

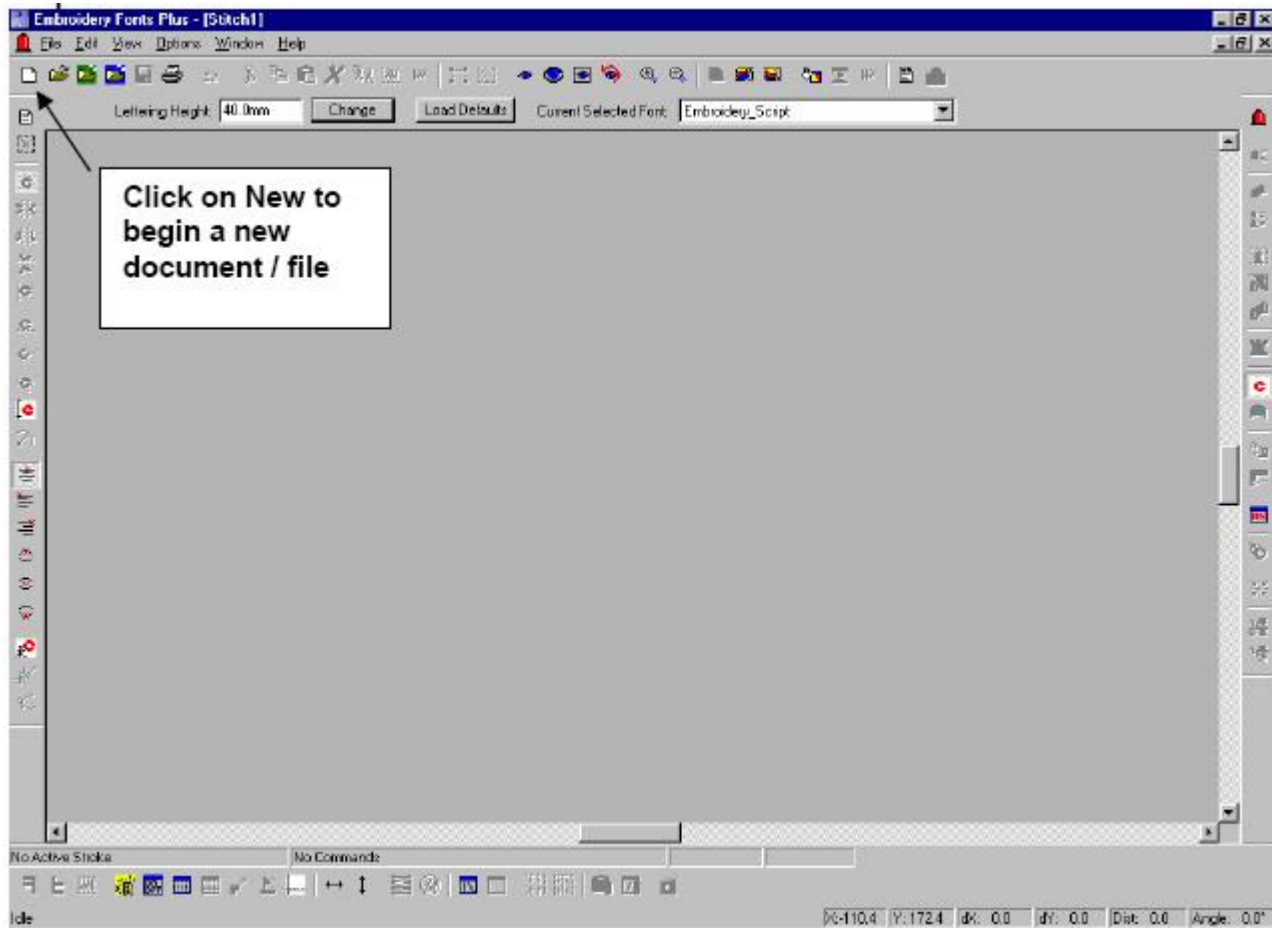
EFP Quick Tutorial – Making Your First Design

The goal of this document is to provide a set of simple steps to create a basic lettering design with the Embroidery Fonts Plus software. Before using this tutorial, please make sure that you already have the EFP software installed on your computer and that it opens without any issues.

