

## “Décor Interactive – Back To School Collage”



As your child takes up a new residence for his or her college years here is the perfect keepsake of high school days with friends. Using Décor Interactives to frame pictures and LetterWorks III to name the events, your child can reminisce of all the happy times spends with friends or family.

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

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### **Supplies:**

Baby Lock® sewing and embroidery machine  
Décor Interactives from Designer's Gallery  
LetterWorks III from Designer's Gallery®

1 ½" Yards of zebra print  
1 Yard of solid fabric  
Printed Treasures™ Fabric Sheets for Inkjet Printers  
Baby Lock® Tear-Away stabilizer  
Temporary spray adhesive  
Inkjet printer  
Embroidery thread  
General sewing and embroidery supplies


## Instructions

Before we can work with Décor Interactive, we need to determine the size frame that will be needed for the pictures. Uses a scrapbook or digital photograph program editing program, (PhotoMix.com) was downloaded and used to create this sample). Other graphic programs can also be used. Arrange the photos as desired and following the manufacturer's directions, print out the pictures using the Printed Treasures Fabric sheets. In the sample, five pictures were printed. Print out your pictures and set aside for now.

### At the Computer:

The following directions will create five frames and will use five different styles or motifs. All seam allowances will be ¼". The next set of steps will be used for each frame and will not be repeated for each of the Frames.

1. Measure the width and the height of each of the pictures and write these measurements down.

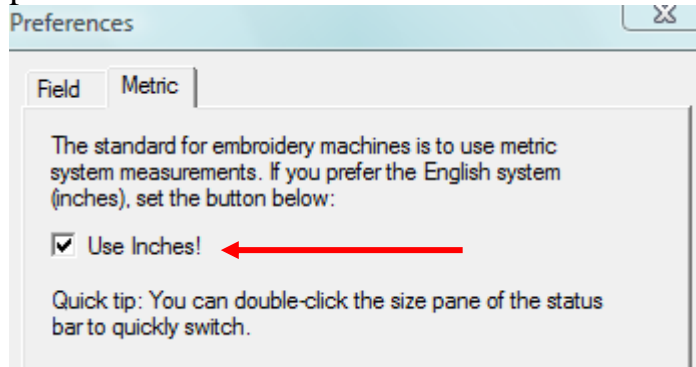
2. Open the program by clicking on the Interactives  icon on the desktop.

3. Scroll down and select Décor – Geometric program.
4. Select Frame Shape tab.
5. Click on the down arrow and select the Polygon shape.
6. Remove the check marks from the following categories: Inner Design and Wallpaper (*See the illustration below*).



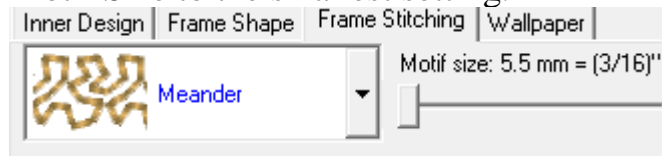


- To set the preferences to inches, click on the Preference icon and place a checkmark next to Use Inches. Close out of the field.

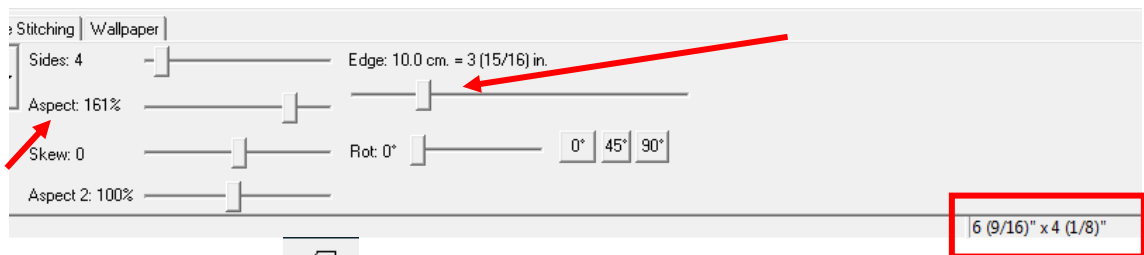


### Frame 1:

- Click on the Frame Stitching tab and select the Meander stitch from the down arrow. Since all of the frames will be relatively small, slide the Motif Size to the smallest setting.



