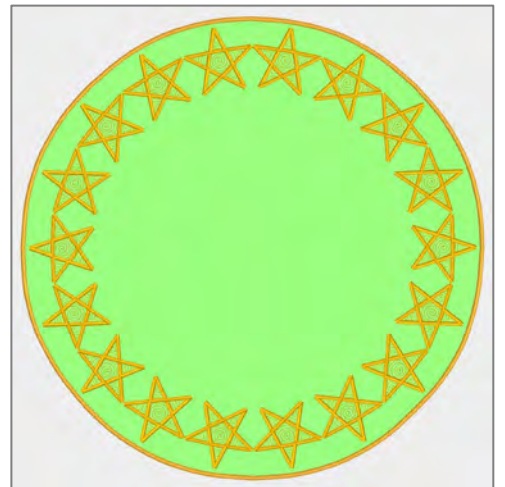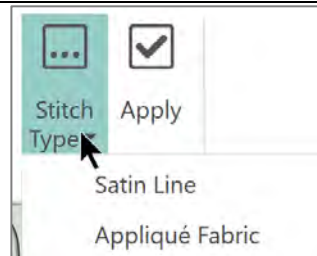|	
When the Group is selected in the Filmstrip, rotate the stars so two stars are halfway in the overlap area. The star encore will split between the repeats, instead of splitting one of the stars at top and at bottom! *The turnable hoop requires splitting the embroidery, stitching side 1, and then side 2. When you design with the turnable hoop, the embroidery will automatically split when you export!*	
Use an Appliqué Shields Frame and you can make your design an in-the-hoop project! *TIP: When you are ready to stitch, just hoop several layers of wash-away stabilizer, and you'll be able to stitch the project as an appliqué. Use two layers of stiff fabric, like linen or twill, wrong sides together, to give the wreath body. You could even sandwich batting between the fabrics if you want a more lofted look!* The Frame at right is from the Frames tab, Appliqué Shields 1, and shield 2.	
Open Stitch Type to change the Satin Line width to 3mm, and then again to choose an Appliqué Fabric you want to preview. TIP: Before you click Apply to make the shield, make sure the Group of stars is selected, so the Frame will 'snap' to the stars!	

Add a sentiment in the center to fit your holiday!

Settings for Lettering as shown:

Category: Wild West

Font: Rosemary 2C 45-120mm, Size: 55 mm, Gap: 15

Width: 100%, Height: 100%

Line type: Full Circle

And an embellishment for the center, if you like! Encore to Circle with 3 repeats, after free-rotating the first holly so it's vertical with the berries at the bottom.

Settings for the Encored SuperDesign center:

SuperDesign Set: Wreath 1, Number 2

Size: 25 mm, Width: 100%, Height: 100%

And a Little Bit More!

Be sure to Export, so your embroidery is split and readied to stitch in the turnable hoop for your compatible embroidery machine!

Wishing you a happy year end, and a fabulous new year from our house to yours!

Have a fabulous day from the software team at mySewnet™ Embroidery Software!

P.S.

Join us next month for more exciting techniques with mySewnet™ Embroidery Software!