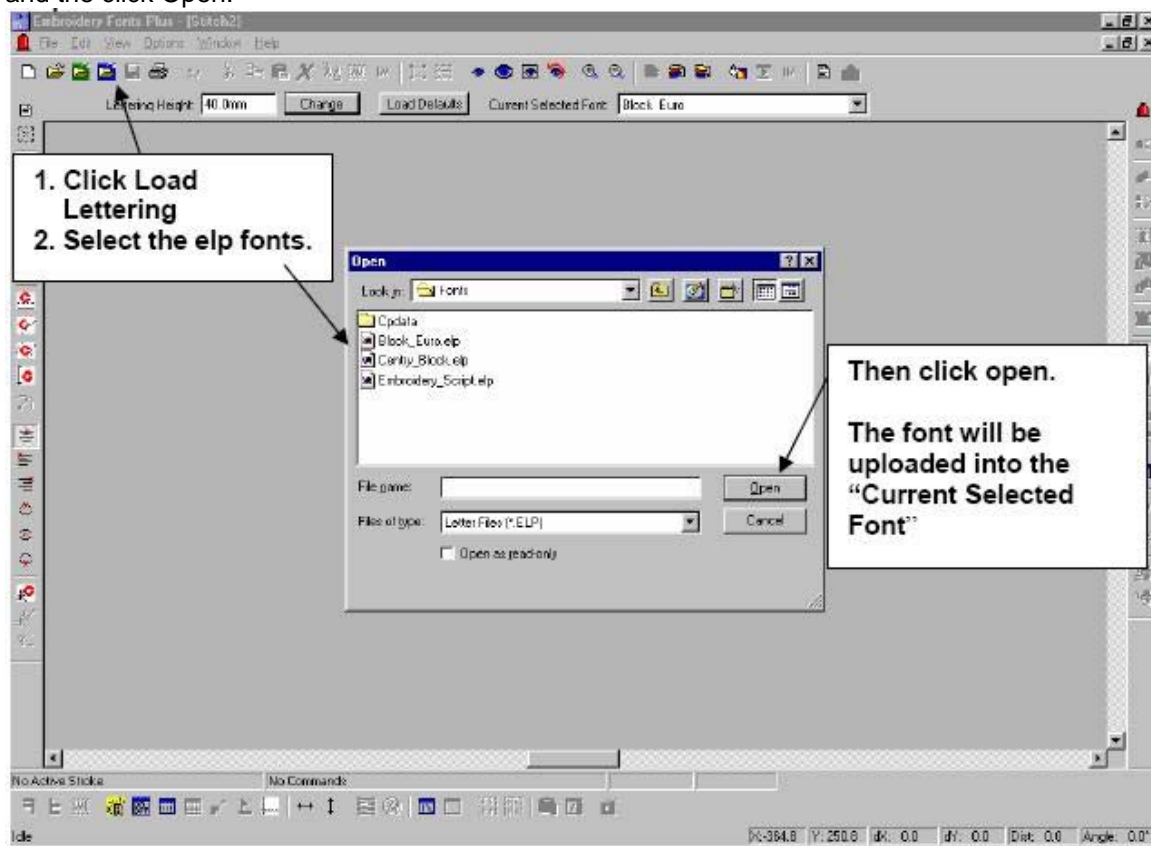
Note: If you do not currently have Embroidery Fonts Plus installed, you can download it by going to <http://www.embroiderydesigns.com/software.aspx> and then clicking on the pink button that says "Download Now" in the lower right corner of the page.

Before making your first design, I recommend reading through this document once so that you can see all the steps in order, as it makes it easier to understand how everything goes together. Then, use the software and simply follow the steps provided to make your first lettering design. Now, let's begin!

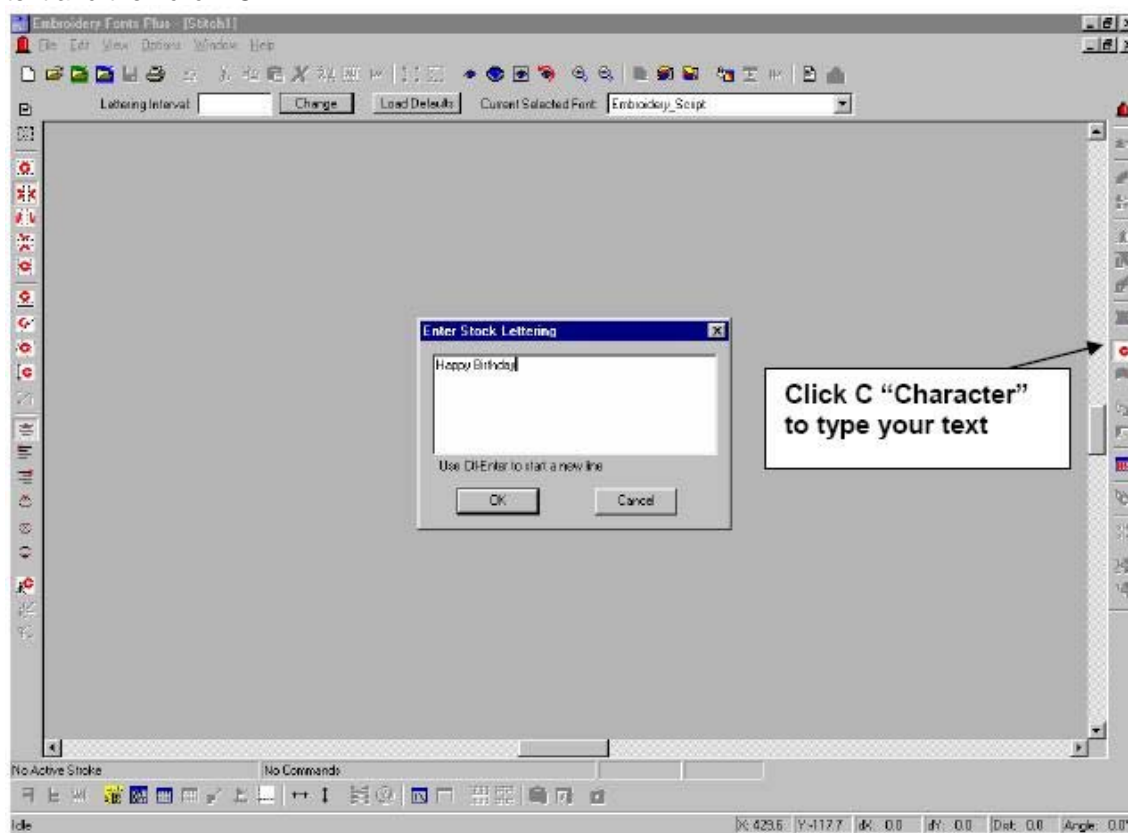
Step 1: Open Embroidery Fonts Plus and go through the welcome screen, then click on New to begin a new document/file.