- Click on the Frame Shape tab.
- Slide the Aspect to reflect 161% and set the Edge to 3 15/16\"/>



- Click on the Print icon and print out a template of the frame.

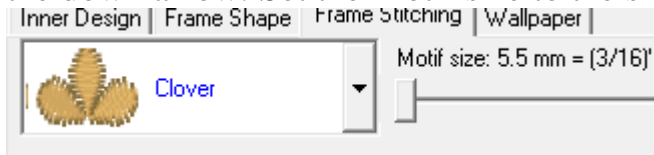


- Click on the Save icon. Give the design the name Frame 1 and save as a .pes file to the media device that your embroidery machine will read.



### Frame 2:

1. Click on the Frame Stitching tab and select the Clover motif stitch from the down arrow. Set the Motif size to the smallest setting.



2. Click on the Frame Shape tab.
3. Refer to the size of the second frame and set the Aspect according to the size of that frame. Use Aspect 2 to further adjust the design to achieve the appropriate size.
4. Print out a template.
5. Save the design and give the design the name Frame 2.

### Frame 3:

1. Click on the Frame Stitching tab and select the Diamond motif stitch from the down arrow. Set the Motif size to the smallest setting and click on Apply.
2. Click on the Frame Shape tab.
3. Refer to the size of the third frame and set the Aspect according to the size of that frame. Use Aspect 2 to further adjust the design to achieve the appropriate size.
4. Print out a template.
5. Save the design and give the design the name Frame 3.

### Frame 4:

1. Click on the Frame Stitching tab and select the Motif 2 stitch from the down arrow. Set the Motif size to the smallest setting and click on Apply.
2. Click on the Frame Shape tab.
3. Refer to the size of the fourth frame and set the Aspect according to the size of that frame. Use Aspect 2 to further adjust the design to achieve the appropriate size.
4. Print out a template.
5. Save the design and give the design the name Frame 4.

### Frame 5:

1. Click on the Frame Stitching tab and select the Heart motif stitch from the down arrow. Set the Motif size to the smallest setting and click on Apply.
2. Click on the Frame Shape tab.

