

## SINGER® FUTURA™ Sewing & Embroidery Machine Monogrammed Towels



Learn how to successfully monogram towels using your SINGER® FUTURA™ Sewing & Embroidery Machine. This technique will allow you to add special touches to your home or make quick and easy gifts for family and friends.

### Shopping List:

- Towel or towels (one hand towel and one bath towel are samples shown)
- Machine embroidery thread
- Bobbin thread
- INSPIRA® Tear N' Wash stabilizer
- INSPIRA® Clear and Melt stabilizer for embroidery topper
- Martha Stewart Classic Embroidery Patterns No. 001 from [www.myembroideries.com](http://www.myembroideries.com)

## Fabric Preparation:

INSPIRA<sup>®</sup> Tear N' Wash is a stabilizer composed of microfibers inside of wash away paper. The paper dissolves completely in water, but the microfibers stay locked in the design for continuous support. It is a great backing for embroidery on towels, blankets and loosely woven fabrics that will be frequently laundered.

INSPIRA<sup>®</sup> Clear N' Melt is a melt away stabilizer that should be hooped on the top of terry cloth or towels or when sewing on napped fabric. This prevents the loops of the terry cloth from poking up through the design and distorting the embroidery. It also helps create a smooth finish to the embroidered design.

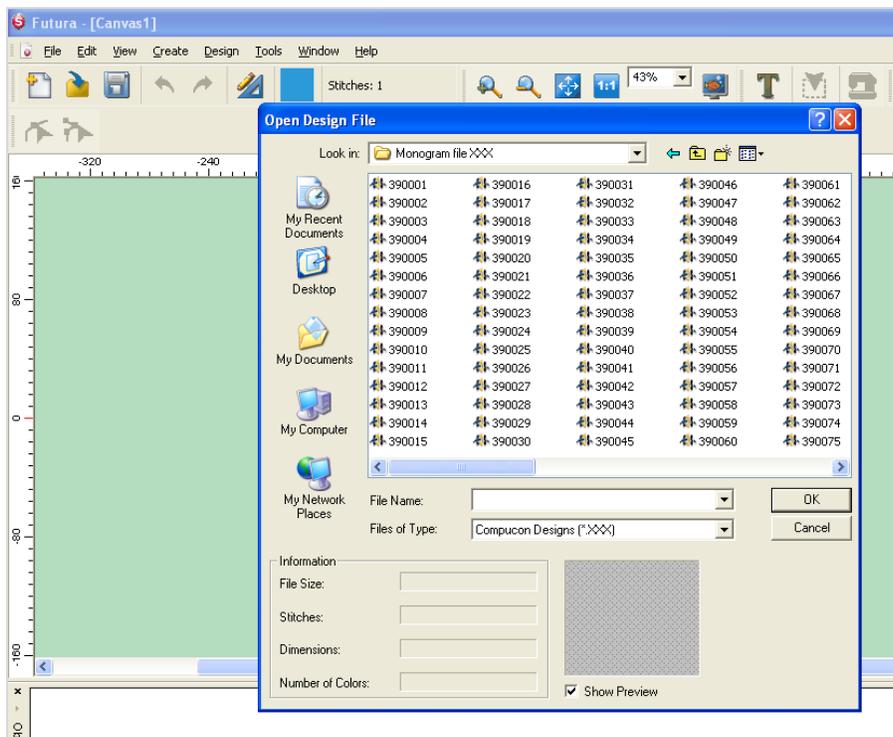
### **Directions for Use:**

- Cut a piece of INSPIRA<sup>®</sup> Tear N' Wash stabilizer large enough for the selected hoop (hoop dimension plus at least 1" on all four sides). Place it on the back (wrong side) of the piece to be embroidered.
- Cut a piece of INSPIRA<sup>®</sup> Clear N' Melt the same size as the INSPIRA<sup>®</sup> Tear N' Wash stabilizer. Place it on top of the towel. Hoop fabric with stabilizers together. (See instruction manual for tips on hooping).
- Embroider the design. (See "At the Computer" section for specifics on monogramming the towels). When the embroidery is completed, gently tear away the excess stabilizer from both the front and back of the embroidered towel.
- If any remaining pieces of INSPIRA<sup>®</sup> Clear N' Melt remain on the towel, touch with the tip of a warm iron, and the bits will instantly dissolve using the heat of the iron. Any remaining fibers of the INSPIRA<sup>®</sup> Tear N' Wash will wash out in the laundry.

