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WINGDING LETTERING - PART 1

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CREATING PATTERN STITCHES

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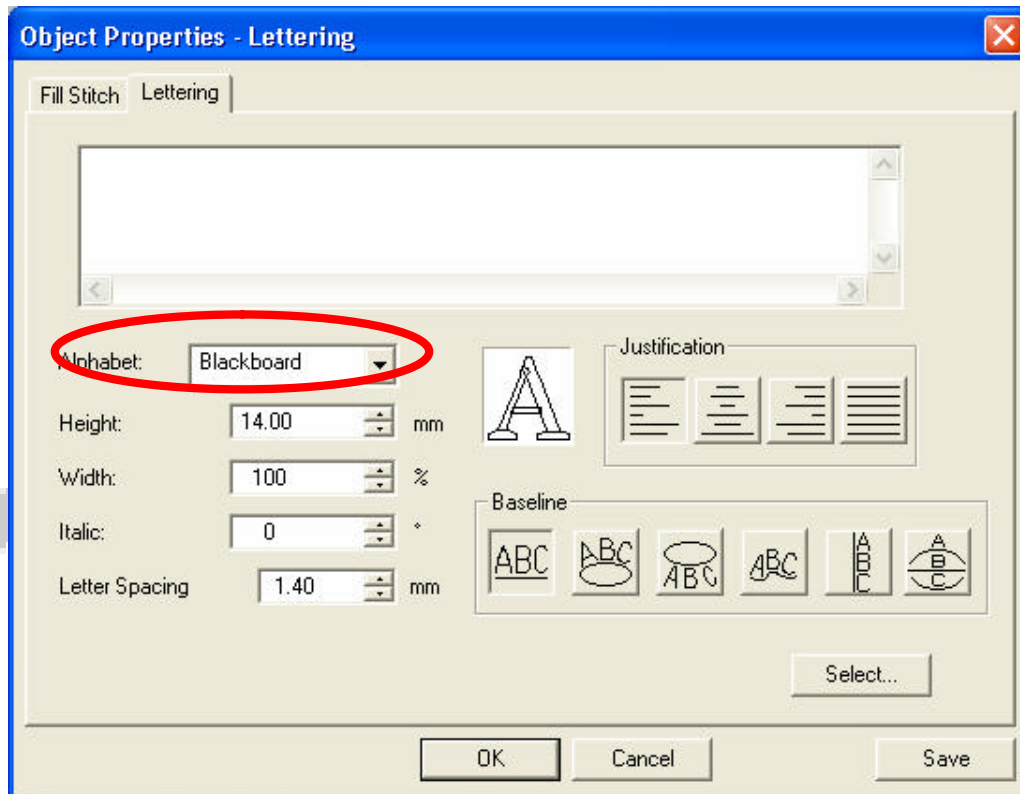
## Wingdings

*Version 3 **artista** software will be necessary to do this portion of this month's lesson. Keep in mind that not all Wingdings are digitizable.*

**W**ingdings are fun and easy to create using version 3 **artista** software. They will allow additional pattern stitch creativity.

### artista version 3 Designer

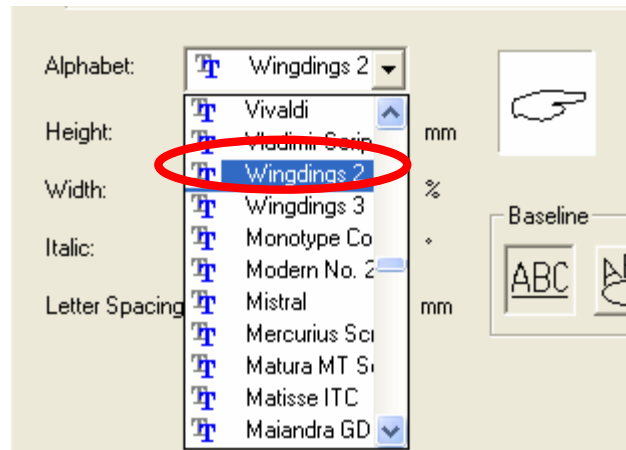
- ✍ Open the **artista** software.
- ✍ Type the letter "A" on the keyboard. The pop-up screen shown on the next page will appear.




