Christening Blanket

Wrap-up your bundle of joy for their special occasion in this soft and cuddly christening blanket created by you using LetterWorks III. What a great way to remember the date of baby's Christening Day.

Skill Level: Intermediate

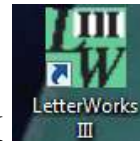**Created by:** Diane Kron, Software and Embroidery Project Manager

Supplies:
Baby Lock® sewing and embroidery machine
LetterWorks III from Designer's Gallery®

Purchased white fleece blanket
3/8″ Grosgrain ribbon (baby blue)
Baby Lock® Hydro-Melt stabilizer
Edge joining foot
Temporary spray adhesive
Embroidery thread (baby blue)
General sewing and embroidery supplies
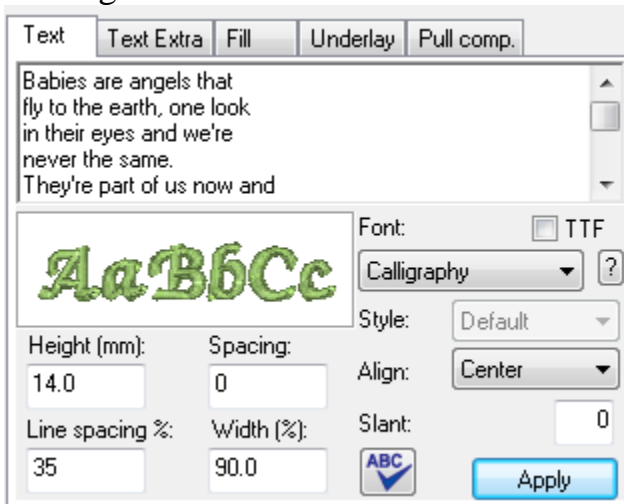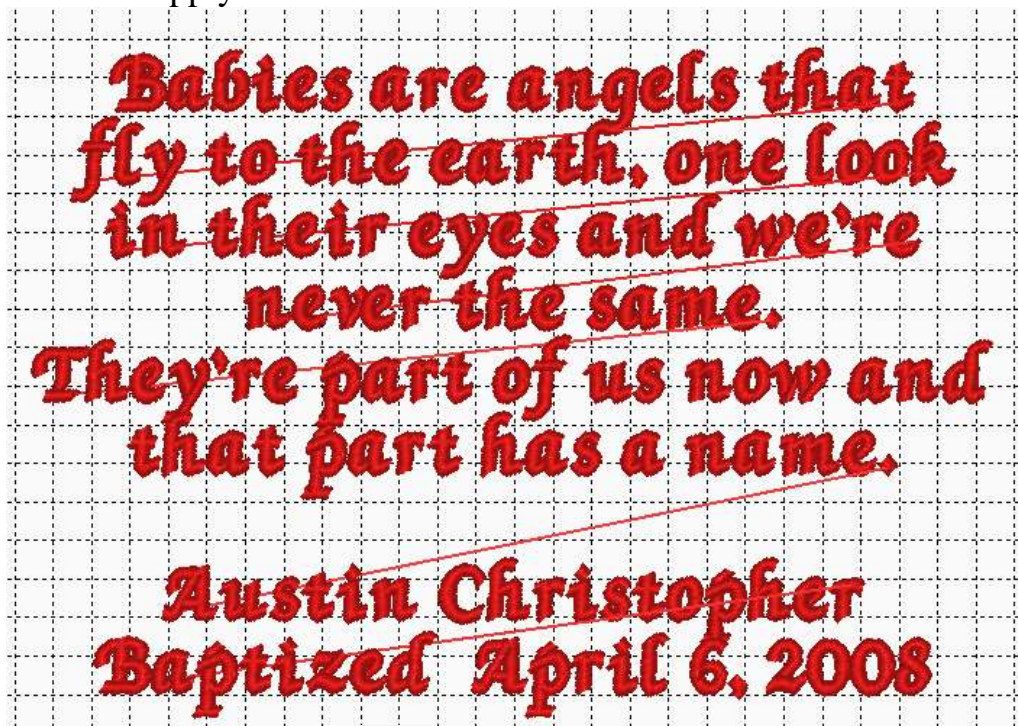
Instructions
At the Computer:

1. Open the program by clicking on the LetterWorks III icon on the desktop.
2. To place the hoop on the workspace, click on menu View and click on Select Hoop. Select the 200mm x 300mm hoop. Click OK.
3. Click on the Grid icon to place the grid on the workspace.
4. Click on the Text icon on the left toolbar. Left click anywhere on the workspace to open the Properties field.
5. Type in the phrase using the same number of words per line as follows. After each line, click on the enter key and after the last word, enter twice and type in the babies name on the next line. Click on enter and type in the Baptized Date on the last line.
   "Babies are angels that
   fly to the earth; one look
   in their eyes and we're
   never the same.
   They're part of us now and
   that part has a name."

   Baby's Name_____
   Baptized Date_____
6. In the Properties field, click on the down arrow and choose the Caligraphy font from the list.
7. Change the Height to 14.0mm.
8. Set the Line Spacing to 35.
9. Set the Width to 90%.
10. Set the Align to Center.
11. Click on the ABC tool in the Properties and the program will do a spell check to be sure that all of your words is spelled correctly. After it runs, a dialog will be displayed to confirm that it is complete. If any words are incorrect, they will turn red. Correct the word(s) at this time. Repeat

the spell check by clicking on the tool again until all words have been changed.

12. Click on Apply.

13. Click on Print Preview and follow the prompts to print out a template of the design.
14. Click on File Save As and save as a Working File format (.blf). Then, save as a .pes file to the media device that your embroidery machine will read.

At the Embroidery Machine:
1. Hoop the stabilizer and spray with the temporary spray adhesive.
2. Determine the placement of the design on the fabric and pin the template to the blanket.
3. Place the blanket in the hoop and finger press smooth.

4. Cut another piece of the Hydro-Melt and place on the topside of the hoop. This action will assure that the stitches will not sink into the fleece and be hidden.
5. With the lettering design merged onto the embroidery machine's workspace, embroider the design using the thread color of your choice.
6. Gently, tear away as much of the Hydro-Melt as possible. You can also spray with water to remove the remaining stabilizer or wash the blanket using a gentle cycle in the washing machine.
7. Place the grosgrain ribbon around the outer seam line on the blanket and at each of the corners form a $45°$ angle. Using the Edge Joining Foot, stitch close to the inner and outer edges.

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