

# **FontWorks - Outline Fonts**

The Outline fonts built into FontWorks have a red-letter O at the left of the Font name. When an Outline font is selected, you will be able to open the Style window in the Properties box and select different styles. Knowing that those other styles are available gives you a whole new level of creativity with your lettering.

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#### **Embroidering on a Towel**

Default with Run can be very useful when stitching on fabrics with nap.

1. Left click **New** on the Quick Access tool bar.

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- 2. Left click **Draw 3D** Left click **Hoop**
- 3. Left click **Select Hoop** to open the Hoops box
- 4. Select the **130mm x 180mm** hoop.
- 5. Place a checkmark in the **Rotate 90 box** to rotate the hoop 90°

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6. Left click **OK** to close the Hoops box.

Create text.



- 1. Left click Text
- 2. Left click on the design page and a MY TEXT is created on the design page
- 3. Left click and drag to highlight the MY TEXT in the Properties box
- 4. Type **HERS** in all capital letters
- 5. Open the Font list and select an Outline font marked with a red-letter O.
  - The sample uses the font called Abby

Editi the text:

- 1. Change the Height in the Properties box to 2 inches
- 2. Left click Apply Apply
- 3. Left click and drag the **width control point** <sup>▶</sup> at the lower left corner of the lettering on the design page to make the lettering narrower so it fits inside the embroidery hoop.
- 4. Use the Sewing Simulator to see how these letters will be stitched
- 5. A run stitch and a single layer of zig zag stitches is the standard underlay



The lettering is set to stitch in the Default style.

1. Sometimes when satin stitch lettering is stitched on fabrics with nap, the satin columns appear to have uneven edges.





Height (in): 2.00

Default

- 2. That effect is the result of the stitches being affected by the texture of the napped fabric.
- 3. This is an effect you may see on terry cloth towels, knits like tee shirt fabric or sweatshirt fabric.



#### Use a Recipe

Selecting a Recipe when the design page is opened will change the settings for specific types of fabric.

1. Selecting the Towel Recipe will add more underlay stitching to flatten the terry cloth under the satin stitches.

Set up a new design page

- 1. Left click **New Recipe** on the Quick Access tool bar.
- 2. Open the Recipe window, scroll down, and select Towel.
- 3. Left click **OK** and a new design page opens.



5. Left click Hoop

Create text



- 1. Left click Text
- 2. Left click on the design page and a MY TEXT is created on the design page
- 3. Left click and drag to highlight the MY TEXT in the Properties box
- 4. Type **HERS** in all capital letters

#### Edit the text

- Height (in): 2.00
- 1. Change the Height in the Properties box to 2 inches
- 2. Left click Apply Apply





- 3. Left click and drag the **width control point** ▶ at the lower left corner of the lettering on the design page to make the lettering narrower so it fits inside the embroidery hoop
- 4. Use the Sewing Simulator to see how these letters will be stitched
- 5. Additional under stitching has been added to flatten the nap of the towel



#### **Default with Run Lettering**

The other change that can improve the look of the lettering is to change the Style of the stitching. This is an option that is available because an Outline font was selected

1. Open the Style window and select Default with Run

Height	(in):	
2.00		

- 2. Reset the Height at 2 inches
- 3. Left click Apply Apply
  - The lettering is now set to stitch a satin stitch and then to sew a straight stitch outline around each letter.
  - This outline is stitched in the same color as the satin stitch and is designed to create a straight edge along the edges of the satin columns.



• The straight stitch "fools the eye" by creating a straight edge on the letters







# **Spiral Lettering**

If you are looking for a fun new style, you might want to try Spiral stitched letters. FontWorks has 36 fonts which can be changed to Spiral stitching in the Style window.

1. Left click **New** on the Quick Access tool bar.

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- 2. Left click **Draw 3D**
- 3. Left click **Hoop**



- 4. Left click Text
- 5. Left click the design page and a MY TEXT is created on the design page
- 6. Left click and drag to highlight the MY TEXT in the Properties box
- 7. Type Spiral
- 8. Open the Font list and select an Outline font.
  - The sample uses the font called Lizzie
- 9. Open the Style window and select Spiral
- 10. Left click Apply
- 11. Click and drag to resize the text to fill the hoop

The letters will be stitched with run stitch spiral stitching which creates a whole new look for your lettering.

