



Lettering & Crystals Techniques

Based on this beautiful project from Sew4Home.com

[DIY Wedding Sparkle with Artistic Crystals: Bride & Entourage Dazzle Tees \(below\)](#)



These are perfect for the Bride and her entire Entourage to wear to showers, bachelorette parties, spa days or any other occasions where the wedding party is traveling together. Lettering is a perfect showcase for crystals, whether it's a embellished monogram, your name, or a favorite saying. Easy to create, the Artistic Suite uses the built in fonts from your computer. Sew4Home used the font "Wendy" from A-Z Fonts for their samples, you can find it [here](#).

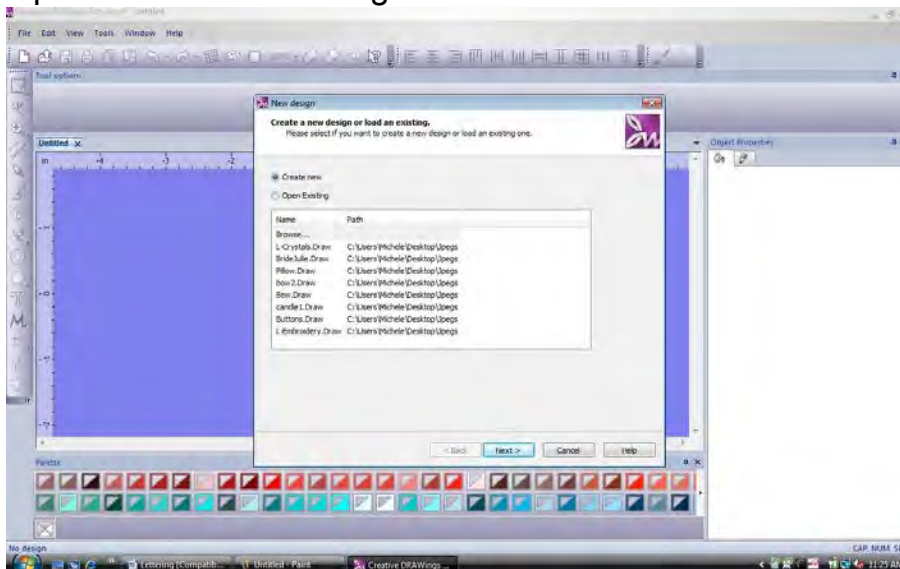
Software Accessories
Artistic Suite V6

Dongle
External Mouse
Digital Cutter such as Silhouette Cameo Cutter

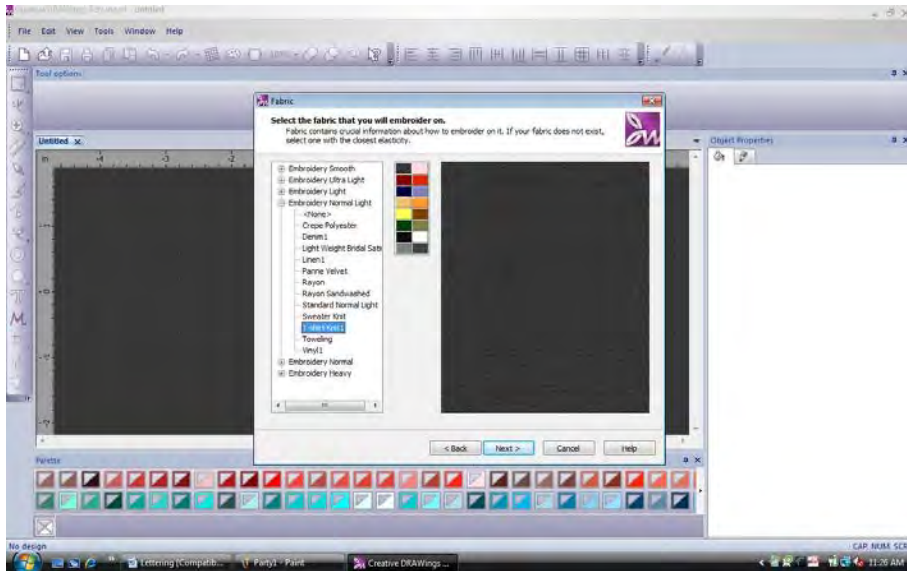
Additional Supplies
Template Material
Backing Board
Transfer Tape
Rhinestones in assorted sizes and colors
Plastic Tray
Positioning Brush
Artistic Press (optional) or Iron and Ironing Board
Silicon Press Sheet
Press Cloth or Handkerchief