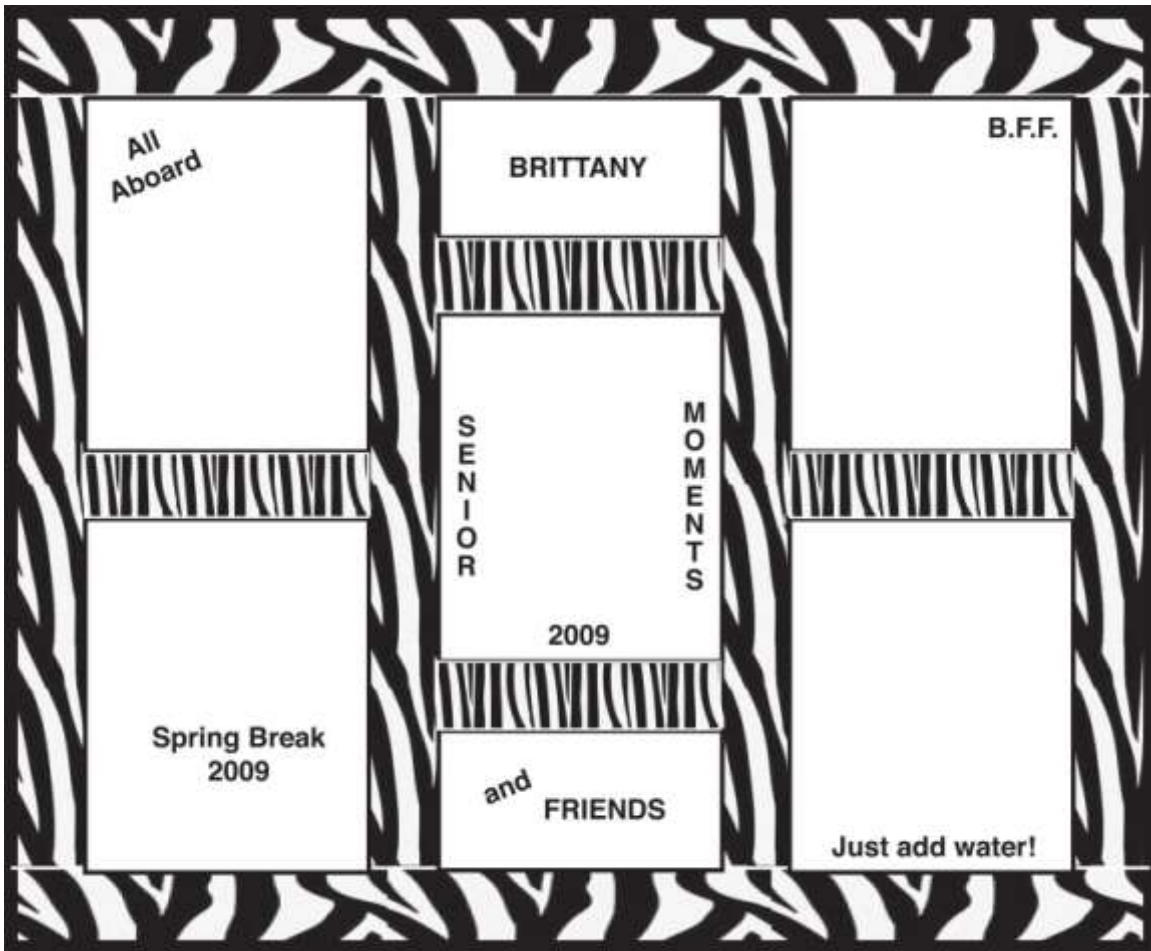
3. Refer to the size of the fifth frame and set the Aspect according to the size of that frame. Use Aspect 2 to further adjust the design to achieve the appropriate size.
4. Print out a template.
5. Save the design and give the design the name Frame 5.
6. The following illustrations demonstrate a couple of the frames up close.

### **At the Embroidery Machine:**

1. Hoop the stabilizer and spray with the temporary spray adhesive.
2. Remove the paper from the back of each of the printed pictures.
3. Determine the placement of the frame designs on the printed fabric sections and pin the template to the frame the pictures.
4. Place the fabric in the hoop and finger press smooth, centering the template in the hoop while using the cross marks on the template to line up with the markings on the hoop.
5. With the frame design merged onto the embroidery machine's workspace, center the needle over the cross marks on the template and embroider the design using the thread color of your choice.
6. Gently remove the stabilizer from the printed fabric and press the design flat.
7. Repeat steps 1-6 for the remaining frame designs.

### **Cutting and Assembly:**

1. From the zebra print fabric, cut 5 pieces that measure 2 ½" x 42" across the width of the fabric.
2. From the solid fabric, cut 2 pieces that measure 7 ½" x 4 ¼". Embroidery will be added to these two sections.
3. From the solid fabric, cut 2 ½" wide bias strips that will be used to bind the quilt.
4. Assemble the wall hanging according to the following illustration using the zebra print between each of the fabric pictures as shown. Place the two solid fabric sections above and below the center picture. After the wall hanging is assembled, add lettering to the top center section and add "and Friends" to the bottom center section (*as shown in the sample*) with the use of LetterWorks III. Use any of the captions that are shown or use any that correspond to the pictures that you are using.



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