



# Mardi Gras Sign

Create a unique welcome sign for any party using techniques learned in this how-to. You can make a custom message using your favorite embroidery fonts and designs. It's a quick, easy project.



### Skill Level: Easy



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### Supplies:

- Silhouette® cutting system
- EmbroideryWorks™ Advanced from Designer's Gallery®
- Blank tin sign
- Appliqué lettering and jester hat design was purchased from [www.planetapplique.com](http://www.planetapplique.com)
- Fabric interfacing (clean cut) from Silhouette
- Yellow gingham fabric
- Purple, green and yellow vinyl from Silhouette
- Transfer tape

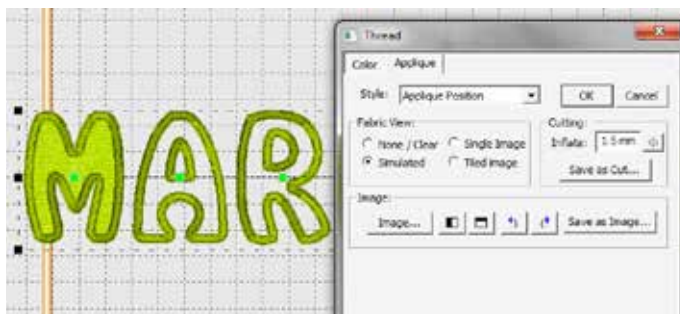
### Instructions:

#### At the Computer- Lettering

1. Open the program by clicking on the EmbroideryWorks icon  on the desktop.
2. Click on the Utility tab on the top toolbar and select Import Font from the list. Follow the Steps under the Help files to import an appliqué font.
3. Click on the Create Letters icon  on the top toolbar and follow the next set of steps to create the lettering.
  - In the Properties field, type in the phrase "MARDI GRAS".



- From the dropdown select the Appliqué font that you saved from Step 2.
- Click Set.
- To create the files from the design that can be read in the Silhouette, select the even numbered color chips (one at a time) under the Thread field. Click on the Appliqué tab and follow the next set of steps.
  - Under Style, select Appliqué Position.
  - Under Fabric View, select Simulated.
  - Click on Save as Cut.
  - Give the design a name and save to the location of your choice.
- Click on the next area and repeat the above steps to create the remaining letter areas.

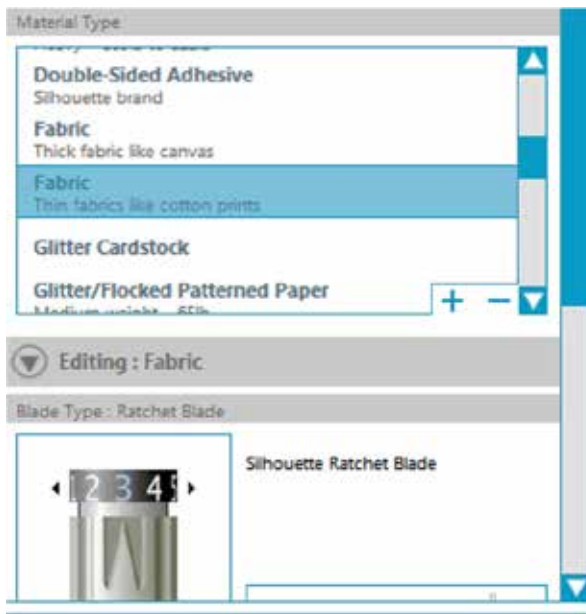


#### Jester Hat Design

1. Open a new page and retrieve the Jester Hat design from the saved location.
2. Follow Step 3 from At the Computer substituting the areas from the Jester Hat design for the lettering to complete the new areas so that the Silhouette cutter can read them.

### At the Silhouette Cutter:

1. Connect the computer to the Silhouette and turn on the Silhouette cutter.
2. Retrieve all of the letters in the words Mardi Gras from the saved location. When selecting the files, change the Files of Type to Silhouette Studio V2.
3. Place the letters evenly spaced on two lines as shown in the picture of the sign at the beginning of these instructions.
4. Resize the phrase as desired so that it fits comfortably on the sign. In the sample, the design size was 4" x 5.5".
5. Select the Cut Settings icon on the top toolbar.
6. Scroll down and select the fabric under Material Type as shown in the following illustration. Scroll down with the outer scroll and note the Ratchet Blade setting. Adjust the blade setting on the cutter to correspond.



7. Fuse the Fabric Interfacing to the backside of the gingham fabric.
8. Place the fused fabric on the upper left corner on the cutting mat and load the mat into the cutter.
9. Click on Send to Silhouette. The cutter will then cut the material.
10. Weed out the negative sections from the cut design.
11. Place the transfer tape over the cut out and press with the scraper so that the shape sticks to the transfer tape.
12. Position the cut out design on the left side of the sign. Press firmly with a craft iron for 30-45 seconds to secure. Gently peel the transfer tape from the shirt.
13. Open a new page on the Silhouette screen and retrieve all four of the sections from the Jester Hat design. Put the four sections back together to look like the original design.
14. Send the design to the cutter using the Vinyl settings and changing the blade settings. Use the three different colored vinyl sections for each of the areas in the design.



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