Bachelorette Party Ts
10 Gross Crystals, SS10 in colors to match the T-shirts
Purchased T-shirts

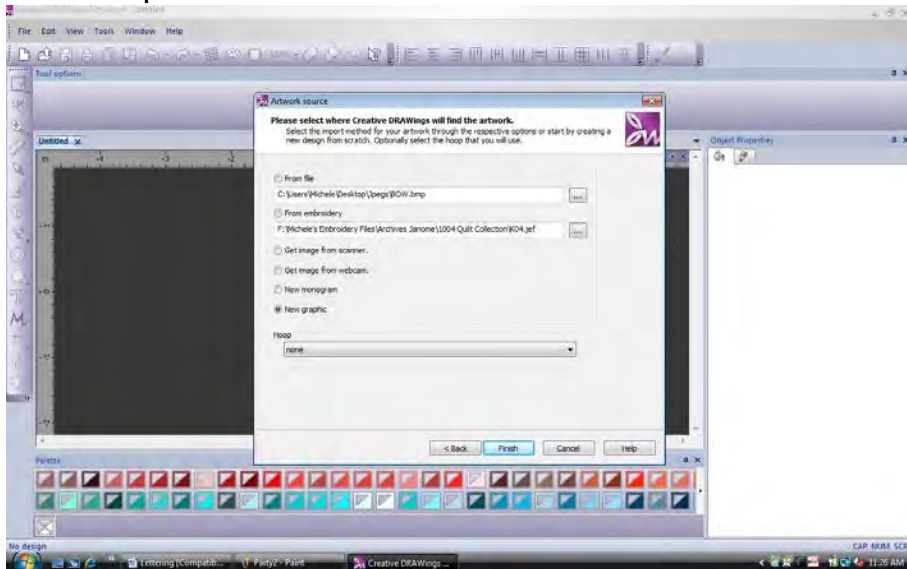
1. Open Creative DRAWings 6 > Create New > Next >