☞ Left mouse click on the drop down arrow for the **Alphabet** type.


The actual location of where True Type fonts are stored depends on which Microsoft Windows system you are using. Wingdings are stored in the **Fonts** folder in the **Control Panel**. Double left mouse click on the **My Computer** icon on the **Windows** desktop. Double left mouse click on **Control Panel**. Double left mouse click on the **Fonts** folder. Graphic programs and printers will also install Wingdings on the computer's system.

In the **artista** software, True Type fonts and Wingdings are located after the digitized fonts that accompanied the **artista** software. True Type fonts are not in alphabetical order. Instead, they are shown in the order in which they were installed. Note that "TT" is also next to the word "Wingding" which is letting you know that the Wingding file is a True Type font and not a digitized font that accompanied the **artista** software.

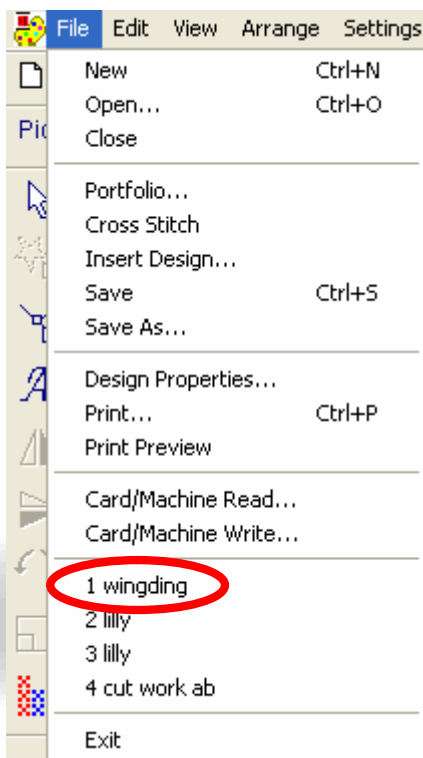



- ✎ Once Wingdings has been located in the alphabet listing, left mouse click on it. 
- ✎ Type the capital letter “A” on the keyboard in the upper box area.
- ✎ Left mouse click on **OK**.
- ✎ Place the cursor in the hoop area and left mouse click. Depending on the processor and RAM of your personal computer, this could take a minute or two. Keep in mind that not all Wingdings or True Type fonts are digitizable. If this is the case, a design will not be viewable.

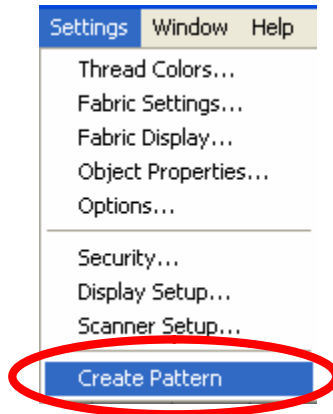


- ✎ The Wingding at this point is grouped. With the design still selected, left mouse click on the **Ungroup** icon. 
- ✎ Left mouse click on **File**.
- ✎ Left mouse click on **Save As**.
- ✎ Save as **wingding.pec**. At this point, the design does not have to be saved as an **.art** file. Close the file. (**File>Close**)
- ✎ Left mouse click on **File**.

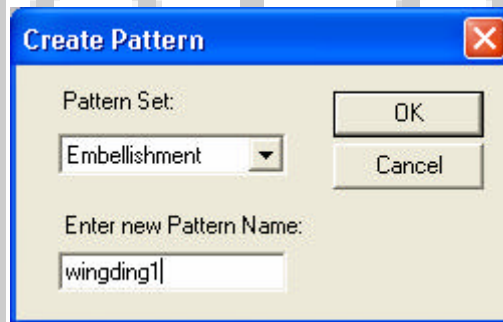
- ✎ At the bottom of the screen, you will find the last four designs that you worked on. Left mouse click on the Wingding file that you just saved.



