Poinsettia Placemat

With easy editing software, every embroidery design can be customized to exactly what you want. Use EmbroideryWorks™ Advanced by Designer's Gallery® to easily remove sections of a design or change colors to create something completely new. In this project we'll practice these techniques to create a gorgeous poinsettia placemat just in time for the holidays!

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Destiny II sewing and embroidery machine
EmbroideryWorks™ Advanced from Designer's Gallery®
Amazing Designs® Christmas Past design collection (ADP-74J) design #CPAST118.pes
Green felted placemats purchased from HomeGoods
Madeira® embroidery thread
Baby Lock® Tear-Away stabilizer from
Temporary spray adhesive

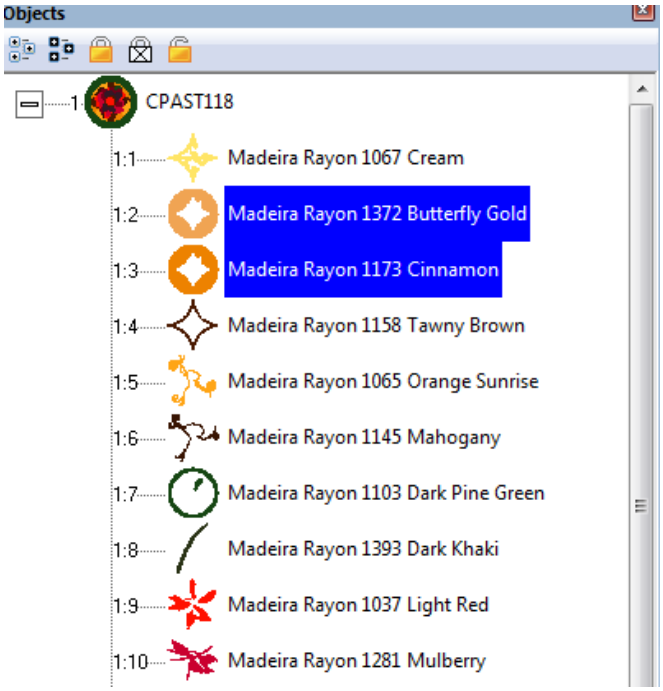
Instructions

At the Computer:

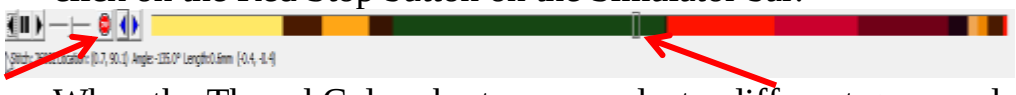
In this project, we will focus on using the new EmbroideryWorks Mac version of the software. Since both versions of the program have the same look, anyone using the PC version can also follow these directions.

1. Open the program by clicking on the EmbroideryWorks icon on the desktop.
2. To place the design on the workspace click on Merge Stitch File and retrieve design # CPAST118.pes from the saved location.

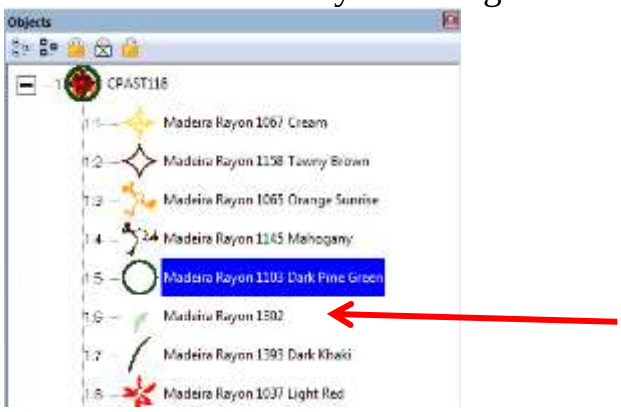
3. Follow the next set of steps to remove several of the areas within the design:
   - Select the second and third areas (*as shown below*) under the Objects toolbar and delete those areas from the design.
   - The next area to be deleted is the green ring #7. But also included with that color is a green leaf. To remove the ring without deleting the leaf, activate the Stitch Simulator bar under View.



- Slide the scroll bar to the left through the colors until you are 7/8 of the way through the green color. The stitches will play out on the screen showing the order they will stitch out in. When you get close to seeing the green leaves sew out on the design, stop sliding the scroll bar. If you have gone too far, click on the arrow pointing to the left. When you are at the last stitch on the circle, click on the Red Stop button on the Simulator bar.



- When the Thread Color chart opens, select a different green color and click OK. The new thread color will be displayed in the Objects toolbar for the leaf area on the design.
- Select the now, fifth color and delete it from the design. **Note**: The sixth color is the newly colored green leaf on the design.



4. To resize the design, enter in 150mm in the width field on the Resize Tool Pane and enter.

5. To create a template of the design for placement, click on File Print.
6. Click on File Save As (Stitch and Working File). The working file format is a .be.
7. Hoop the stabilizer and spray with the temporary spray adhesive.
8. Pin the template to the center of the placemat.
9. Place the templated placemat in the center of the hoop and finger press smooth.
10. With the machine set up for embroidery, retrieve the design and center the needle over the cross mark on the template. Remove the template and embroider the design using the thread colors of your choice.