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Interested in re-decorating with some stylish new pillows? You can perk up a set of plain pillows by adding personalized monograms, appliqués, and border frame designs. The Brother BES3® Lettering and Customization software includes many design opportunities for accenting plain pillows. In this tutorial you'll learn to create original combinations using a multitude of options built in to the BES3® software.

### Materials and Supplies

- [Brother Embroidery Machine](#)
- [Brother BES3® Lettering and Customization Software](#)
- [Brother Embroidery and Bobbin Thread](#)
- [Brother Stabilizers](#)
- Ready-made 16-inch pillows or 16-inch pillows constructed from scratch.
- Coordinating fabric remnants for appliqués.
- Basic sewing notions

### General Instructions for Pillows

For ready-made pillows you will need to de-construct them so that the pillow front lays flat. If you are constructing your pillows from scratch, cut your pieces and leave them separate until embroidery is complete. If your pillow fabric is not firmly woven, we recommend adding a layer of fusible interfacing to the wrong side. Create the designs using our instructions as a guide, then save each completed design and transfer to your machine. Embroider pillow fronts and sew the pillows together as a final step.

### Instructions to Create Pillow Design with Four Corner Frame and Appliqué Monogram

1. From the Home tab, begin by clicking on the drop down arrow below the Hoop icon. Select the 200mm hoop. \*See **Figure #1**.
2. Click on the drop down arrow below the Background icon and choose a basic or custom color similar to your pillow piece. \*See **Figure #2**.
3. To add the design, click on Add Design and select Add Border Design. Click to the right to access the drop down arrow and scroll down to select Border No.052.



Figure #1

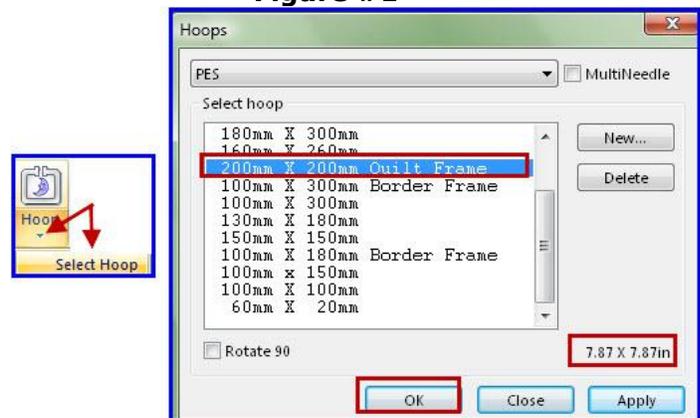
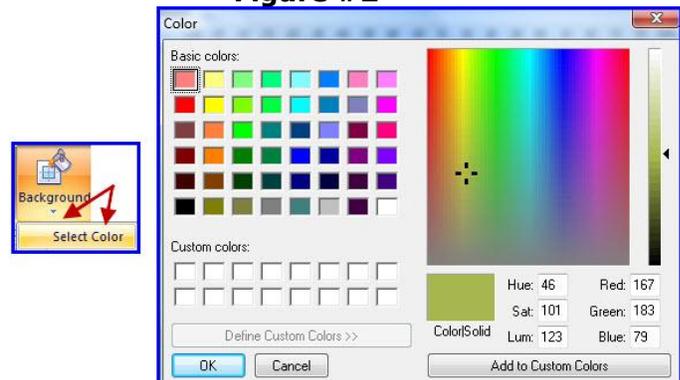


Figure #2

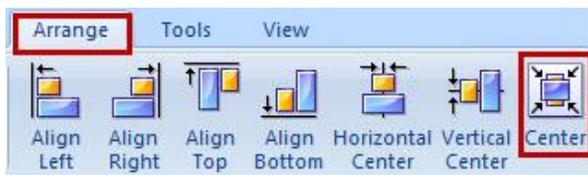


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- Click within the hoop to generate the design.

Click on the Select icon  to select the motif. From the Tools tab click on Arrange on Corner. Change the angle to 135, un-check Color Sort, and then click Apply and OK. \*See **Figure #3**.

- To center the combination click on the Arrange tab and click on Center.

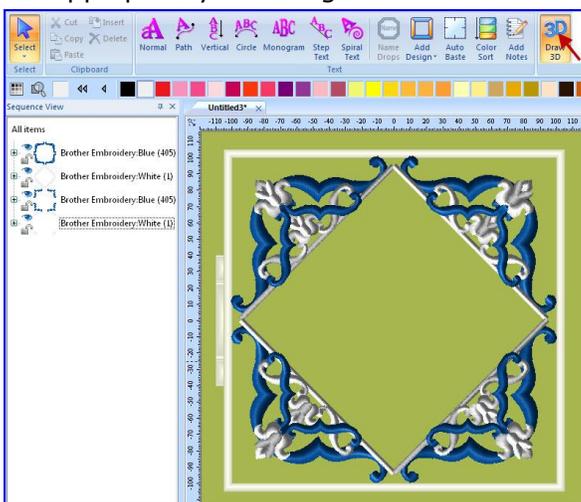


- To enlarge the design to fill the hoop, select Hoop from the Home tab. \*See **Figure #4**.
- To finish the four corner frame we used Color