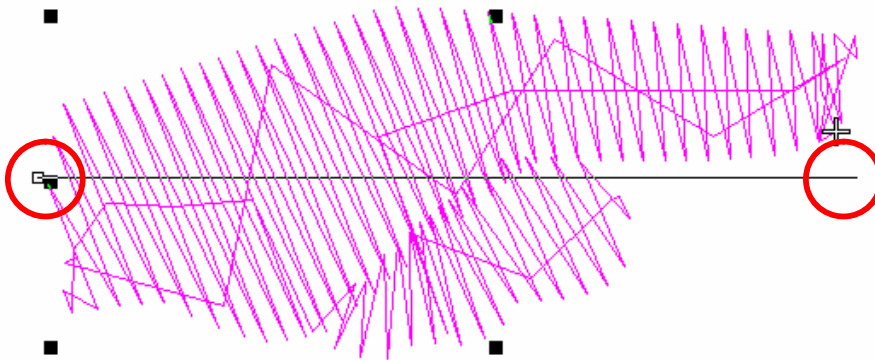
- ✎ Zoom into the design by left mouse clicking on the **Zoom Box** icon. 
- ✎ Place the cursor in the upper right or left hand corner of the design and left mouse click. Keep the left mouse button pressed in and drag the cursor diagonally across the design. Release the left mouse button
- ✎ Left mouse click on **Edit**
- ✎ Left mouse click on **Select All**
- ✎ With the Wingding selected, left mouse click on **Settings**.
- ✎ Left mouse click on **Create Pattern**.



- ✍ A new pop-up screen will appear as shown below. Left mouse click on the **Pattern Set** drop down arrow and select **Embellishment**. In the **Enter new Pattern Name** box, input **wingding1**.






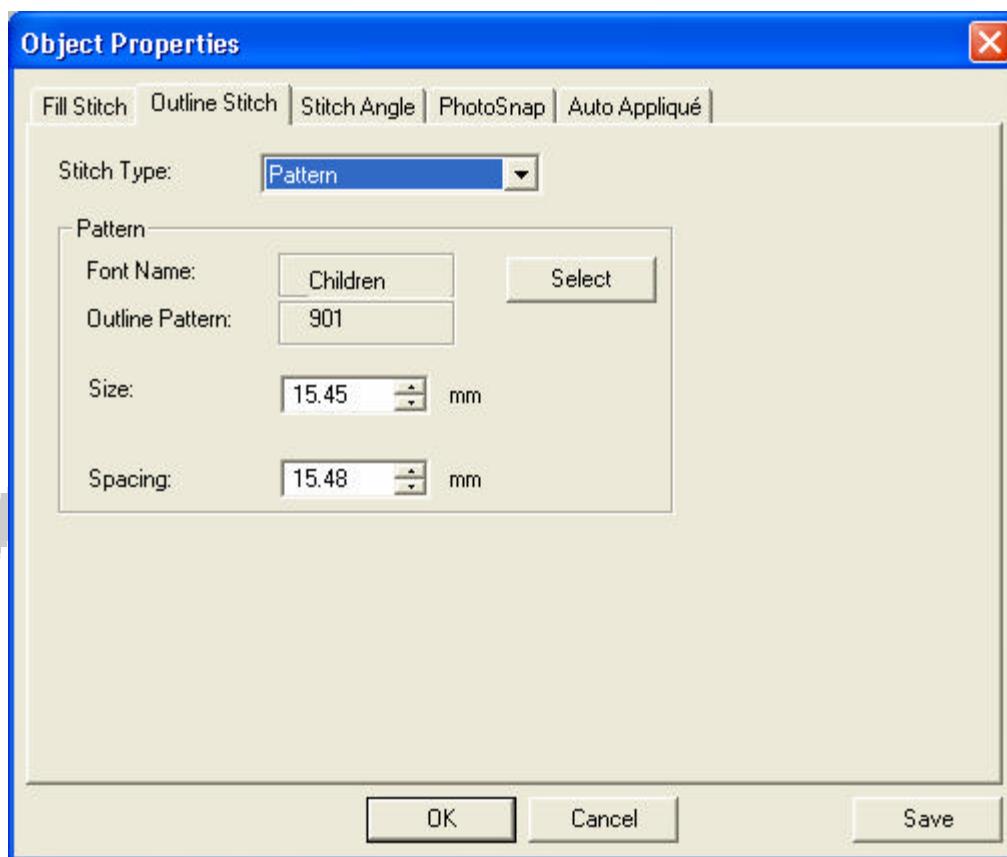
- ✍ Left mouse click on **OK**.
- ✍ Look for the farthest stitch point on the design and left mouse click on that stitch point.
- ✍ A stitch reference point will be created with a line attached to the cursor and the stitch reference point.
- ✍ Press the **Ctrl** key and keep it pressed.
- ✍ Drag the cursor to the farthest stitch point on the right and left mouse click again.