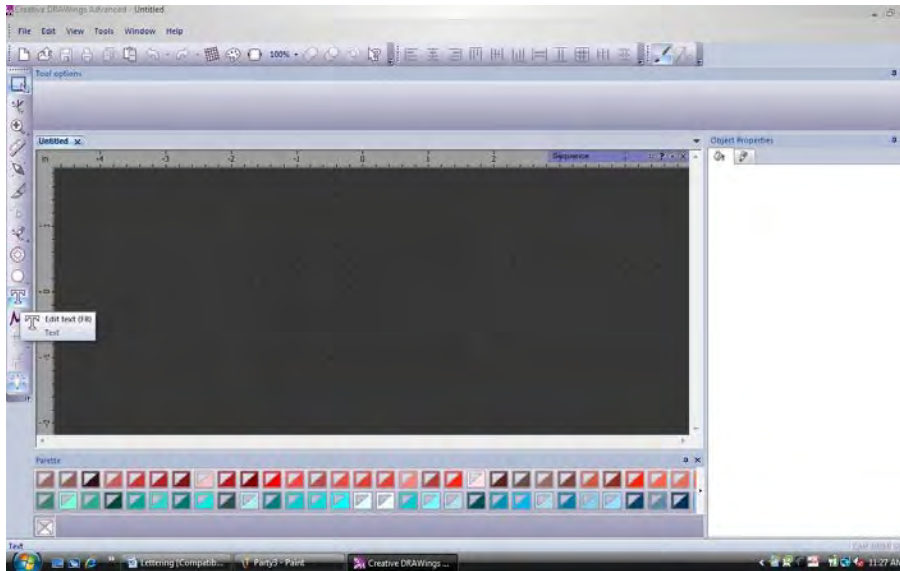
2. Select T shirt Knit 1 > Next >



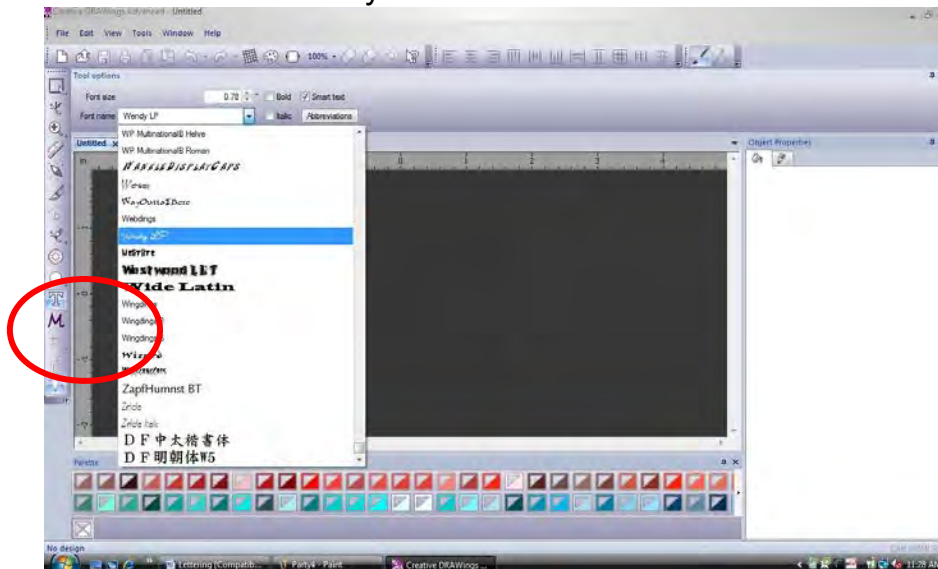
3. New Graphic > Finish



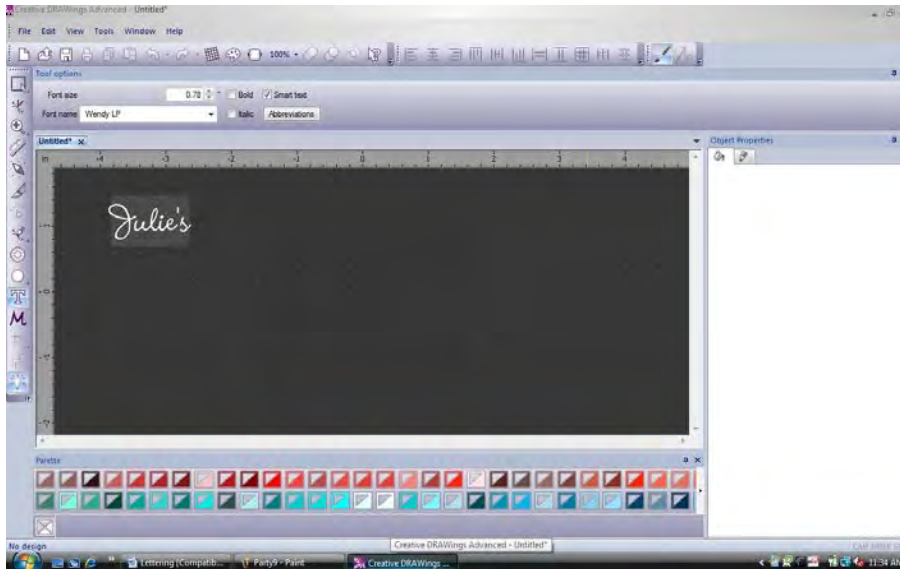
4. Select Text tool.