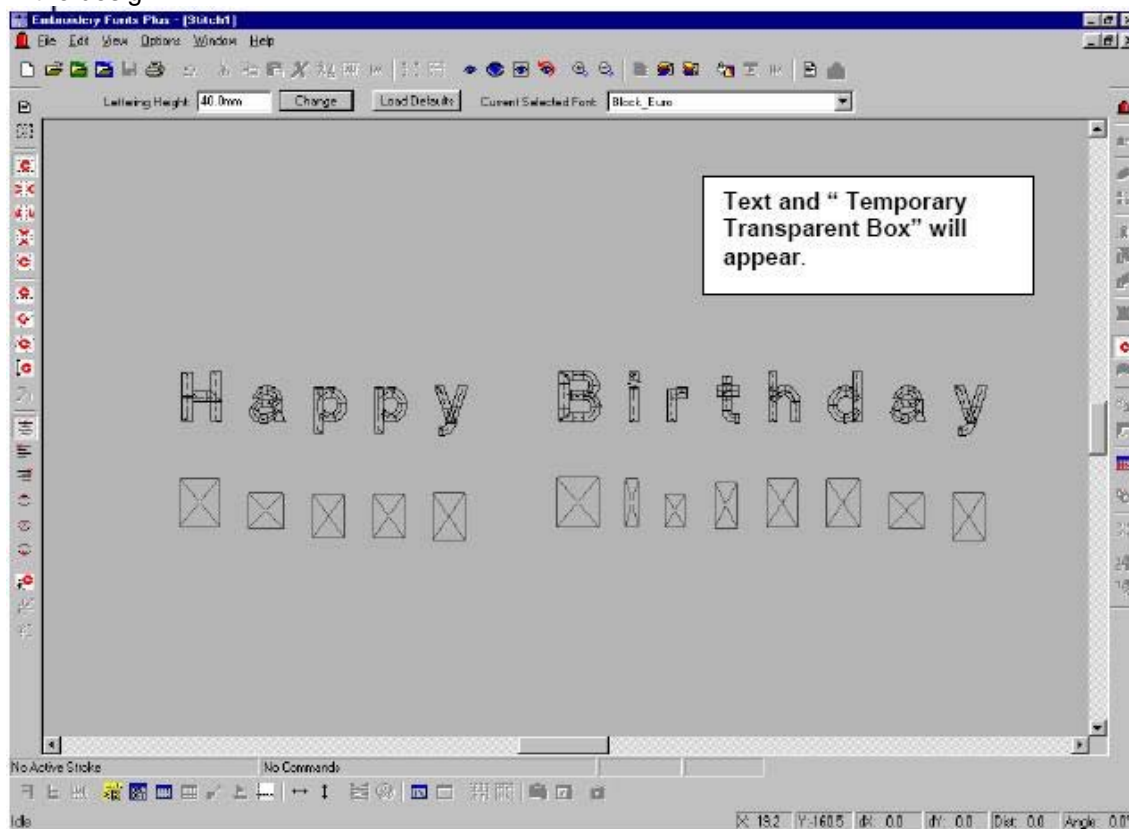
Step 2: Click the Load Lettering button which opens a dialog box. From the box, select the font you want to use and the click Open.