- The stitch settings for Spiral stitching will be found on the Spiral Text tab Spiral Text in the Properties box
- Left click the Spiral Text tab
   Spiral Text and you will be able to adjust the density of the Spiral stitching
- If you place a check mark in the Stitch length box, you will then be able to highlight and change the length of the run stitches in the spiral stitching.

Properties	4 b
Stitch length (mm):	2.5
Spiral density (mm):	1.5
	Apply





4. This style of stitching does not fill in solid, so the fabric will show through the stitching.



# **Trapunto Lettering**

Some of the Outline fonts in FontWorks can be stitched in a style called Trapunto which will create quilted letters.

1. Left click **New** on the Quick Access tool bar.

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- 2. Left click Draw 3D
- 3. Left click **Hoop**

Create text



- 1. Left click Text
- 2. Left click on the design page and a MY TEXT is created on the design page
- 3. Left click and drag to highlight the MY TEXT in the Properties box
- 4. Type TRAPUNTO
  - Open the Font list and select an Outline font.
  - The sample uses the font called Unicorn

Edit text





- 1. Open the Style window and select Trapunto
- Apply 2. Left click **Apply**
- 3. Use the click and drag controls to change the Height and Width so the text fits in the hoop
- 4. And the resulting text is Bean stitch lettering with Single run quilting lines around it.

As with the other Styles of lettering we have looked at, when Trapunto lettering is

Trapunto created, a Trapunto tab automatically appears at the top of the Properties box.

- Trapunto 1. Left click the Trapunto tab and you will be able to change the stitch length of the guilted stitches.
- 2. Note that stabilizer will not be needed if you are stitching on a quilt with batting





# Satin Lettering

Satin style lettering is different from the satin stitched Default lettering. When you select Satin style lettering, the outline of the letters will be stitched with a satin stitch border and the center of the letters will not be stitched. This style of lettering is a good option if you need large lettering for a flag or a banner.

1. Left click **New** on the Quick Access tool bar.

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- Draw 2. Left click **Draw 3D**
- 3. Left click Hoop

Select Hoop to open the Hoops box.

- 4. Left click **Select Hoop** 5. For this exercise select the **180mm x 300mm** (11.81" x 7.09") hoop
- Rotate 90 6. Place a checkmark in the Rotate 90 box to rotate the hoop 90°
- OK 7. Left click **OK** to close the Hoops box.

Create text







- 1. Left click Text
- 2. Left click on the design page and a MY TEXT is placed on the design page
- 3. Left click and drag to highlight the MY TEXT in the Properties box
- 4. Type CUBS in all capital letters
- 5. Open the Font list and select the font called Smooth Block
- 6. Open the Style window and select Satin
- 7. Change the Height to 5 inches in Properties
- 8. Left click Apply Apply

Edit the text

- 1. The lettering is placed on the design page, but it is not centered in the embroidery hoop and it appears to be too big. T
- Left click Zoom to Fit so you can see all the text
- Left click and drag to move the lettering so the letter "C" is at the left of the embroidery hoop



4. Left click and drag the

Width control point **b** at the lower right corner of the text to make the lettering narrow enough to fit into the embroidery hoop

- 5. Left click Zoom to Fit and you will be zoomed in so the embroidery hoop and the now narrower text fit the page.
- 6. Left click on any color chip in the Color Palette to change to the team colors.

The maximum Height for the Smooth Block font in the Default style is just 1.5 inches. We just made that font 5 inches tall and did not get a warning that we had created satin stitches that were too wide. With satin style lettering, if you can fit it into your embroidery hoop, you can stitch it!

When the Satin style was selected, a Satin tab satin was automatically displayed at the top of the Properties box.







- 1. Left click the Satin Tab
- 2. Left click and drag to highlight the number in the Width window and you can then type the desired width for the satin stitch
- Left click Apply Apply and the width of the stitch changes on the design page
  - The sample letters were changed to a width of 4mm
- And the stitch length of the satin stitch can be changed in the Satin Density window



5. These are the same settings you would use when setting up a satin stitch in your sewing machine.



# **Create Appliqué Lettering**

Applique lettering is fun and allows you to add personality to the lettering with your fabric.

1. Left click **New** on the Quick Access tool bar.

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- 2. Left click Draw 3D
- 3. Left click **Hoop**
- 4. Left click **Select Hoop** to open the Hoops box.
- 5. For this exercise select the **200mm x 300mm** hoop
- 6. Place a checkmark in the **Rotate 90 box** to rotate the hoop 90°
- 7. Left click **OK** to close the Hoops box.