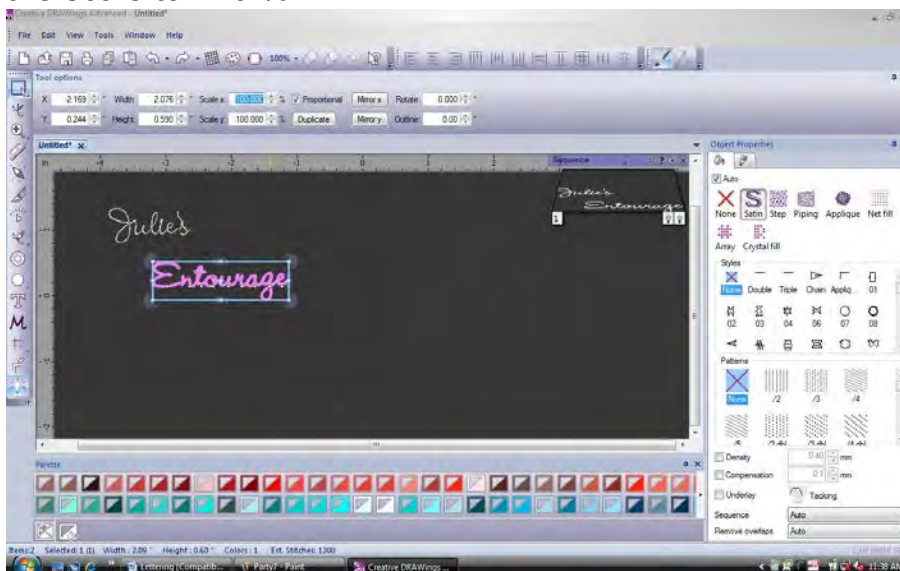
5. Select the font Wendy.



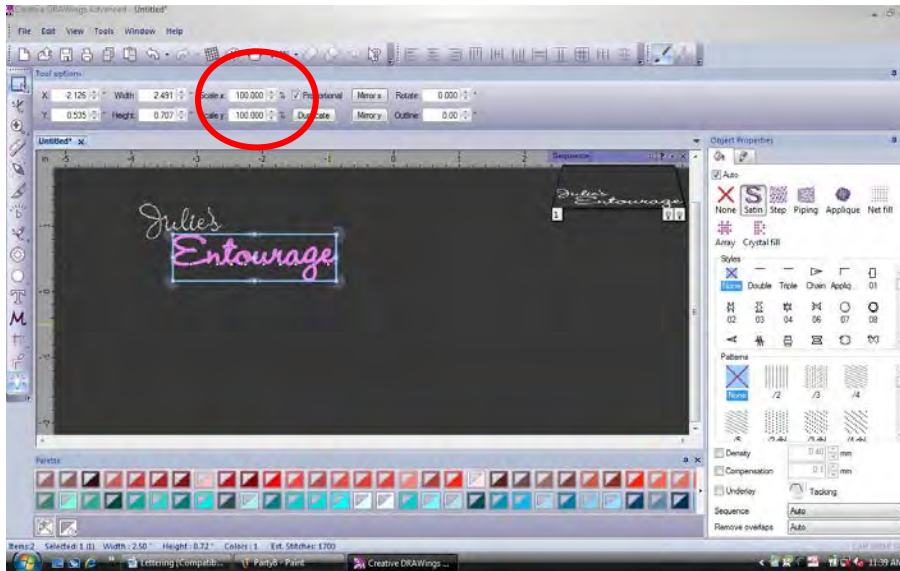
6. Left click on screen to generate a curser. Type in name.



