Embroidered Dog Harness

Pamper your pooch with a custom embroidered harness with his name. Designer's Gallery Creator makes it easy to select, digitize, edit and save your favorite designs for use on a whole array of pet products, all made with love!

Skill Level: Beginner

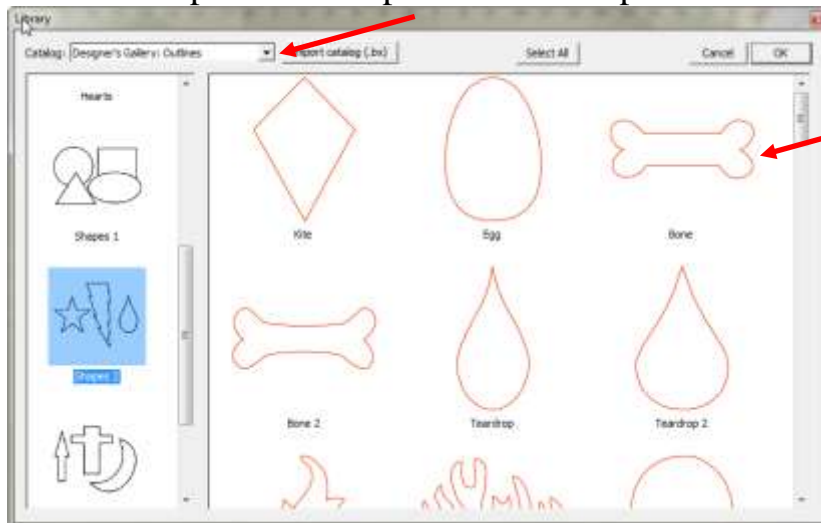**Created by:** Diane Kron, Software and Embroidery Project Manager

Supplies:
Designer's Gallery® Creator digitizing program
Baby Lock® Destiny embroidery machine
Baby Lock Tear-Away Stabilizer
Baby Lock Hydro Melt Topping
Temporary spray adhesive
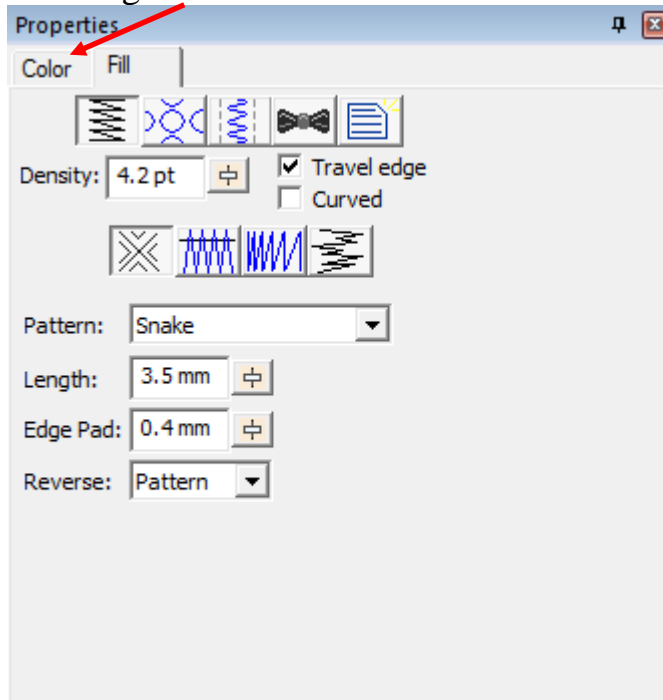Madeira polyester embroidery thread
Purchased dog harness

Instructions
At the Computer:

1. Open the program by clicking on the Designer's Gallery icon on the desktop.

2. Click on the Merge Design icon on the top toolbar and follow the next set of steps:
   - Under the Catalog menu select Designer's Gallery Outlines from the drop-down window.
   - On the left side of the window, click on Shapes 2.
   - Select the Bone shape.
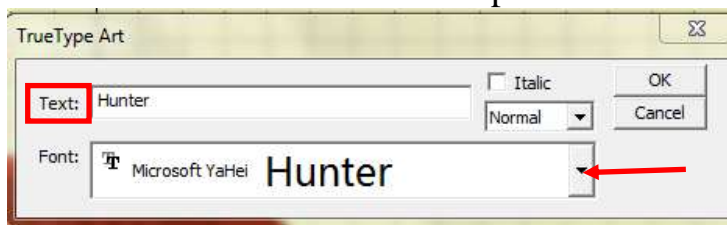   - Click OK to place the shape on the workspace.

3. Resize the shape to the desired size, drag outward on one of the corner selection handles. The size used in this project is 91mm x 38mm. The size of the shape will be based on the size of the dog harness used.

4. To fill the shape with stitches, click on the Fill icon under the Stitch category.

5. Under the Properties field, select the Snake pattern from the drop down field. Based on the type of harness, you can adjust the density of the design. The higher the number the less dense the design will be. In the sample, the density was set at 4.2pt. Also in the sample the travel edge

option was selected to give more stabilibilty around the outer edge of the design.

6. To apply a column fill stitch around the shape, right click and select copy then paste to duplicate the shape. With the duplicated shape selected, click on the Satin Border ≋ icon under the Stitch field.

7. Change the color on the Satin Border to a different color by selecting the Color tab on the Properties tab as shown above with the red arrow. Click on the Color square to open the color palette. Click on the color of your choice. The color stops will stop the machine so that you can rethread the machine with a new thread color.

8. To add the lettering to the design, click on the TrueType™ font icon and follow the next set of steps:

- Type in the name of your dog in the Text field.
- From the Font folder, click on the down arrow and select the font of choice. In the sample, Microsoft Yahei font was used. If you do not have this font, use any other font for this project.
- Click OK to send the font to the workspace.

- Place the font in the center of the dog bone as shown below.

- If the font needs to be resized, drag on the corner selection handles either inward or outward. The size of the font in the project is set at 62mm x 15mm.
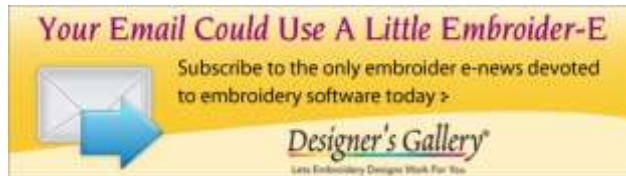
9. To apply the stitches to the lettering, click on the Satin Column ![icon] icon under the Stitch field.

10. To create the name and place it between the two sections, click on the TrueType Art icon ![icon]. Enter in the full name and select the same font that was used for the single letter. Click OK to place the name on the workspace.

11. To size the name, click on the corner select in handles and drag outward until the name is approxametly 60mm x 16mm.

12. Center the name between the two split areas of the letter as shown below.

13. Click on File Save as a Working (BE) and Stitch file. This will save two versions of the design: one to stitch and one as a working file that can be used later to make adjustments, if needed. Give the design the name "Hunter" and save to a location of your choice.

At the Sewing and Embroidery Machine:
1. Set up the Baby Lock machine for embroidery.
2. Hoop a piece of the tear-away stabilizer and spray with the temporary spray adhesive.
3. To mark the center on the harness, place a positioning sticker. Place the center of the harness in the center of the hoop.
4. Place the hoop on the embroidery machine. Place a piece of the Baby Lock Hydro Melt Topping over the design area.
5. Retrieve the design. Center the design, then embroider the design while following the color stops.

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