

Projects

"Snowmen Apron"



Get the most out of every design with CustomWorks™ II from Designer's Gallery®. Use the Stitch Tool to remove stitches in this large snowmen design and create multiple smaller designs to use on the apron.

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Supplies:

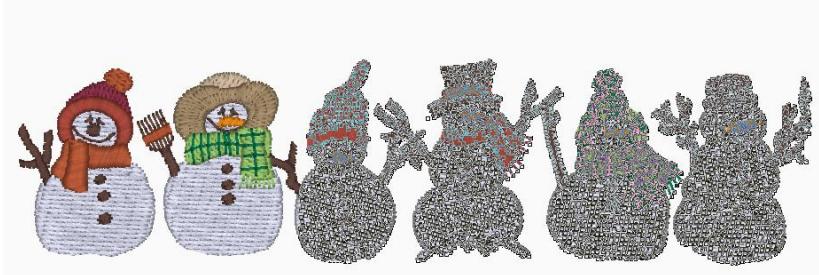
Baby Lock® Ellisimo Gold sewing and embroidery machine
CustomWorks™ II from Designer's Gallery®
Promotional Holiday Exclusive Embroidery Design Collection
Butterick apron pattern #B5302 (View A) or use a similar styled pattern
Christmas print, for yardage refer to pattern
Tone on Tone white fabric, for yardage refer to pattern
Madeira® sewing and embroidery thread
Baby Lock Tear-Away Stabilizer

Instructions:

At the Computer:

Follow the next set of steps to customize the snowmen designs using CustomWorks II:

1. Open CustomWorks II.
2. Open the Promotional Holiday Exclusive Design Collection from the CD.
3. Select design number BLH14a.pes, the border snowmen.
4. Click the Rotate Left icon on the top toolbar.
5. Activate the Zoom tool to better see the individual snowmen elements.
6. Activate the Stitch tool on the left toolbar. The goal is to remove all but two snowmen that are set next to one another. Left click and draw a box around several of the snowmen on the right side of the workspace (*as shown in the following illustration*). The areas in grey are the stitch points that are selected. Click on the Delete key on the keyboard to remove those stitches.



7. To further remove areas that don't belong to the two snowmen, activate the Stitch icon and draw a box around those areas (*as shown in the following illustration*). Use the zoom tool again to zoom into those areas.



Delete these areas from the two snowmen that remain (the brown arm and a section of the white snow from the snowman that was sitting next to him.) After you get to a point where you cannot select any more of the brown points, you can click on the delete key to remove the next point while the stitch icon is active. If you delete a point that is vital to the snowmen you can always click the Backspace key to replace the stitch.

8. Click on Save and send this design to the embroidery machine.
9. Open a new page and repeat this same process, only this time save two different snowmen that are positioned next to one another. Save a total of three sets of snowmen.

At the Cutting Table:

1. Follow the pattern guide sheet to cut out the sections from the fabric for View A.

At the Embroidery Machine:

1. Hoop the Baby Lock Tear-Away stabilizer in the 200mm x 200mm hoop and lightly spray with the temporary spray adhesive.
2. Determine the center position on the waistband section and place a positioning sticker at that point. Place the waistband over the hoop and finger press in place.
3. Retrieve design number BLH14a.pes from the CD.
4. Select the Positioning icon on the embroidery machine. The machine will locate the design and place it in the correct orientation. Embroider the snowmen design.
5. To embroider the designs on the scalloped section of the apron, place a positioning sticker at the center point on the first scalloped area. Be sure to allow for the seam allowance on the top and bottom edges.
6. Hoop the stabilizer and lightly spray with the temporary spray adhesive. Place the first scalloped area in the hoop and finger press smooth.
7. Retrieve the first of the saved snowmen. Click on the Positioning icon and let the machine position the design according to the placement of the positioning sticker. Embroider the design.
8. Repeat Steps 5-7 for the remaining scalloped areas, while alternating between the three saved snowmen designs.
9. Follow the pattern guide sheet to complete the construction of the apron.

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