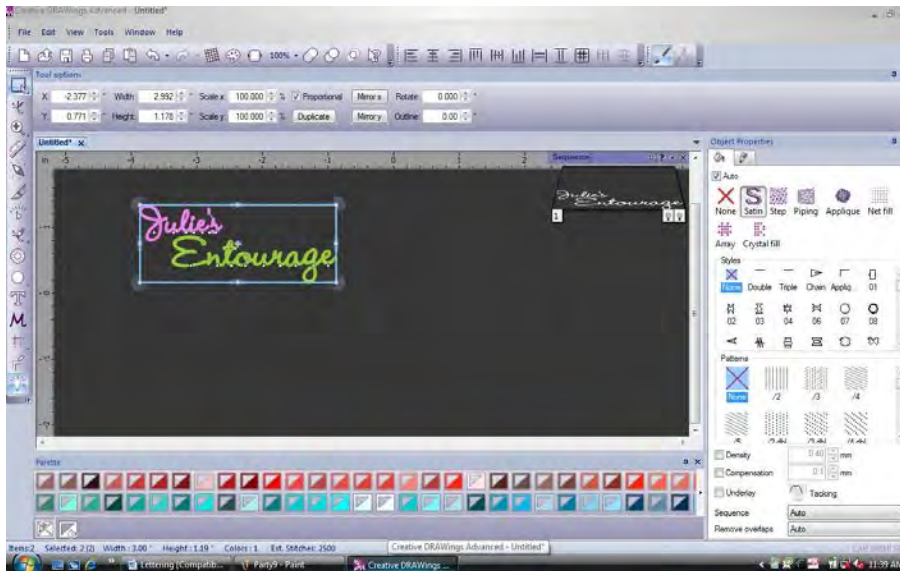
7. Left click on the screen to generate a second cursor. Type in Entourage. Adjust the scale to 120 %



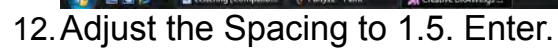
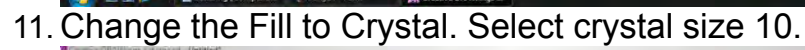
8. Position the word Entourage under the name.



9. Select All (Control A).



10. Adjust the size to 11". Enter.





13. Go to File > Export > To Crystals/Cutters.



14. Load the template material into the cutter. Cut template.

Applying the Crystals

For additional step-by-step instructions and photos, take a look at the [Sew4Home tutorial](#) (below) as well as the [Sew4Home overview on crystal application](#).

1. Peel the template material from the paper backing and adhere the template to template backing.
2. Place the template in a tray, and pour a generous amount of crystals over the template. Use the positioning brush to move the crystals from side to side over the template, and just like magic! The crystals position themselves in the template holes right side up.

3. Cut a piece of transfer tape the size of the template. Position the tape over the crystals and smooth in place. Gently lift the tape with the crystals adhered.
4. Place the silicon sheet inside the t-shirt, making sure it lays flat.
5. Position the template and crystals on the T-shirt, smoothing into place.
6. Place the t-shirt on the Artistic Press or on the ironing board, and cover with a press cloth or handkerchief. Apply pressure with the Artistic Press or iron. Heat for approximately 40 seconds.

When using an iron, it is important to apply steady pressure WITHOUT moving the iron. This ensures that the crystals will stay in place during the bonding period.

Repeat for each member of the wedding party. The template and transfer tape can be reused over and over again!

For the Bride's T-shirt, follow the same basic instructions, but use a single line of type such as 'Bride Julie' used for our sample T-shirt. Add a purchased crown to the arrangement, and apply the crystals using the same steps that were used for the bridesmaids. The crown shown in our sample is from the [Silhouette on-line store](#).

DIY Wedding Sparkle with Artistic Crystals: Bride & Entourage Dazzle Tees

Editor: Liz Johnson
Friday, 01 June 2012 3:00



As you may have noticed within the S4H pages this week, we have something a bit different from our regular beautiful and inspiring projects. We've put together an entire series with creative entrepreneurs in mind. We certainly hope you *still* find the projects beautiful and inspirational, but they are also designed to be jumping off points for items you could make for yourself or make and sell as a home-based wedding accessories business, using the Artistic integrated system of crystals, software, cutters and presses. Today: Dazzle Tees. These are perfect for the Bride and her entire Entourage to wear to showers, bachelorette parties, spa days or any other occasions where the wedding party is traveling together. We spied a number of similar garments during our research of best-sellers in the world of weddings. These are even prettier... and they're personalized!

