



# Season's Greetings

## Lettering with the CutWork Tool

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With the BERNINA CutWork Accessory and Software it has never been easier to create quick and easy appliqué lettering using any true type font on your computer.

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for additional projects and information.

Embroider the downloadable designs, or  
Create your own lettering using  
BERNINA CutWork Software:



### Open the CutWork Software

- ◆ Leave the bullet in *Create New* and select *Next*.
- ◆ Place a bullet in the option for *New Graphic* and *Next* and *Finish*.

### Create Cutwork



- ◆ Select the hoop icon and enter 90° for *Rotate*
- ◆ Place a checkmark in the 90° option & *OK*.



- ◆ Select the lettering icon, click on an empty area of the screen, and type in the lettering of your choice.
- ◆ In the TOOL OPTIONS, select from the True Type fonts available on your computer. Remember that thicker fonts will make better applique lettering.



- ◆ Click on the select icon and select the text by clicking on it,
- ◆ Drag the corner handles to resize the name to fit in the hoop area.
- ◆ With the lettering still selected, click on the Cutwork Icon in the Object Properties panel (on the right side of the screen.)



### Save and Export



- ◆ Select File and Save As. Name the file **cut\_name.Draw**



- ◆ Select the Export icon to send the design to the machine of your choice.



### Supplies

#### Machine & Accessories

- BERNINA CutWork Accessory & Software
- BERNINA Sewing & Embroidery Machine
- Oval Hoop & Mega Hoop
- Quarter Inch Foot #37 or #57
- Edge Stitch Foot #10

#### Fabric & Notions

- 9 - 6½" squares of background fabric
- 18" x 18" piece of quilt batting
- 18" x 18" piece of backing fabric
- 2½" strip for binding (2 Yards total)
- Fuse & Fix Stabilizer
- Hydrostick Stabilizer
- Sewing Thread for piecing
- Embroidery Thread
- bobbin Fill
- Organ Embroidery needle, size 80 Sharp

### Create the Quilt Top

- Cut background fabrics into 9 - 6½" squares
- Stitch the squares together into 3 rows of 3 with a ¼" seam. This creates an 18" quilt top.
- Layer the batting and backing and baste all layers.
- Stitch in the ditch to secure the quilt layers.
- Apply the quilt binding.
- Hoop the quilt in the Mega Hoop and embroider through all layers, placing the appliqués as indicated on the image above.

## Create the Appliqué

- ◆ Select the *Undo* icon.
- ◆ Select the *Fill* Option in the Object Properties panel (right side.)
- ◆ Select *Applique* and place a checkmark in the option for "*Cleaning*"
- ◆ Use the drop down menu to select the option "*Laser Cut*"
- ◆ Select the *Outline* Option from the Object Properties menu.
- ◆ Select a Stitch of your choice to cover the edges of the appliqué pieces - try #95. (over 360 stitches to choose from WOW !!!)
- ◆ Adjust the size of the stitch by placing a checkmark in the *Length* option at the bottom of the Object Properties panel. Type in "4" and <Enter>
- ◆ De-select the lettering to preview the stitches by clicking on an empty area in the work-space.
- ◆ Select the zoom tool, and Zoom in by Clicking and dragging a box around one letter of the lettering to get a close-up view.
- ◆ Click on an area of the name to re-select it.
- ◆ Preview the lettering with satin stitching by selecting the option for *Satin Serial* from the Object Properties panel, on the right.
- ◆ Change the width of the stitch in the upper Tool Options bar (above work area.)
- ◆ In the Outline option, type "3" (while zoomed in - take a moment to look at the quality of the stitching)
- ◆ Select and hold the Zoom icon for the fly-out menu - select "Zoom All"

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## Tips and Tricks

- ◆ Stack multiple layers of fabric to cut appliqué letters to make multiple projects.



## Embroider the Appliqué

- ◆ Iron Appliqué Fuse & Fix stabilizer to back of the applique fabric and hoop with one layer of HydroStick stabilizer (use dry) for a firm backing, and a better cut.  
If applique fabric is smaller than the hoop - baste in place.
- ◆ Stitch out the Cut Design, turning the blade as directed.
- ◆ After letters are cut, hoop the finished quilt and stitch the first color of the design (a placement stitch). No additional stabilizer is needed to stitch the applique onto the quilt.
- ◆ Peel the paper backing off the pre-cut applique pieces, and place them into the appropriate outline shapes, and stitch the next color - this is the applique cover stitching.