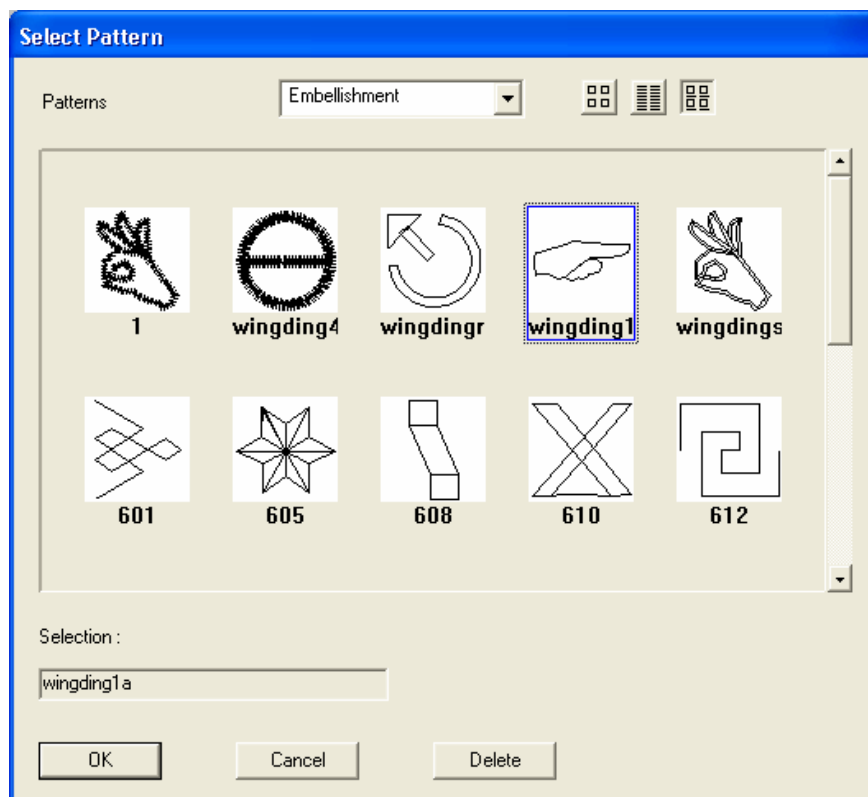
- ✍ The pattern stitch will be created. Because I had to create the pattern stitch twice for the graphics in the lesson, the pop-up screen below is showing **wingding1a** .



