

Curly Christmas Tree

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Put your own creative touch on holiday projects using built-in features of the Artistic software. You'll be amazed at how one design can be turned into a boutique item by simple re-sizing, duplicating and creative placement.

Software Accessories:

Artistic Suite V6
Dongle
External Mouse

Artistic Supplies:

Artistic Press
Cameo Cutter
1 sheet Crystal template material
1 sheet backer board
1 sheet transfer tape

Supplies Required:

12" X 22" solid Fabric
12" X 6" Print fabric
Red 10ss crystals inner tree
Green embroidery thread
Bobbin thread
1 piece Tear away stabilizer cut to fit

Embroidery and Sewing Machine
Hoop Approximately 5" X 5"

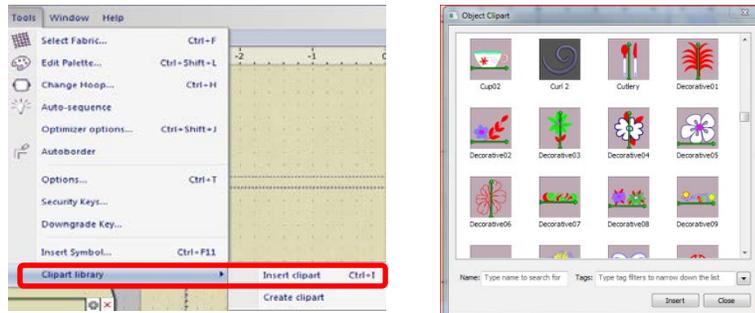


Building the Embroidery Design

1. Open Creative DRAWings > Create New > Next > Embroidery Normal – Standard Normal > Next > New graphic.
2. Select Hoop – choose the hoop size appropriate for your embroidery machine. All designs have been created to fit in a 5" x 5" hoop but can be altered to other hoops sizes.
3. Select Tools> Drop down Menu> Clipart Library> Insert Clipart Ex#1

- The Open Clipart window will open on your work screen showing a variety of graphics. Scroll to Curl 2, Click on the picture then Click Insert.Ex#2

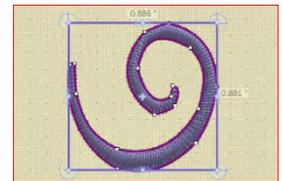
(Tip: To view clipart as a gallery rather than a Detail List, right click on any picture and choose View Icons)



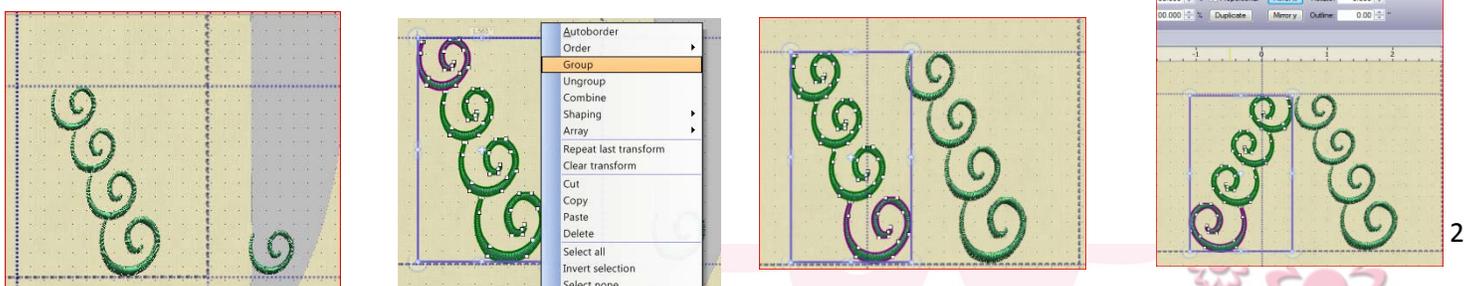
- Nothing will appear on your screen yet.
- Left click & hold while dragging your mouse. The Curl shape will appear as an extension on your mouse.
- When you release the mouse button the design will be generated on your screen.

(Note: Practice this several times to see how the design can be manipulated on the screen.)