Create text







- 1. Left click Text
- 2. Left click on the design page and a MY TEXT is placed on the design page
- 3. Left click and drag to highlight the MY TEXT in the Properties box
- 4. Type **BABY** in all capital letters
- 5. Open the Font list and select the font called Hobby Horse
- 6. Open the Style window and select Applique
- 7. Change the Height to 3 inches in Properties
- 8. Left click Apply
- 9. Use the click and drag control to change the width of the text so it fits in the hoop

The letters are now all different colors

- 1. These letters have extra steps built in for the applique sewing process
  - There are three colors in each letter
  - Two colors are straight stitch outlines of the letter



- And a third color that is the stitching to cover the raw edge of the fabric (called a cover stitch)
- 2. If you move the Draw Bar cursor to see how these letters will sew, you will see that each of the three steps for a letter is a different color

3. The different colors signal your machine to stop sewing

- The machine may think you are changing the thread color, but what you will really be doing is adding the applique fabric or trimming that fabric
- The letters will be stitched with the same color thread used for all the stitching

# **Motif Applique**

As with the other types of outline lettering, you will find an Applique tab in the Properties box that allows you to control the stitch settings

- Left click to select the lettering on the design page if it is not already selected.
- 2. Left click the Applique tab Appliqué at the top of the Properties box
  - The stitch controls on the Applique tab offer lots of options





3. Open the Appliqué type

Applique type: Satin

- 4. The cover stitch of the appliqué can be satin, blanket or motif stitches
- 5. Select Motif and click Apply
- 6. The stitching that covers the raw edge of the fabric is changed to a decorative motif stitch
- 7. Open the Motif window and select the motif stitch you want to use to cover the raw edge of your appliqué.

window

- The sample used the motif called Candlewicking 04
- 8. Motif Size Motif size (mm): stitch
  - Left click and drag to highlight the stitch length shown in the window
  - Type the desired stitch length

9. Left click Apply

# **Blanket Stitch Applique**

If you would prefer to use a Blanket stitch applique:

1. Open the Appliqué type Applique type: Motif window

Select Blanket and left click Apply

- 3. Now the letters are stitched with a blanket stitch and the stitch setting controls for blanket stitching are displayed
- 4. Stitch length Stitch length (mm): 3.5 controls the length of the straight stitches sewn in the first two steps of the appliqué
  - Stitch length can be adjusted for all three types of applique and it always controls the length of the straight stitches sewn as placement and tack down stitching.
  - You may want to select a shorter stitch length so the fabric does not pull loose when the applique fabric is trimmed

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Stitch length (mm): 2.0
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5. Appliqué width Applique width (mm): blanket stitches





controls the width of the

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 This places more of the satin stitch on the appliqué fabric and can be useful if you are working with fragile specialty fabrics like lame that could ravel and pull loose from the stitching.

Applique inset (%)

- 11. Change the Applique Inset % to 40%
- 12. Left click Apply
  - The zig zag is moved out toward the background fabric
  - This allows more room for trimming the fabric if you are using heavier appliqué fabrics like quilting flannels or pinwale corduroy.

13. Change the Applique Density back to 0.4

Applique density (mm):	0.4
Applique density (mm):	0.4

- Changing the Applique Density was just a way for us to be able to clearly see the position of the straight stitches under the zig zag satin stitch
- And that Applique Density can be changed back to the 0.4 setting that gives us a perfect satin stitch before the pattern is saved
- 13. Left click Apply
- 14. Left click the Zoom to Fit



## **Sewing Applique Letters**

If you have not yet stitched an appliqué in the embroidery hoop you may fall in love with this technique. It is easy, and the finished lettering will have a polished look.

- 1. Hoop the background fabric and stabilizer
- 2. Begin stitching
  - A straight stitch outline of the letter is stitched on the background fabric
  - The machine stops when the outline is complete
  - This is called the Placement stitch and shows you exactly where to place the applique fabric







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- 3. Trim any jump stitches so they will not show through the applique fabric
- 4. Place the appliqué fabric over the outline of the letter, making sure that the appliqué fabric covers the entire stitched outline.
  - You can use a sticky spray if you want to keep the fabric from shifting but if you press the applique fabric with spray starch you may not need the sticky spray.
- 5. Start the machine again to stitch the second straight stitch outline of the letter
  - This is the Tack down stitch, and it sews the applique fabric to the background fabric
  - Trim any jump stitches



- 6. Remove the hoop from the machine, BUT DO NOT TAKE THE FABRIC OUT OF THE HOOP.
- 7. Carefully trim the fabric around the letter
- If you hold the scissors flat as you see in the picture you will not accidentally cut the background fabric and you will be able to trim very close to the straight stitch outline
  - If you need to trim a hole in the center of the letter, the easiest way to lift the applique fabric so you can trim it without cutting the background fabric is to use a large pin.