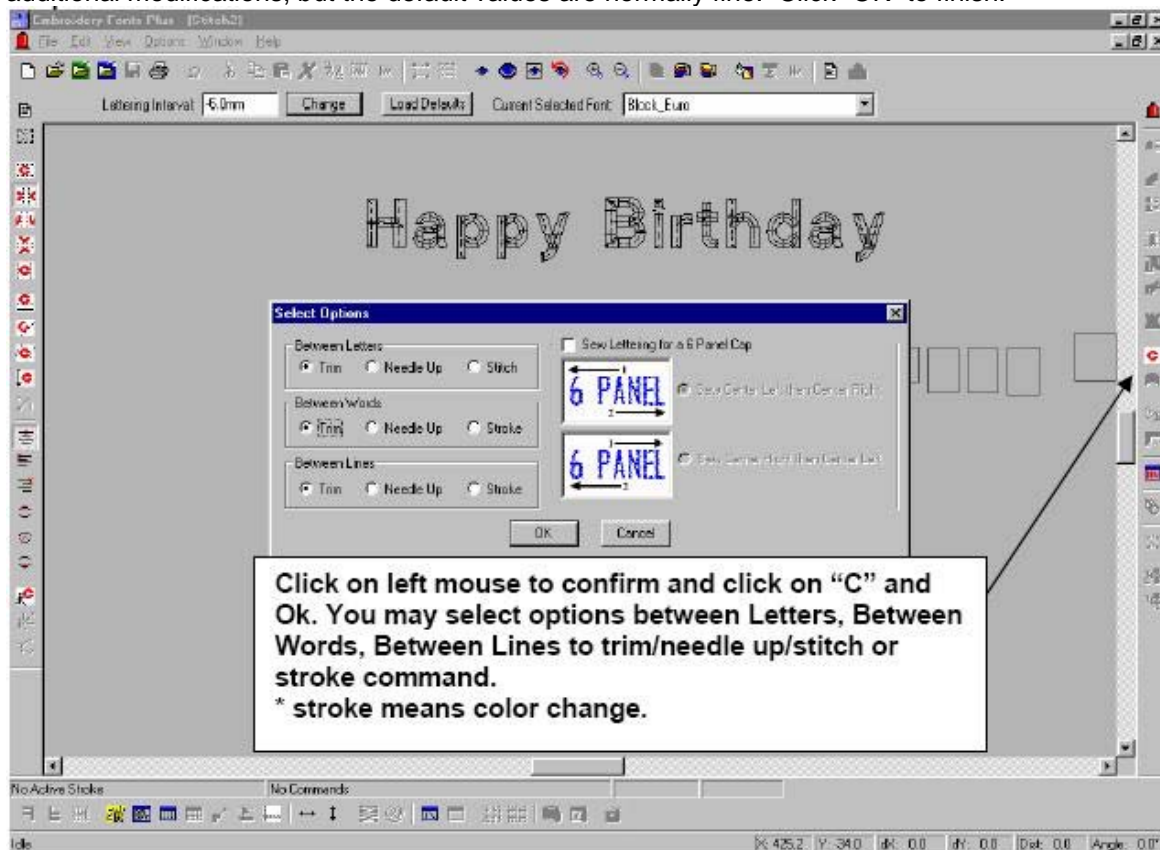
Step 3: Click the "c" (Character) button on the left to bring up the textbox for you to enter your text in, enter your text and then click "OK".



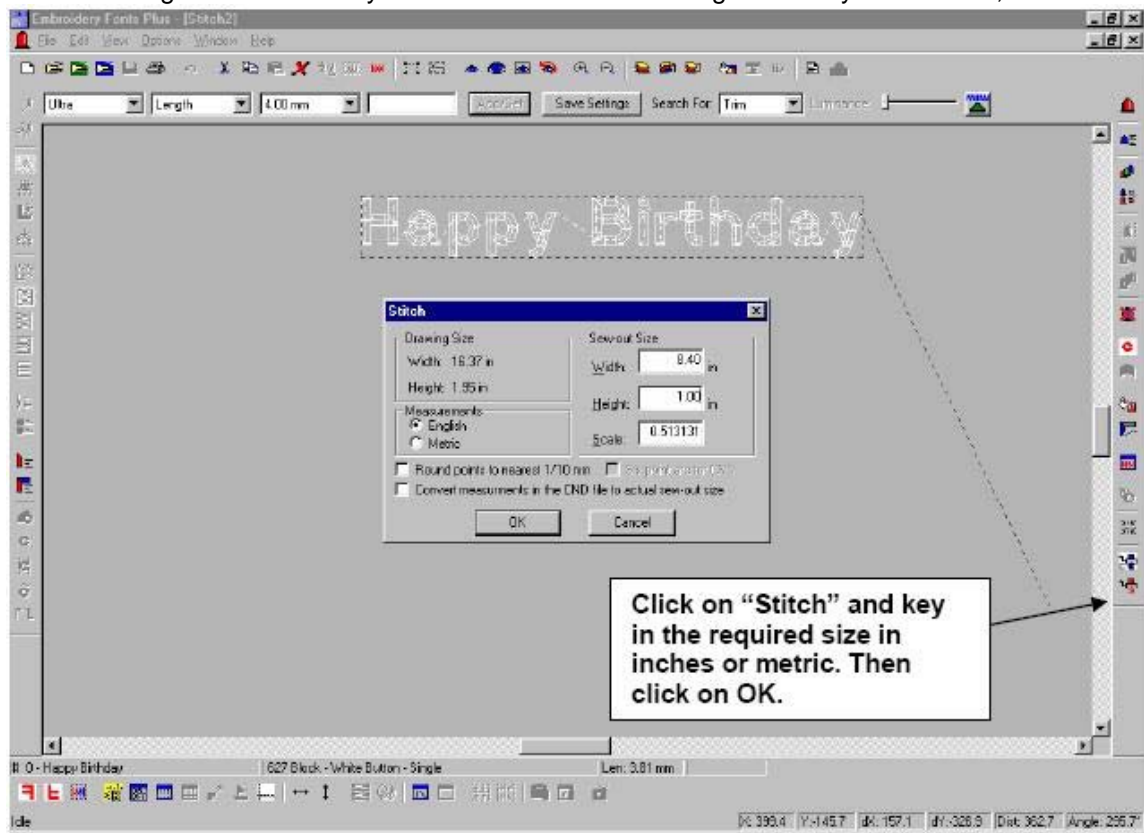
Step 4: The “Temporary Transparent Box” will appear, left click on the blank area with your mouse to place the text in the design.