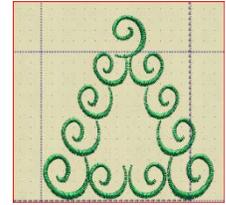
- Select the Curl design and adjust the size to approximately 0.860 X 0.860 by dragging on the resizing handles at the corners or center of the sides. The X & Y (Width and Height) will be shown on the perimeter when the design is Selected. Ex#3
- Select any green color.
- With the design Selected, Click Copy, then Paste. Drag the new design above the original. Reduce the size of the duplicated design by dragging in on the corner.
- Repeat this process 2 more times to create 4 Curls as shown in example #4.
- Duplicate one more curl and drag it to the side, to be used later.
- Select the 4 stacked pieces by dragging the Select box around all.
- Right click>Group. This will keep all pieces together. Example #5
- Select Copy> Paste.
- Drag the Duplicated pieces to the left. Ex #6
- Select Mirror X in Tool Options. Arrange the 2 sections to form a tree. Adjust the size to approximately 3 ½ " Ex#7



(Tip: You can change the size of a design and keep the proportions equal using the Tool Options. Click the Proportion box then adjust the %. Each Curl design was reduced 10% to graduate to the smaller sizes)



18. Copy and Paste the extra curl to fill in the bottom and top of the tree. Ex#8



19. Select, Create Outline Shape Drawing Tool Ex#9

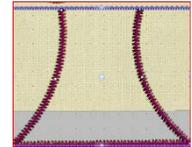


Left click at the center bottom of the tree, drag a short distance down, left Click. Drag down again, Hold the shift Key, Left click. Continue to complete the outline area in the same manner.

Note: using the Create Outline shape tool, left drag>left click will produce a curved line. Hold down the Shift key>Drag>Click will produce a point/corner.

20. Select the Outline>Object properties >Satin Serial. Ex#10

21. Open Sequence Manger. Drag the bottom tree trunk to the 1st position, to be sewn first.

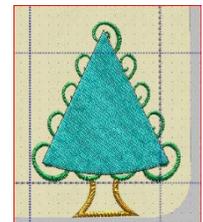


Crystal Application

22. Select Outline Shapes in the Drawing tools. Ex #11



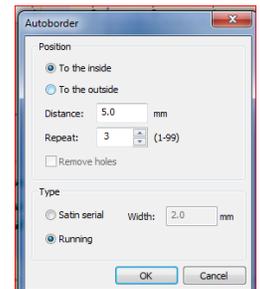
23. Click at the top point of the tree, Drag>Shift key>Click at the bottom left, Drag>Click at Bottom Center, Drag>Hold Shift key>Click bottom Right, Drag>Hold shift key>Click at the top of the tree over the 1st point. Ex#12



24. With the new shape Selected, Delete the Fill stitches by clicking on the lower triangle in the Color Palette Toolbar ex#13



25. Select Autoborder. Choose –To the Inside, Distance>5.0, Repeat>3, Running .Press OK Ex#14

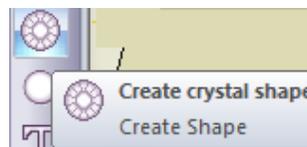


26. Hold the Ctrl key and select each of the 4 outlines in the Tree.

27. From Object properties, Select Crystals. Adjust the spacing to 4.5 Ex#15

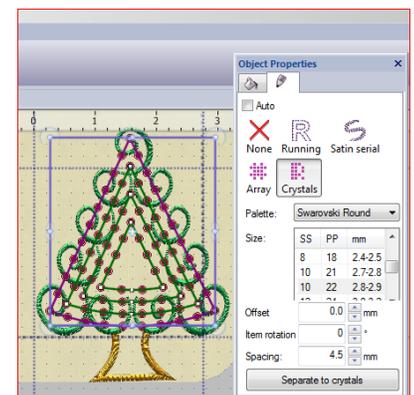
28. Select Crystal Color Ruby>Sz10

29. Add additional Crystals by Selecting Create Crystal Shape. Ex#16

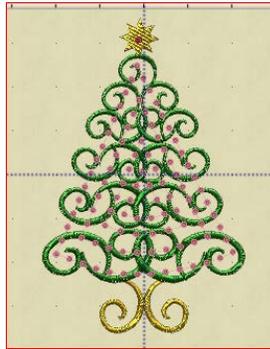


30. Save Design to your PC as Curly Tree, as a Draw file.

31. Save Design to a USB with the Format compatible to your Sewing Machine.



Tips: Expand your imagination by combining this simple design to create a tree filled with more curls. Ex#17



Cutting the Template

32. Select File>Export>The Crystal
33. Select 2 Passes> Cut Frame, Cameo
34. Press the template material to the
35. Position the knife to start at the upper left corner of the mat. Cut the template.
36. Placed complete template on Backer Board.
37. Fill the template fill the crystals. Lift with Transfer Paper. Apply the crystals over the sewn tree. Fuse in place.

Cutters.
Cutter
cutting mat> Load Mat on the cutter.