Today's brides are more DIY-focused than ever. Some simply want to save money, but many others are most interested in finding items that can be handcrafted with their special wedding theme in mind. And they are willing to pay extra to have something no one else has!

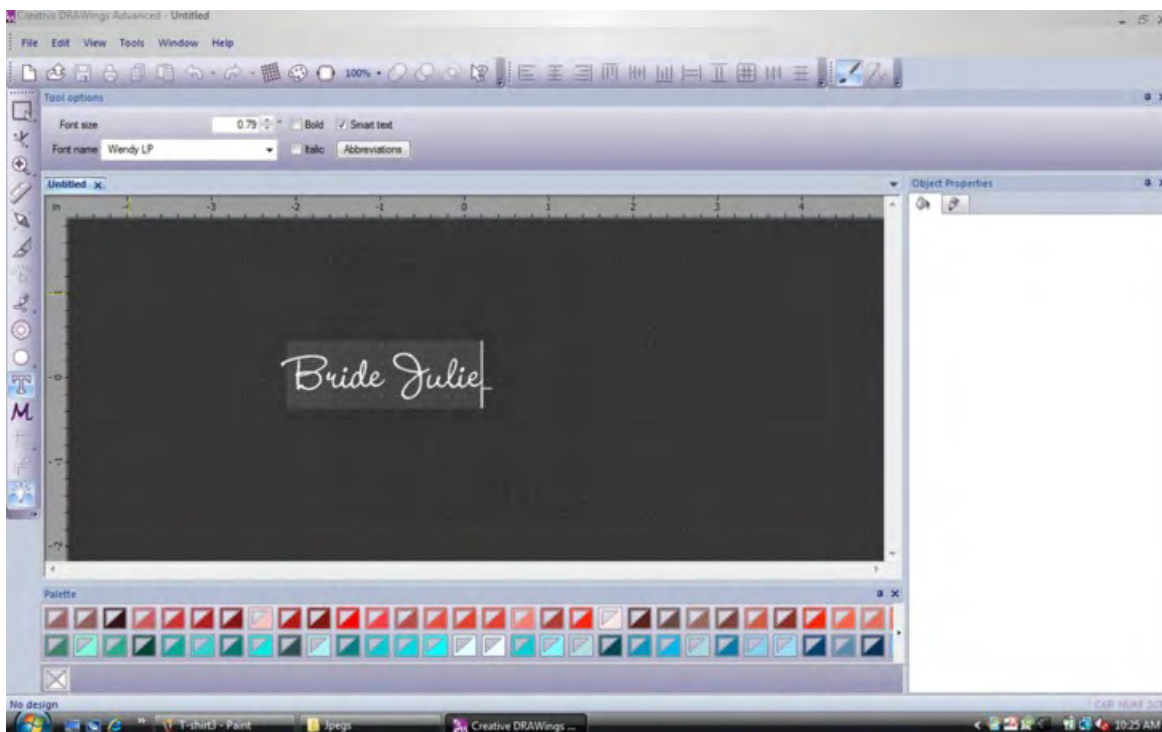
What is especially fun about these Dazzle Tees is the ability to personalize them. It's not just another generic shirt you could see someone else wearing; you offer a rainbow of colors, then add the bride's name and can even incorporate a special theme icon, as we did with our crown. This same icon could then be included on special accessories for the wedding party's ensembles and/or as part of the reception table décor.



All of our **DIY Wedding Sparkle** projects are structured to provide ideas rather than act as full sewing and software tutorials. Once you're hooked, and have your very own [Artistic Crystals System](#), you'll be able to visit the [Artistic website](#), where detailed step-by-step crystal design and application tutorials will be available for our project ideas, including today's personalized tees. These free .PDF files will be posted to the [Artistic website](#) at the conclusion of our S4H series.