• I use a corsage pin, but any large pin will work



- 9. Carefully slip the pin between the applique fabric and the background fabric
- 10. Insert the point of your scissors into the same hole where the pin goes in.
  - Once you have cut the first slit in the fabric, you can remove the pin.
  - Cut with your scissors turned sideways and you will be able to trim just the fabric
- 11. When you have finished trimming the fabric around your letter, place the hoop back on the machine
- 12. Continue sewing and the machine will sew the satin stitch around the letter and the Placement straight stitches for the next letter.





13. Just repeat the process until all the letters have been stitched.

- As you can see in the photos above, all the stitching was done with the same spool of red thread.
- The different colors are intended only to make the machine stop when you need to add fabric, or trim fabric.







# Copy & Paste Text

An outline can be added to the letters in an outline font.

- 1. When using Outline fonts, you can create a satin or run stitch outline around each letter in your text.
- 2. Or you can unite the outlines to create echo quilting around your text for another take on quilted lettering
- 3. Left click **New** On the Quick Access tool bar.
- 4. Left click **Draw 3D**



- 6. Left click **Select Hoop** to open the Hoops box.
- 7. For this exercise select the 130mm x 1800mm (5.12" x 7.09") hoop
- 8. Place a checkmark in the **Rotate 90 box** to rotate the hoop 90°
- 9. Left click **OK** to close the Hoops box.

Create text



- 1. Left click Text
- 2. Left click on the design page and a MY TEXT is placed on the design page
- 3. Left click and drag to highlight the MY TEXT in the Properties box
- 4. Type UCLA
- 5. Open the Font list and select the font called Unicorn
- 6. Left click Apply

Edit text

- 1. Change the Height to 1.6 inches
  - This is larger than the recommended Height, so we will also need to change the <u>fill pattern</u>
- 2. Left click the Fill tab
- 3. Open the Pattern window and select the fill called Thatched Basket

	Pattern:		Thatched Basket	•
4.	Left click	Apply	Apply	





- Change the color of the letters by left clicking on a gold color chip in the Color Palette\_\_\_\_
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- 6. Left click Select
- 7. Right click and select Copy
- 8. Right click and select Paste
- 9. Select the letters and left click and drag to move the second set of letters



• Select the letters you can see and move them

# Add a Satin Outline

1. Select the letters at the top of the hoop



- 2. Left click **Text** so the text control points are displayed on the letters.
  - To add an outline to your text, you must select an Outline font and the text control points must be active.
- 3. Add some space between the letters to make room for the satin outline around the letters
  - In the Properties box, change the Spacing to 2
  - Left click Apply
     Apply
- 4. Right click and select Create outline

Create outline...

from the right click menu











5. A Create outline box opens for you to select the desired settings for your outline



- 6. At the left, you will be able to select either a Run stitch or Satin stitch outline.
- Satin 7. Left click to select Satin
- 8. Offset under Settings controls the distance between the letter and the outline
  - For an outline with no gap between the letter and the outline, set • 0 📥 Offset (mm): the Offset at 0mm
- 9. Unite outlines controls how the outline will be created
  - Unite outlines If there is a check mark in Unite outlines, then the • letters will be outlined as a group instead of having outlines around each individual letter.
  - Unite outline If there is no check mark in Unite outlines. outlines will be added to each letter
- 10. Left click to remove the check mark from

Unite outlines Unite outlines



12. Left click a dark blue color chip 💻 in the Color Palette to change the new outline around the letters to blue



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## Add a Run Stitch Outline.