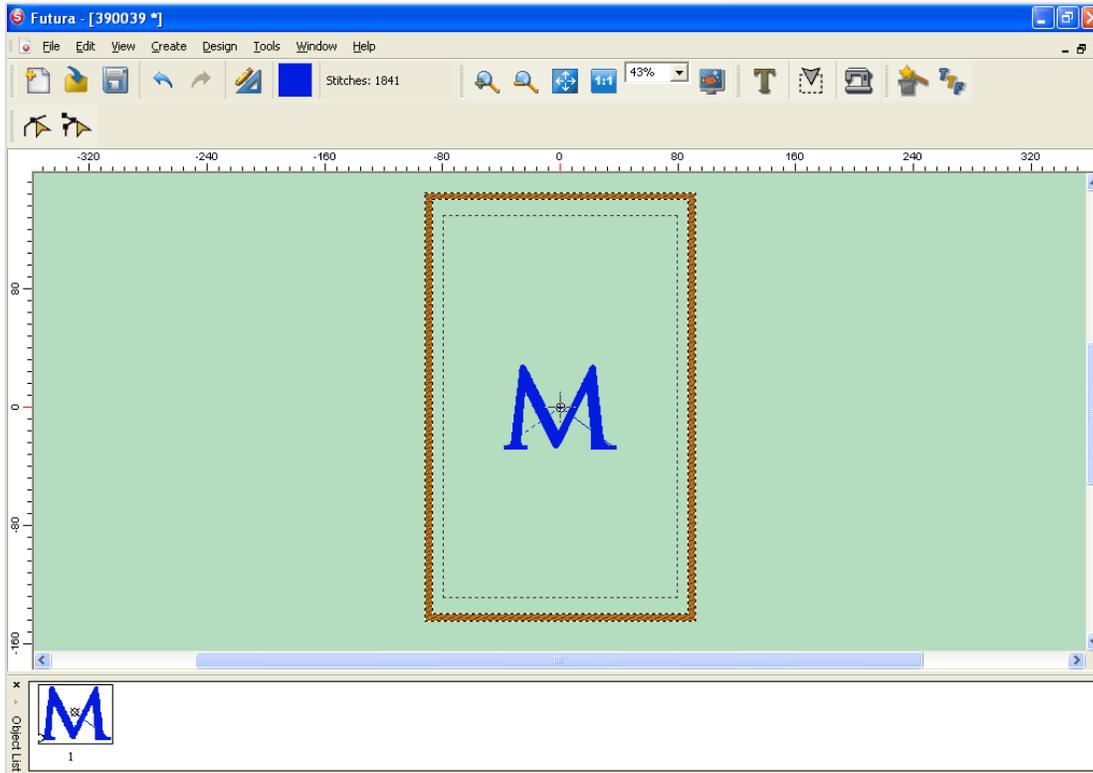
## At the Computer:

(Samples shown in the cover page photo feature the 2" and 3" letter 'M' from this collection)

1. Go to [www.myembroideries.com](http://www.myembroideries.com). Select *Martha Stewart Classic Embroidery Patterns No. 001* and purchase the design. Select any of the formats that the Futura sewing and embroidery machine can use – we recommend either XXX or DST format. The design can then be downloaded from the site.
2. Set the machine in embroidery mode. Connect the machine and computer with the USB cable. Open FUTURA software, then turn on the machine.
3. To open file for embroidery, select folder in which the design was downloaded and saved. From the main menu, select **File**, then scroll down to **Open design**.
4. A window will then open with **Look In:** dialogue box blank. Click on the arrow and a drop down menu appears. Locate the file in which you saved the collection and click on it. After selecting the file, a number of folders appear in the large box in the window. Select the folder with 2" letters.
5. After selecting the 2" letter folder, make sure the format you selected to download when purchasing the design is the showing in the **Files of Type:** dialogue box. If is it different, then use the arrow to select the proper format from the drop down menu.



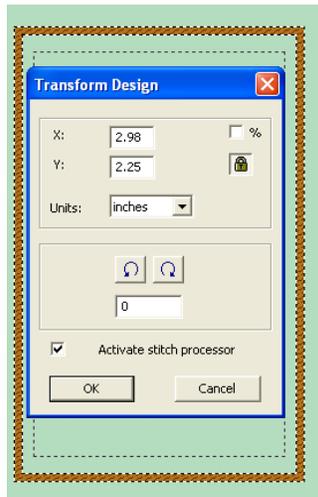
6. Select the desired letter to monogram from the collection. A click will make the letter appear in the embroidery frame on the computer screen.