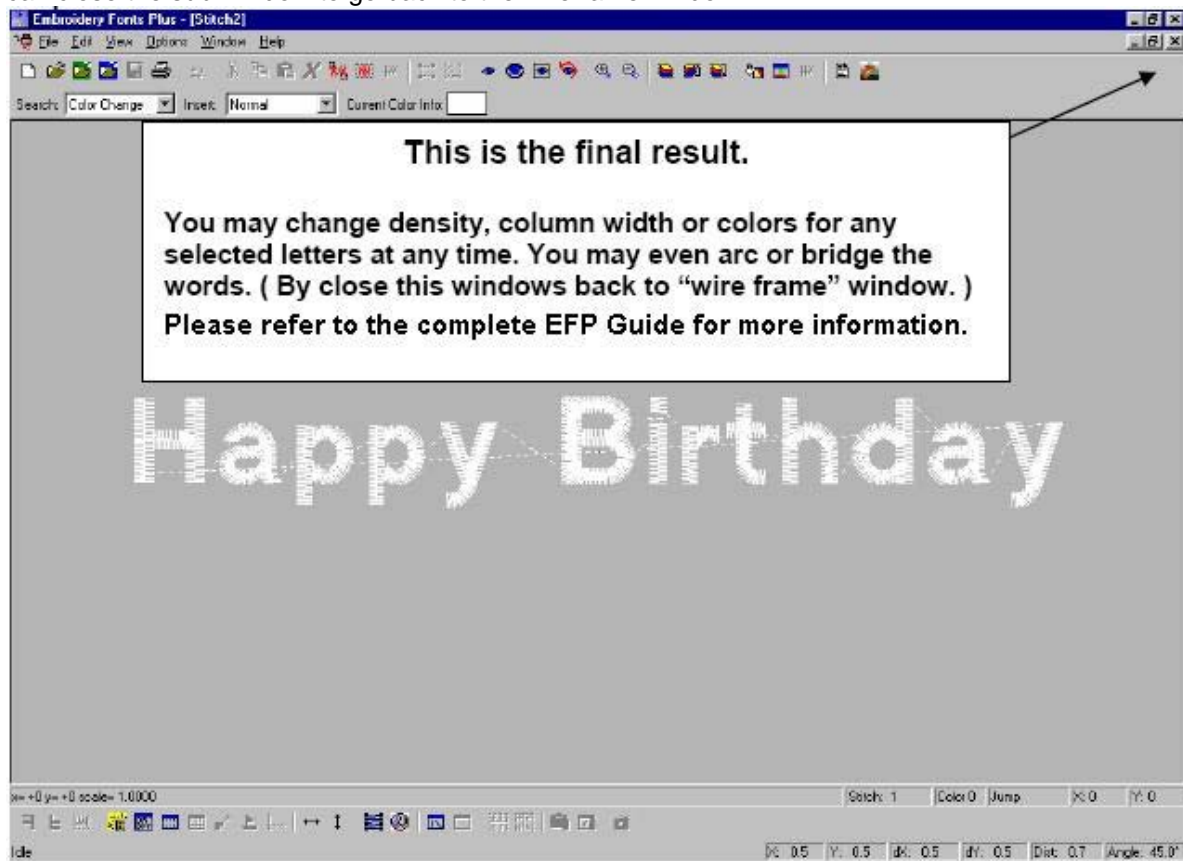
Step 5: Click the “c” (Character) button on the left to again to bring up the stitching option. Here you can make additional modifications, but the default values are normally fine. Click “OK” to finish.