1. Select the letters at the bottom of the hoop



- 2. Left click Text so the text control points are displayed on the letters.
- 3. Adding a little space between the letters to allow for the outline is still a good idea, but the space needed is less with a Run stitch
  - In the Properties box, change the Spacing to 1
  - Apply Left click Apply





4. Right click and select **Create outline** from the right click menu The Create outline box opens for you to select the desired settings for your outline

Create outline

Style

Run

Satin

- 5. Run is already selected, so no action is required
- For an outline with no gap between the letter and the outline, set the Offset at **0mm** Offset (mm):
- 7. Left click to remove the check mark from Unite outlines



 Left click a dark blue color chip in the Color Palette to change the new outline around the letters to blue



Settings

Offset (mm):

Unite outlines

# Copy & Paste to a New Page

Text can be copied on one design page and pasted on a different design page.



- 1. Left click Select
  - Note that you will see a different right click menu when the lettering is selected with the Select tool
- 2. Left click the text to be copied to select the text
- 3. Right click and select Copy
- 4. Go to the page where the text is be pasted
- 5. Right click and select Paste
- 6. Change the color of the text to blue by left clicking a blue color chip

## **United Outlines**

Add United outlines around the lettering to create quilting lines



1. Left click Text





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- 2. Left click the lettering on the design page and the editing control points will be displayed
  - Note that you will see a different right click menu when the editing • control points are active

Create outline

Style

Run

Satin

Create outline...

Settings

Offset (mm):

Unite outlines

- Right click and select Create outline right click menu
- 4. The Create outline box opens for you to select the desired settings for your outline
- 5. Run is already selected, so no action is required
- 6. For an outline that is  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the letters, set the Offset at 6mm



- 7. Unite outlines already has a check mark, so no action is required.
- OK 8. Left click OK
- 9. Change the color of the run stitches by left clicking on a gold color chip 💻 in the Color Palette
- 10. And first guilting line has been created

To add a second line of guilting simply repeat the process but change the Offset the 12 instead of 6.



- and then left click the letters on the design page Left click Text L
  - The text controls must be active before another outline can be • added
- 2. Right click and select Create outline right click menu
- 3. For an outline that is 1/2" from the letters, set the Offset at **12mm**
- OK 4. Left click OK
- 5. Change the color of the run stitches by left clicking on a gold

color chip — in the Color Palette



Create outline...

6. And a second guilting line is added around the letters









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The process can be repeated to add as many lines of echo quilting as desired. Just make each line 6mm farther away from the lettering.

This gives you a different effect than the Trapunto letters. The Trapunto style always creates letters sewn with a bean stitch surrounded by three lines of quilting.



## **Designs - Children Font**

The last exercise in this class is what computer geeks call an "Easter egg". An Easter egg is an undocumented feature in the software. The font called Children has some hidden designs that are fun.

- 1. Left click **New** 🛄 on the Quick Access tool bar.
- 2. Left click Draw 3D
  3. Left click Hoop

Create text



- Left click **Text** Left click on the design page and a MY TEXT is placed on the design page
- 6. Left click and drag to highlight the MY TEXT in the Properties box
- 7. Type Children
- 8. Open the Font list and select the font called Children
- 9. Left click Apply
- 10. The font is designed to look like it might have been written by a child and it has a fun and casual look





As with any of the fonts, you can left click on the question mark *i* in the Properties box to display the font map and see what characters are included.

- 1. Left click the question mark 🛙
- 2. This font has upper case letters, lower case letters and numbers.
- 3. It also has a few of the basic punctuation marks

The hidden feature in this font happens when you use punctuation marks that are <u>NOT</u> shown on the font map.



- 1. Left click **Text**
- 2. Left click on the design page and a new MY TEXT is created
  - Note that if the original letters are still selected you will need to left click on the design page twice to get the new MY TEXT
  - The first click will then un-select the first lettering you created
  - The second click will create the new text object
- 3. Left click and drag to highlight the MY TEXT in the Properties
- 4. Type @#\$%^\*
  - Note that these are all punctuation marks that are not shown as available characters on the font map above.
- 5. Click Apply Apply
- 6. And you get the embroidery designs shown below!



- 7. If you want them in different colors, you could type a tilde between them as we did for multi-color letters.
  - @~#~\$~%~^~\*



If you want just one design, type just the punctuation mark for that design



- 1. Left click Text
- 2. Left click on the design page and a new MY TEXT is created
- 3. Left click and drag to highlight the MY TEXT in the Properties
- 4. Type {







- 5. Click Apply Apply
- 6. And you get a sun!
- 7. If your sun is not gold, simply left click on a gold color chip in the Color Palette

You will find a chart of the punctuation marks and the embroideries they create in the Children font on the following page.

### Children font punctuation:

Type this	To get this
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{	茶
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