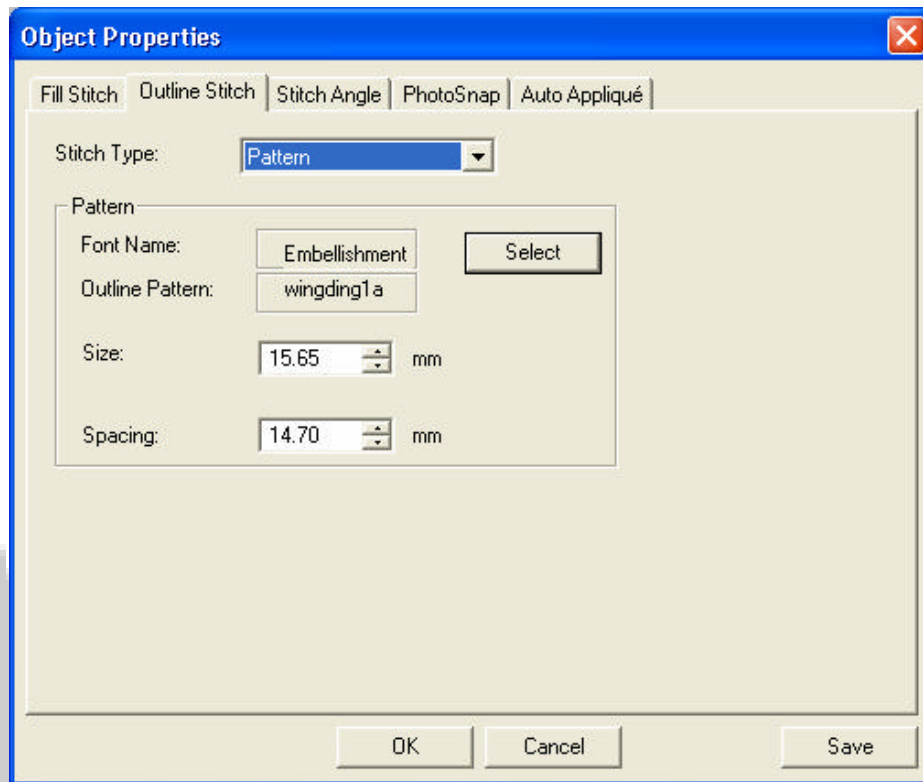
- ✍ Close the design page by left mouse clicking on **File**.
- ✍ Left mouse click on **Close**. The file does not have to be saved as a design file because the design was created as **Pattern Stitches**.
- ✍ Left mouse click on **File**.
- ✍ Left mouse click on **New**.
- ✍ Left mouse click on the **Outline** icon. 
- ✍ Left mouse click on the drop down arrow for **Outline Stitch** type and select **Pattern**.  

- ✍ Left mouse click on **Object Properties**  and left mouse click on the **Outline** tab.




- ✎ Left mouse click on **Select**.
- ✎ Left mouse click on the **Pattern** drop down arrow and select **Embellishment**.
- ✎ Locate **wingding1** and left mouse click on it to select it.



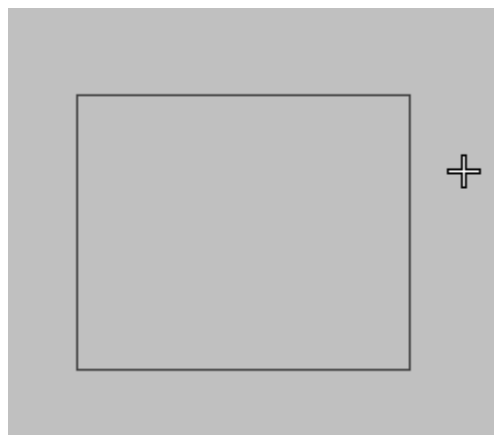
☞ Left mouse click on **OK**.



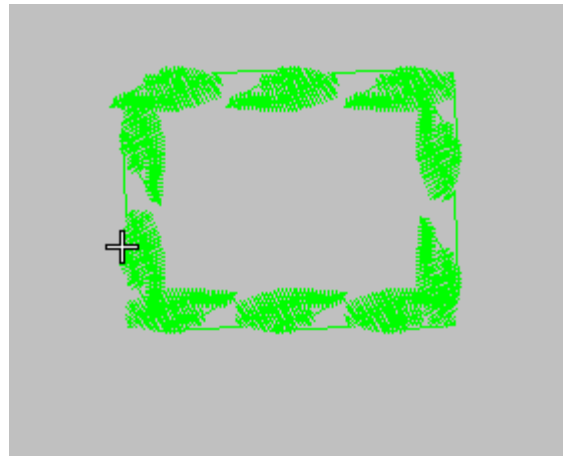
✎ Left mouse click on **OK**.