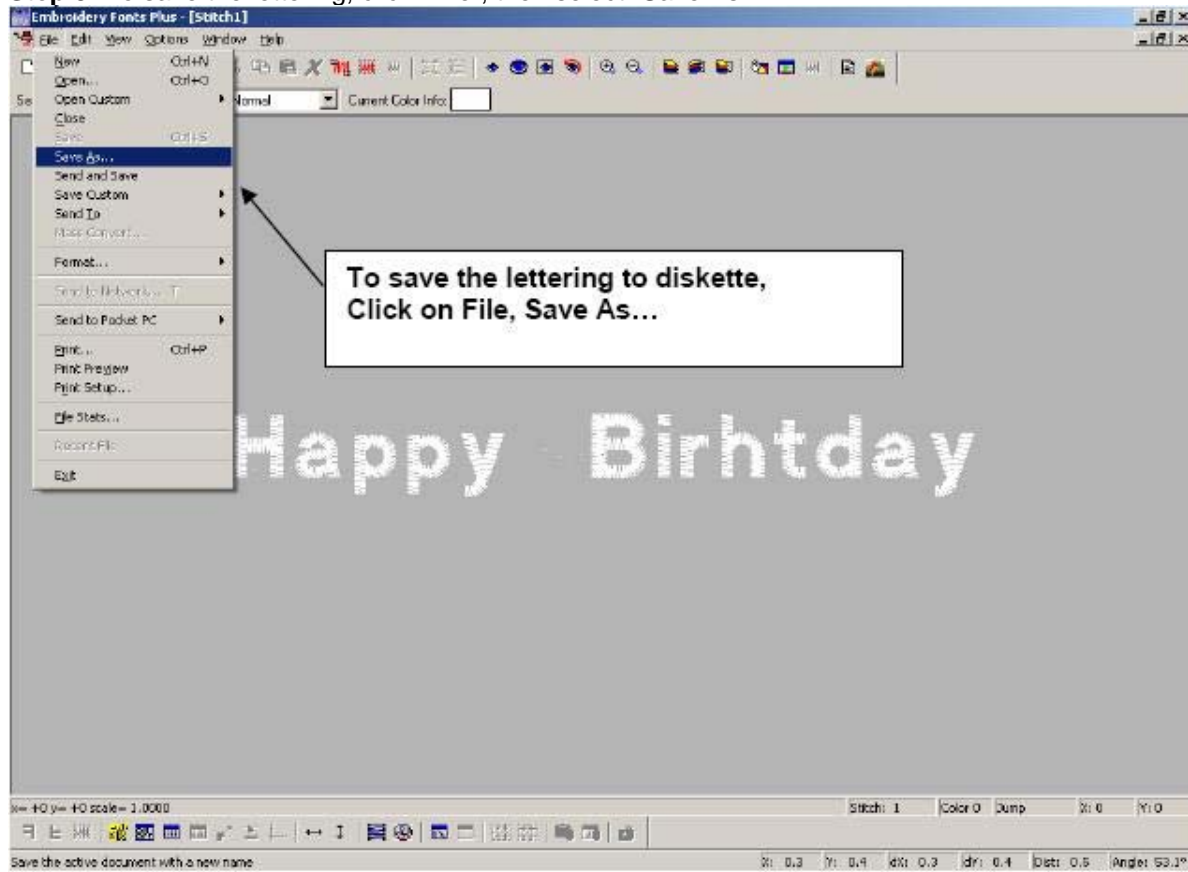
Step 6: Click the button on the bottom right that is red and says “Stitch” when you hover over it. This brings up another dialog box that allows you to set the size of the design. When you are done, click “OK.”



