Version 8 Samples

For those who bought the book, but are still on Version 8 I have converted or recreated the sample files in Version 8 format. Some were just saved in the lower format, so are just stitch data files. However, you can still run the stitch simulator to see how they stitch out. Often this was because the some feature may not be available.

On some of the samples, in the Comments on the Design Properties Dialog box I have added comments about what you can do instead.

Other changes to notice

Some things had to be done differently in Version 8, either because a feature is not supported or it was handled differently in Version 8.

Converting Text to Outlines

V8 can only convert text to an outline only if a TTF was used; so some of the samples had to use a different font than in the Version 9 samples. Also when it is converted to an outline, Version 8 turns off both Line Sew and Region Sew, so in some cases, such as when doing remove overlap with converted text, they will need to be turned on again.

Ctrl+Drag not available

In Version 8 the **Ctrl+Drag** feature which allows you to select an object and then hold down the **Ctrl** key and drag to a new location, and

create a new copy at that location is not available. (Boy did I miss that one!)

Customizing your software

Obviously, the Quick Access Toolbar and the create custom keyboard shortcuts are not available. I had no idea how much I use this feature.

Tools/commands not available

The following commands or tools are not in Version 8:

Commands

- Name drop. This is a downer!
- Floral Patterns-like Spirograph designs.
- Offset Lines. Similar to echo quilting.
- Mirror copy. This can be done manually by copy and paste and flipping!
- Circle copy. Not an easy way to do this.
- Editable Template designs not available.
- Import from Vector image not supported.
- Adding Decorative patterns is restricted to monograms only.

Text related

- Additional built-in fonts (100 vs 35)
- Outline sewing for the built-in fonts
- Built-in Fonts cannot be converted to outlines
- Some of symbols and special characters are not available.
- Entering and editing text is a little harder.
- There is no list of fonts previously used listed in the Font Selector list.

- Font selection list does not show the selected text in each font, just ABC for the fonts.
- Kerning and character size cannot be changed by dragging.
- Connection points between letters cannot be changed.
- Text objects cannot be directly converted to Manual Punch Blocks. They must first be converted to stitches, then have Stitch to block applied.

Stitch Wizard

- Masks in the Stitch Wizard cannot be stitched out.
- Designs cannot be created from Vector images.
- The stitch angle for Photo Stitch 2 is fixed.

Sewing attributes

- Stem Stitch and Candlewicking Line Sew not available
- Additional attributes for motif stitches.

Viewing

- Editing is not allowed in Realistic preview.
- Screen Calibration is not supported.
- There is no pan tool, just scrolling.
- There is no List of colors in the current design on the Color pane.
- Rotation has to be invoked separately. In Version 9 when an object is selected a red rotation dot is automatically available.

Other

- There is no support for the Jumbo hoop, round frames, wide cap frames.

- Default size for motifs and fills cannot be specified in the Programmable Stitch Creator.
- If the entry and exit points of a motif outline are changed, it may result in some of the motifs being sewn twice.

Although there are some features not supported, you can still do many of the projects or techniques described in the book!

Enjoy

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