✎ Left mouse click on the **Rectangle** icon. 

✎ Place the cursor inside the hoop area and left mouse click. Keep the left mouse button pressed in and drag the cursor diagonally to create a square or a rectangle.




☞ Left mouse click again when the desired size of the square or rectangle has been reached.

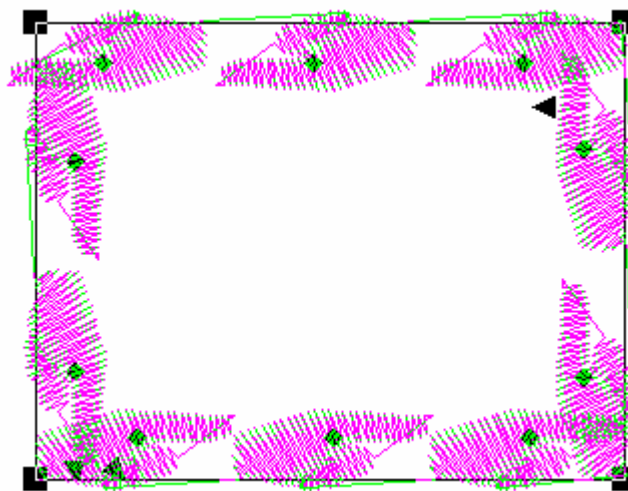


## Editing Pattern Stitches

Once the stitches have been created, they can be quickly and easily resized and the spacing may be adjusted.

☞ Left mouse click on the **Select** icon.  The stitches should be automatically selected. If they are not, it will be necessary to left mouse click on the baseline where the stitches are connected. The baseline between stitches is the same as a baseline between letters in a word. It may be necessary to click top, center or bottom of the stitches to locate the baseline. Also, if the pattern stitches are the only stitches on the screen, you could left mouse click on **Edit** and left mouse click on **Select All**.

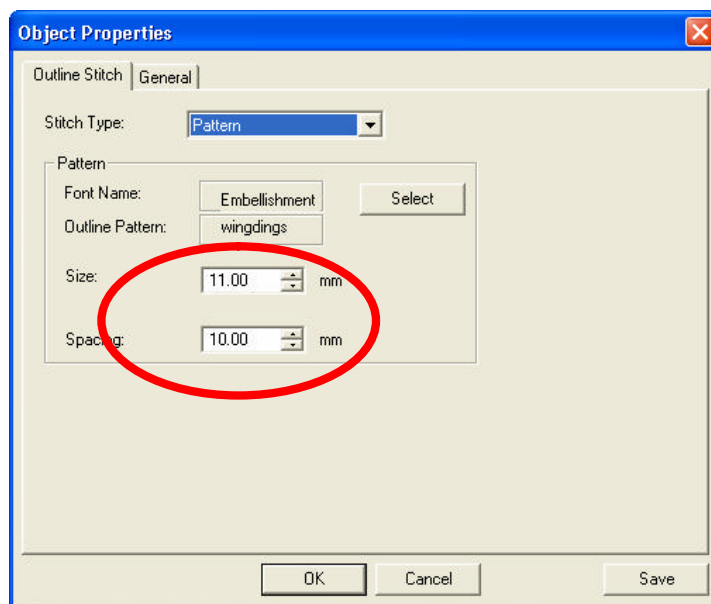
Baseline ?



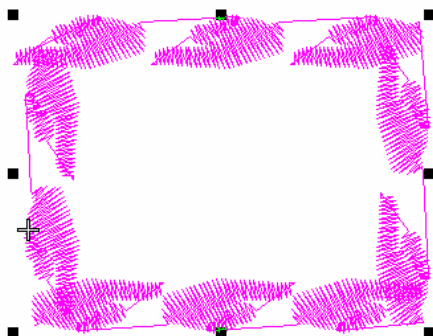
The above baseline was defined by left mouse clicking on the stitch baseline and then left mouse clicking on the **Reshape** icon.