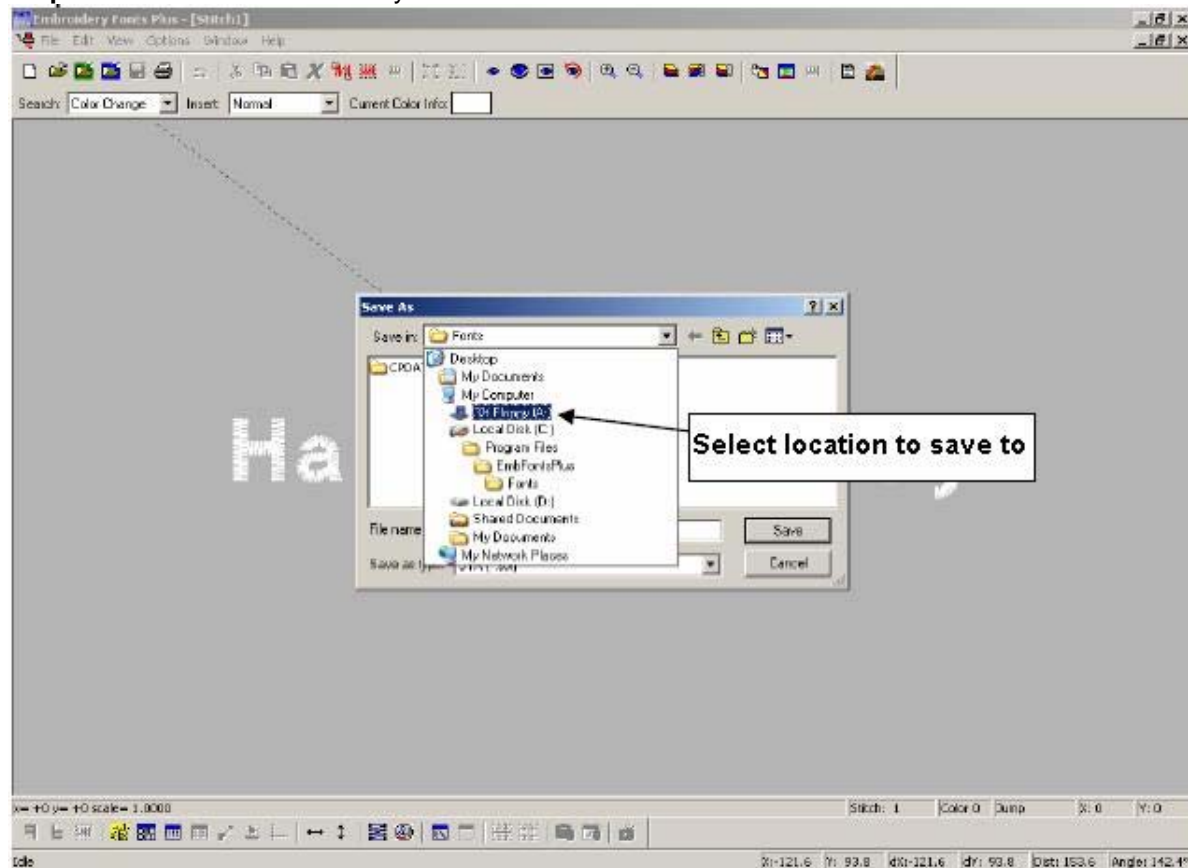
Step 7: You will now have the stitched design ready to save, if you would like to make additional modifications, you can close the sub-window to go back to the wireframe window.



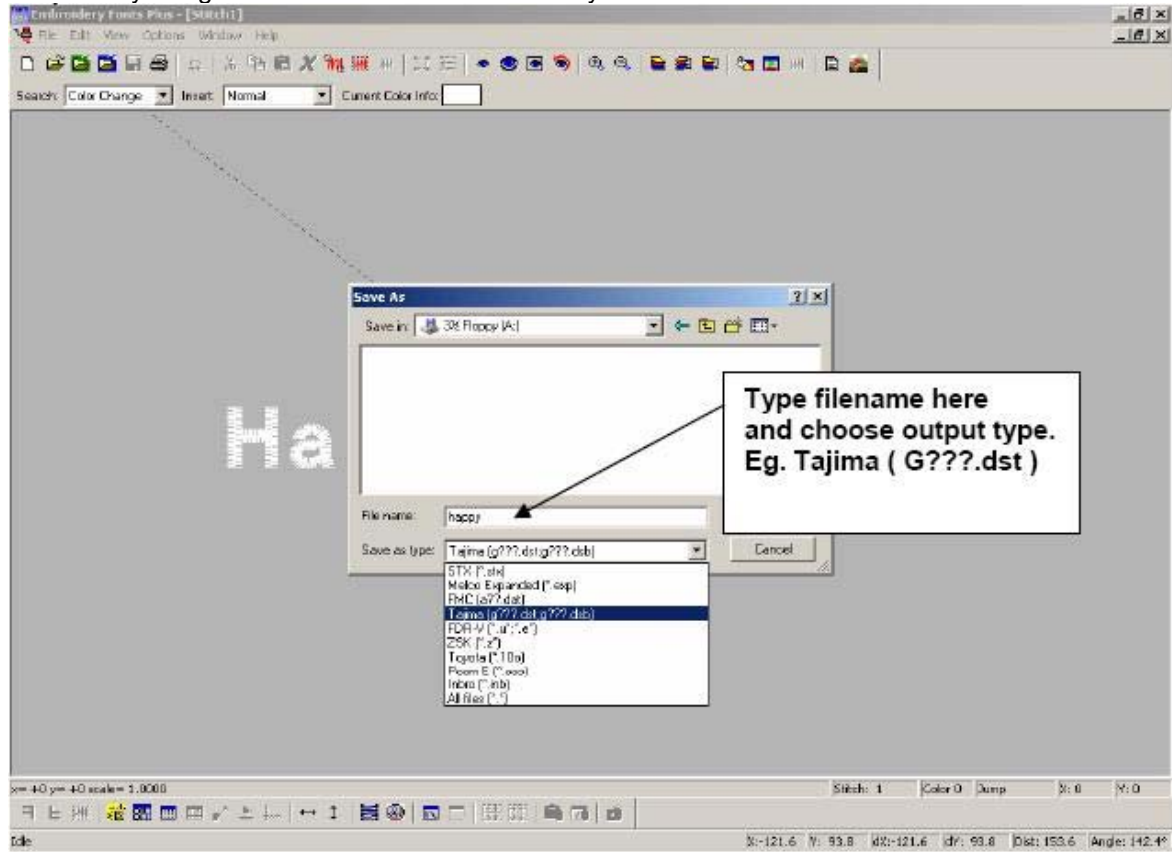
Step 8: To save the lettering, click "File", then select "Save As..."



