



It Started With The Buttons

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Have a little fun this season wearing this delightful shirt with a scarecrow and lightening bugs on the front. This shirt would also be a great gift for any teacher – or maybe just somebody who is young at heart.

Machine

Baby Lock® Ellegante Embroidery and Sewing Machine

Embroidery Products

CustomWorks™

by Designer's Gallery®

SizeWorks™

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Baby Lock Embroidery

Collection BLDP-P13

In the Country

Materials

Pre-washed long sleeve denim shirt

ABC Simply Stable Tear-Away

Stabilizer 12" x 18" Sheets

Sulky® KK2000™ Temporary

Spray Adhesive

Assortment of Robison-Anton

40 wt polyester threads

4 yd. of decorator fringed trim

4 yd. of cording to match the trim

Collins® Fine Line Air Erasable

marking pen

Purchased lightening bug buttons

Collins® Wash Away Wonder

Tape

Step 1. At the Computer

Open CustomWorks by

Designer's Gallery.

Click on the Merge

Design icon. Import

the design labeled

Country08 from the

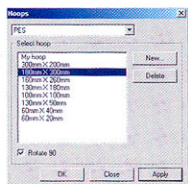
location on your

computer.



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Click on View menu and Select Hoop and choose the 130 mm x 300 mm hoop. Place a checkmark



in Rotate. Click on Apply. Left click to select the design. Left click on the design again and move the Scarecrow to the left of center.

Resize the design by grabbing on a handle in any of the corners and dragging inward to an approximate size of 128 mm x 135 mm.

Select the Merge Design icon on the top toolbar. Import design #Cty014. Select the design with a left click of the mouse. On the top toolbar, select the down arrow in the Zoom field and then To Selection. You just zoomed in on the newly merged design only.

To remove all areas except for the lightening bugs select the Stitch



icon on the right toolbar. Select unwanted areas by dragging a box around them and then releasing the mouse. The selected areas will appear with beads on each stitch.

Delete them by pressing on the Delete key on the keyboard. Do



not select any areas that are part of the bugs. Continue to delete all areas except for the bugs. Go

back to the Zoom tool and select To Fit.

Click on the Select icon and left click on the bugs. Move the bugs to the right of the scarecrow. To duplicate two more sets, right click on the bugs and select Copy, and then Paste. Repeat to create the third set. Move the bugs into position as shown in the



illustration. To print a template, select the Print Preview on the top toolbar. Select Settings; place a checkmark next to Print Actual Size field, Print Color Analysis. Click on OK. Select Print to create a template for perfect placement of the design on your garment. Save the design giving the design a name.

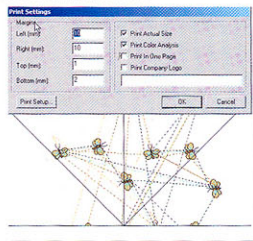


Delete the Scarecrow (only) after you have saved it. Continue to duplicate the lightening bugs by pressing on CTRL V (Paste) on the keyboard (CTRLV is a Windows shortcut). Move each set of bugs into position. You also may want to rotate any one of the sets so that the bugs are flying in different directions as shown in the illustration.



To rotate the sets, select the set with a left click of the mouse. When the selection handles appear there is

a bold circle symbol in either the top right or bottom left corner. Slide the cursor over the symbol and the icon becomes a rotate tool. Rotate the sets as needed to achieve uniform positioning of the lightening bugs. Position all of the sets as desired.



Under the Object Tree you will notice numerous color changes because of all of the duplicated bugs. To reduce the number of



thread changes select Color Sort on the top toolbar. Your colors will then be reduced by the number of lightening bug sets

you duplicated. The sample as shown reduced the number by 31 colors. This is a real timesaver.

Print a template and save the design with a new name.

Click on New Page. Click the Merge Design icon importing the Scarecrow design



Country08 back on your workspace. Click on the Stitch icon and remove all but one of the sunflowers. Print a template and save the design with a new name.

Step 2. Embroidery

Embroider the sunflower on each of the collar points.

Hoop the ABC Simply Stable Tear Away Stabilizer 12" x 18" sheet into the largest hoop for

the Ellegante (180 mm x 300 mm) and spray with Sulky® KK2000™ Temporary Spray Adhesive.

Pin the Scarecrow template onto the lower right side of the shirt front. Place the shirt on top of the hoop, positioning the crosshairs that are on the template, so that they line up with the top and side markings on the hoop. Press in place. You will have perfect placement each time. Repeat these two steps again for the lightening bugs. Remove the template and embroider the designs.

Step 3. Customizing the Shirt

To make the 3/4 length sleeves, lay the shirt flat and cut a straight line just above the sleeve placket. Turn under 1/2" and press. Attach the Collins® Wash Away Wonder Tape to the bottom of the sleeve on the wrong side. Peel off the top of the tape and attach the cording to the backside of the sleeve. Topstitch close to the edge of the sleeve.

Place the cording on the underside of the collar and topstitch.

Cut a section of the trim and cording the width of the bottom of the shirt. Attach the Collins® Wash Away Wonder Tape to the right side of the cording just below the piping. Remove the tape cover and attach the fringe trim to the cording. Place a line of Collins® Wash Away Wonder Tape across the bottom edge of the shirt and remove the tape cover. Attach the cording/fringe to the bottom edge of the shirt. Use a decorative built-in stitch built to attach trim to the shirt. A feather stitch was used on the sample.

Repeat the process to create a fringe for the bottom edge of the back yoke.

Remove the buttons and replace with the lightening bug buttons.

Enjoy your new creation! 