

## Bridal Tank Top

This fun tank top makes a great gift for any bride to be. Using EmbroideryWorks™ Everyday and a Silhouette® cutting system it's easy to customize the shirt for any couple.

**Skill Level:** Easy


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### Supplies:

- Silhouette® system
- EmbroideryWorks™ Everyday from Designer's Gallery®
- Embroidery design from download
- Printable heat transfer material (black) for lettering
- Fabric Interfacing Sewable from Silhouette fused to back of cotton fabric
- Transfer tape
- Baby Lock® Cut-Away Soft Stabilizer
- ½ yard of polka dot cotton fabric

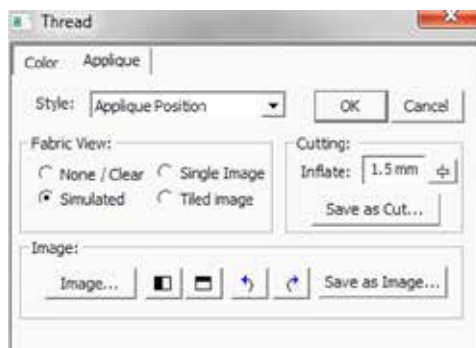
### Instructions:

#### At the Computer

1. Open the program by clicking on the EmbroideryWorks icon  on the desktop.
2. Click open and merge in the Ampersand design from its saved location.
3. To save the design elements to a Silhouette file format, click on the first Bright Green color chip in the Properties field.



4. When the Thread Dialog Box opens select the Appliqué tab and follow the next set of steps:
  - Under the Style option, click on the down arrow and select Appliqué Position.
  - Under Fabric View, select Simulated.
  - To save the area, click on Save as Image. You can create a folder or use a pre-existing folder and save the design as a Studio file format that can be read in the Silhouette cutter. Give the image a name.
  - Select the next Bright Green color chip and repeat the above steps. Give each of the areas a different name.
  - Do the same for all of the Bright Green color areas on the design.

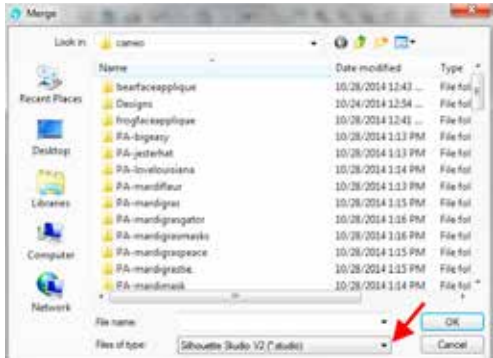



#### At the Silhouette Cutter:

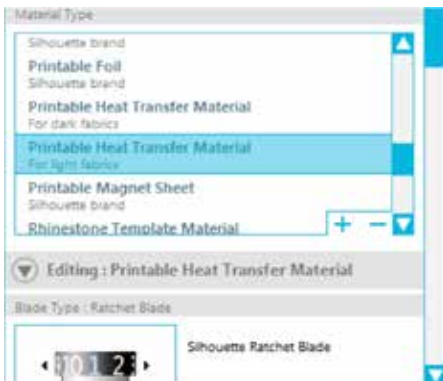
1. Connect the computer to the Silhouette and turn on the Silhouette cutter.

### At the Silhouette Cutter (continued):

2. Merge the four sections of the Ampersand design onto the workspace by clicking on File Merge. Retrieve the images from the saved location. When selecting the files, change the Files of Type to Silhouette Studio V2 as shown below. Merge the design elements individually onto the workspace and place the sections back together to look complete.



3. Resize the sections as desired.
4. To add lettering to the ampersand design, click on the lettering icon **A** on the left side of the workspace. Click anywhere on the workspace and type in the couple's last name. Select the desired font from the font folder. Place the name between the split in the ampersand. Follow the same directions to add the Mr. and Mrs. Use the same font or use a new font from the font folder for each of the words.
5. If you wish to resize the completed design as one unit, draw a box around all of the components in the design and drag the corner handles outward until you are satisfied with the size. If you make a mistake, use the undo tool.
6. To cut the first design, delete the ampersand from the workspace. Turn on the Silhouette cutter. Select the Cut Settings icon  on the top toolbar and set the cutter up for Printable Heat Transfer Material. Adjust the depth of the blade to the setting that is recommended by the manufacturer.



7. Reverse the lettering on the workspace so when it is pressed onto the top it is facing outward.
8. Place the Printable Heat Transfer material on the Silhouette cutting mat and load it onto the Silhouette machine.
9. Click on Send to Silhouette. The cutter will then cut the material.
10. Weed out the negative sections from the cut design. Place the Transfer tape over the lettering and press with the scraper so that the lettering sticks to the transfer tape.
11. After the cut is complete, click on the undo button to place the ampersand back on the workspace.
12. Remove the lettering from the design leaving all of the sections from the ampersand in place.
13. From the Print settings field, select Fabric (thin fabric like cotton). Scroll down to view the settings for the blade and make the adjustment to the blade.
14. Fuse the silhouette fusible material to the back of the cotton fabric.
15. Place the fusible material on the cutting mat and load the mat.
16. Click on Send to Silhouette to make this cut.
17. Fuse the Ampersand to the center front on the tank top.

### At the Sewing Machine:

1. Set up the sewing machine for sewing. Select the Quilting Appliqué stitch. Do a test sew to be sure that the width and height are appropriate for the size of the design. Adjust these settings as needed.
2. Going at a very slow pace, sew around the inside and outer edges on the ampersand.
3. Apply the lettering to the appliquéd design placing the lettering on the tank top as shown in the opening picture.



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