✍ Once the stitches have been selected, left mouse click on the **Object Properties** icon. 

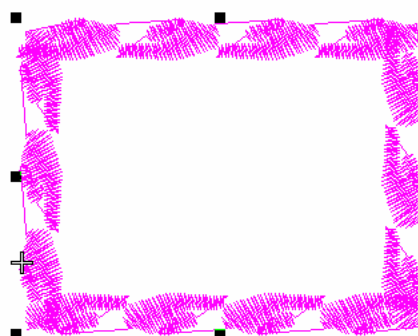
✍ Enter 11.00 mm in the **Size** box and 10.00mm in the **Spacing** box as shown below.



✍ Left mouse click on **OK**.



Before



After

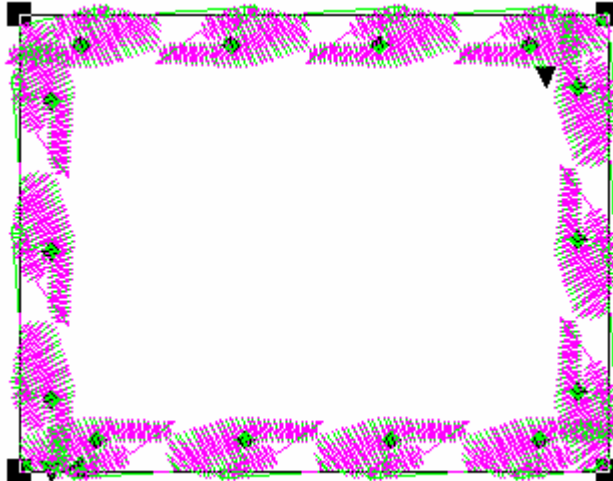
If, after tweaking the size and spacing measurements, a pattern stitch still has to be adjusted in spacing or placement, follow the steps below to move an individual pattern stitch motif.

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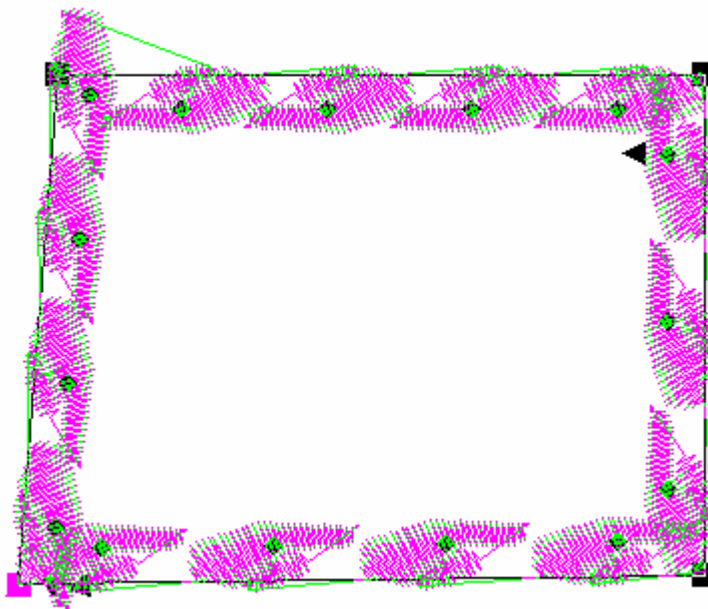
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✎ If the pattern stitches are the only stitches on the screen, left mouse click on **Edit** and, if they are not selected, left mouse click on **Select All**

✎ Left mouse click on **Reshape** icon.



✎ There are small diamonds in the center of the pattern stitch. Left mouse click on one of the diamonds to select an individual pattern stitch. Left mouse click on the pattern stitch and drag it to a new position on the baseline. If desired, the corner squares can be adjusted as well.



✍ Press **Esc** and send the design to the machine.

Keep in mind that any resizing to the baseline will either add or delete pattern stitches.

Pattern stitches are fun to make out of Wingdings but keep in mind that not all Wingdings can be digitized by the software. Experiment and have fun!