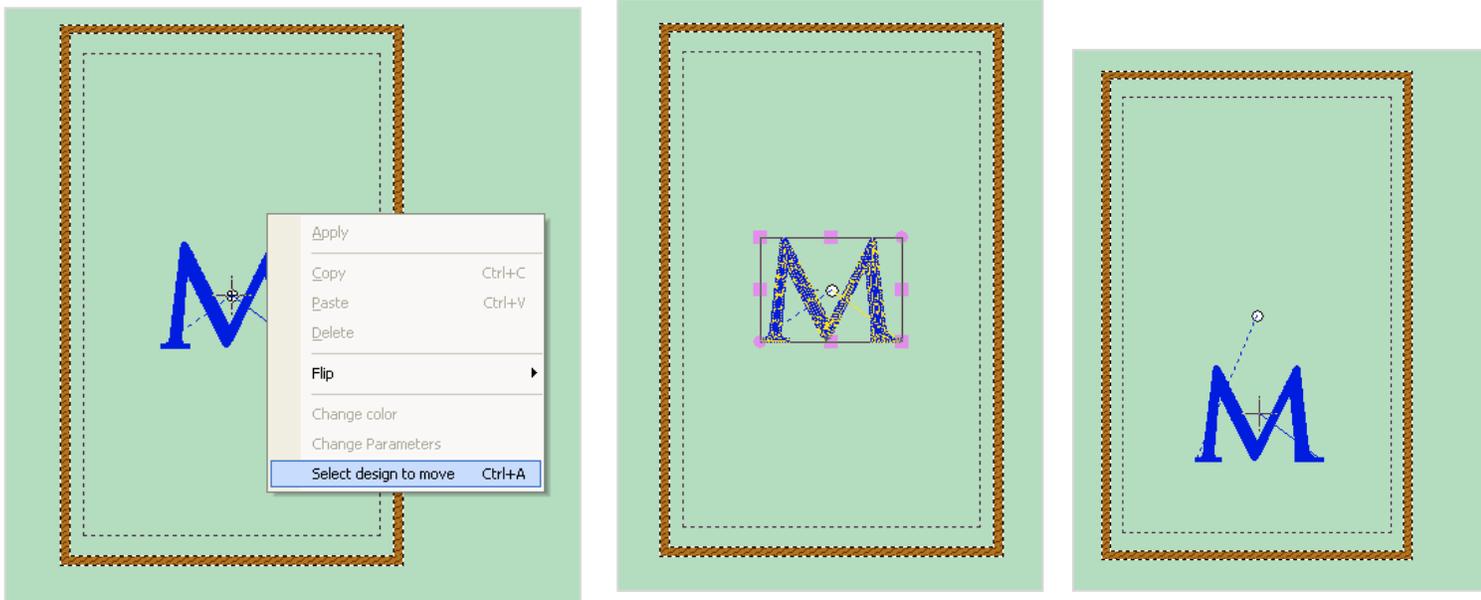
7. From the main menu, select **Design**. From the drop down menu, select **Change Size**. Change the format from *mm* to *inches*.



- If desired, you can change the size of the monogram. Change the Y: to 2.25 by typing in the new number. Notice that the X: will automatically change, too. Be sure the **Activate Stitch processor box** is checked - that will change the size of the letter and increase the stitch count (increase the density of the design), which displays on the tool bar. Click **OK**.



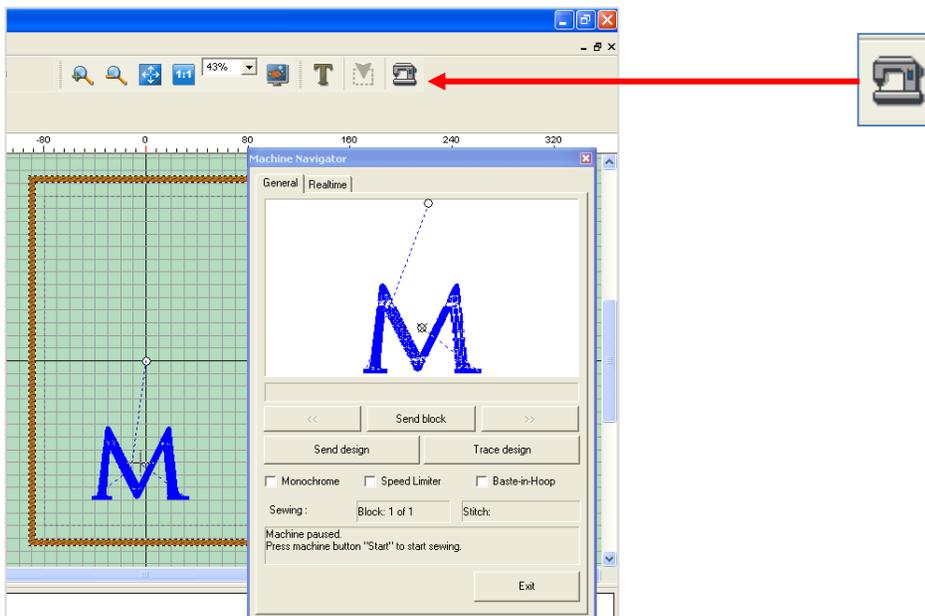
- To move the embroidery design to the desired placement on the towel, right click anywhere on the screen and a pop-up menu appears. Choose **Select Design to Move**. Click on the selection and the letter appears in the wire frame format. Drag letter to desired location. Then left click anywhere on the screen and the letter will automatically move to the desired location



- Hoop hand towel with stabilizers in embroidery hoop. (See tips in “Fabric Preparation” section.)

## At the Machine:

11. Fill bobbin with bobbin thread and place in machine.
12. The recommended needle for embroidery is the Chromium Embroidery Needle – SINGER® Style 2000, size 14. Thread the top of the machine with the desired color of machine embroidery thread.
13. Attach the embroidery hoop to the machine.
14. Click on the **Transmit to machine** icon on the toolbar and this screen will appear. Then click on **Send block** to send the design to the machine



15. Press the **Start/Stop** button on the machine to begin embroidering the towel.
16. Remove the completed towel from the machine and hoop. Remove stabilizers, following manufacturer's recommendations.
17. To create the letter for the bath towel, repeat process above, using the 3" letters, changing so Y= 3.25 inches (X will automatically change to 4.33). Click **OK** and save enlarged design. The larger initial is positioned and stitched on the bath towel.

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