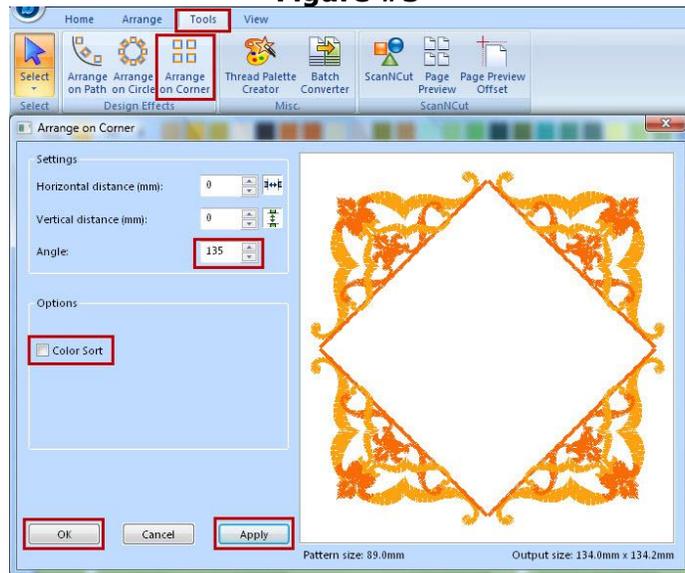
Sort to minimize the thread changes and then changed the thread colors to match our decor. \*See **Figure #5**.

- To view the design in realistic stitches click on the 3D Draw icon. Our frame has a large blank space that is perfect for a large appliqué style monogram.



- To complete this pillow design, add the appliqué letter as follows: Click on Normal text icon, click in the blank space, and select the Anna Appliqué font style. We entered the maximum size for height. \*See **Figure #6**.

**Figure #3**

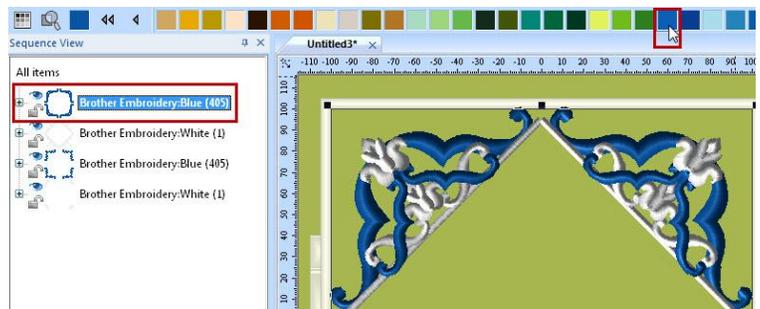


**Figure #4**



**Figure #5**

To change a color, click on the segment in the Sequence view. Click on a box from the Color Palette to choose a different thread color.



**Figure #6**

Slide the pointer over the font you will see the size and alphabet chart.



10. Type the upper case monogram letter into the text box. Click Apply. Center the letter in the hoop. Change the thread colors as desired for the monogram. \*See **Figure #7**.

**Note:** The software assigns three color stops for the appliqué.

- The first color is the appliqué outline.
- The second color is the appliqué position.
- The final color is the appliqué satin stitch.

## Instructions to Create Pillow Design with Combined Appliqué and Accent Motif

1. Begin with a New page in the software. Choose the 150mm square hoop and background color as desired. In this example we selected a background color to simulate our appliqué fabric. Select Motif No.026 from the Accent Design menu. \*See **Figure #8**.

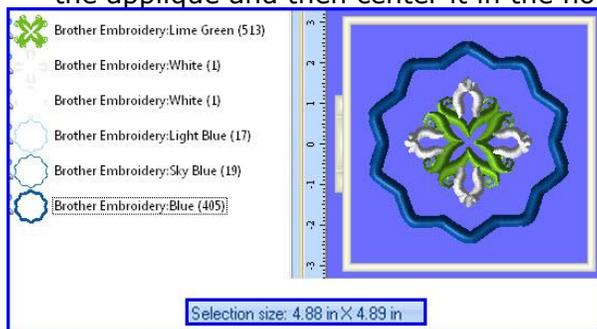
2. Click within the hoop space to generate the



design. Click on the Select icon to select the motif. Click and drag one of the four corner handles to increase the size. Change thread colors as desired and center the entire motif in the hoop. \*See **Figure #9**.

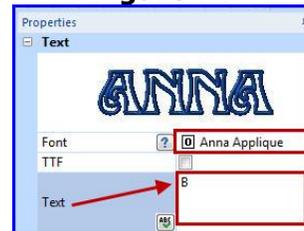
3. Access the Appliqué Design menu from the Home tab. Select appliqué shape No.056. \*See **Figure #10**.

4. Click within the hoop space to add the appliqué. To complete the combination for the second pillow design, select and re-size the appliqué and then center it in the hoop.

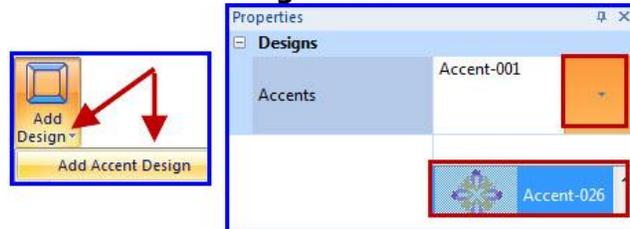


**Tip:** Read the manual for additional information and options for appliqué letters and appliqué shape designs.

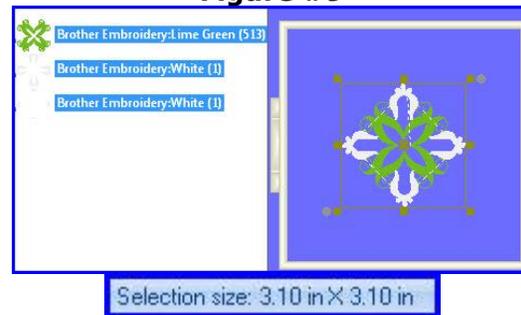
**Figure #7**



**Figure #8**



**Figure #9**



**Figure #10**