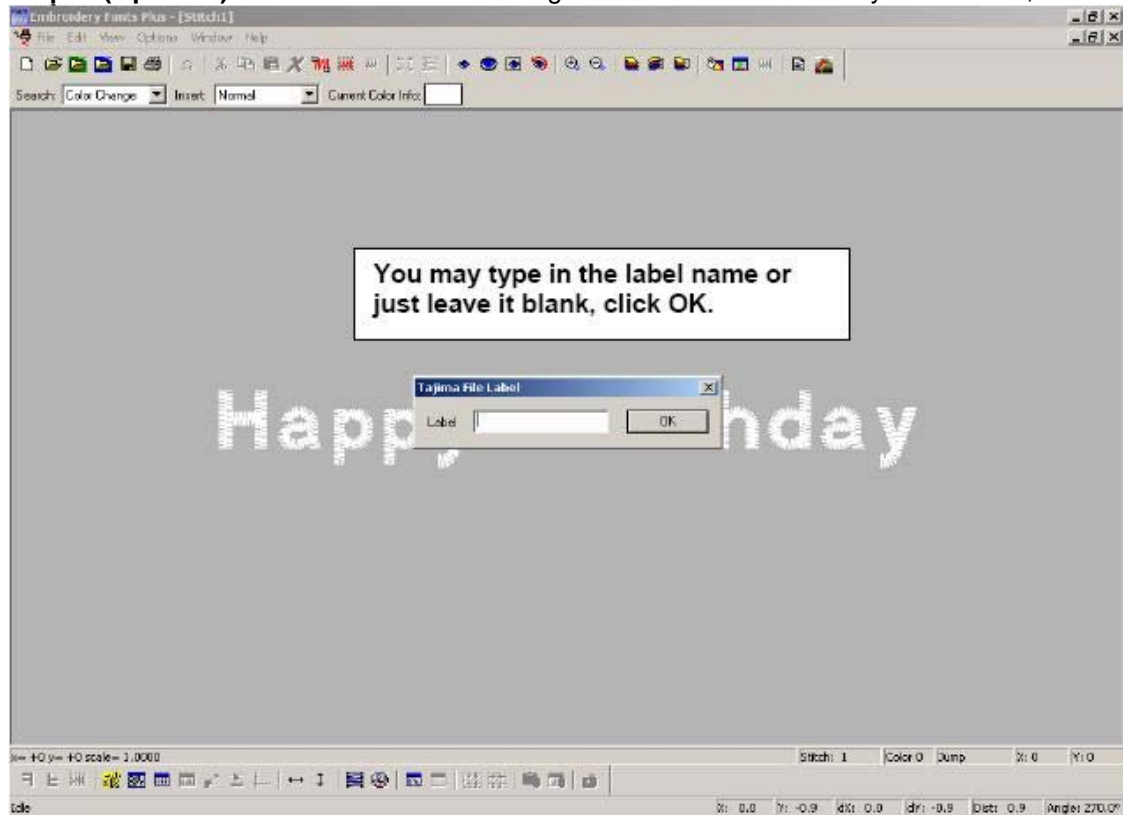
Step 9: Then select the location you would like to save the file at.



Step 10: After choosing the location, select the format you would like to save the design in (such as DST or EXP) and then type the filename (ex: for Tajima DST, enter MyFileName.DST). Unfortunately the software cannot save in all home formats, but if you save the file in DST you can use the online conversion utility at EmbroideryDesigns.com to convert to the format you need. Click the “Save” button to finish.



Step 11(Optional): Enter the label of the design or leave it blank. When you are done, click “OK.”



Additional Notes:

- When saving a design, please make sure that the size you specify is the exactly size that you want the design to be. Nothing is worse than a great design that is too big or small for your project!
- To convert designs to another format, try using our [free online conversion utility](#) at EmbroideryDesigns.com. All you need is an account to upload your designs and convert them to other formats.
- If you encounter problems with the online conversion utility, it may be because your design is too large for the software to handle. There are a variety of different programs which you can also use to convert designs found at: http://www.freeembroiderystuff.com/software/software_result.asp?cat=1. And many are available in trial versions as well.

We wish you great success with our software and lots of creativity with our fonts.

If you have any problems, please feel free to contact one of our friendly customer support representatives at support@embroiderydesigns.com