Even if you've not worked with design or digitizer programs before, you'll find the [Artistic software](#) easy to use and the steps intuitive.

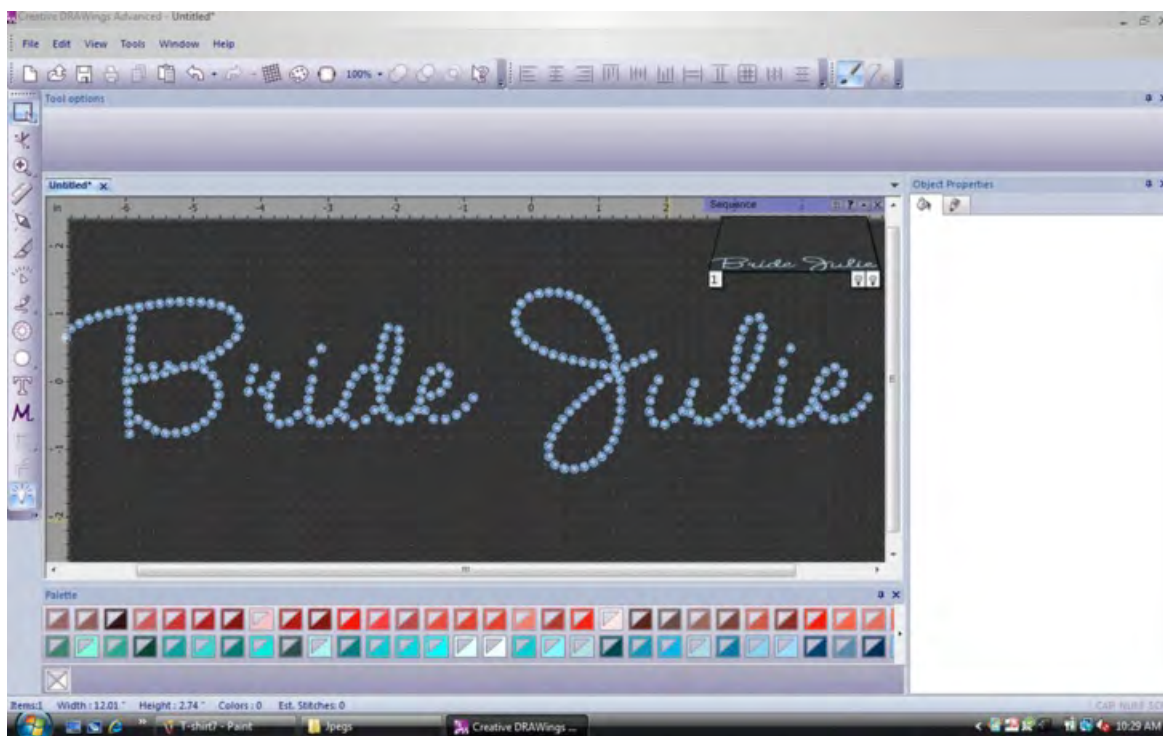
We brought in our words.



Sized them and filled them with crystals.



And, voilà, your name in lights.



If you haven't already, take a look at the first article in this series, [The Business of Bling](#), for a step-by-step overview of the crystal design and application process. We used the Dazzle Tees as our sample for this overview, so you'll get a close look at how they came together.

For the final step of the crystal application process, heat setting, a pressing cloth was used in all instances. For this project, we also used a silicone sheet between the two layers of the tee to prevent them from sticking together. The heat setting takes, on average, only about 45 seconds.

**Contributors**

Project Design: Alicia Thommas

Sample Creation and Instructional Outline: Michele Mishler

Tags:

[Interviews & Inspirations](#)

This project and patterns (if any) may be downloaded for personal use only. No electronic or printed reproduction permitted without the prior written consent of Sew4Home LLC.

Copyright 2009-2015 Sew4Home LLC. All Rights Reserved.
