

THRED GAME 6

Making Heart designs for a Cushion.

As part of the lesson I have included some clipboard fills.

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| Clipboard Fill | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Heart2. Lens3. Diamond4. Hollow Circle5. Leaves 26. Leaf Semi Circle7. Circle8. Tear |
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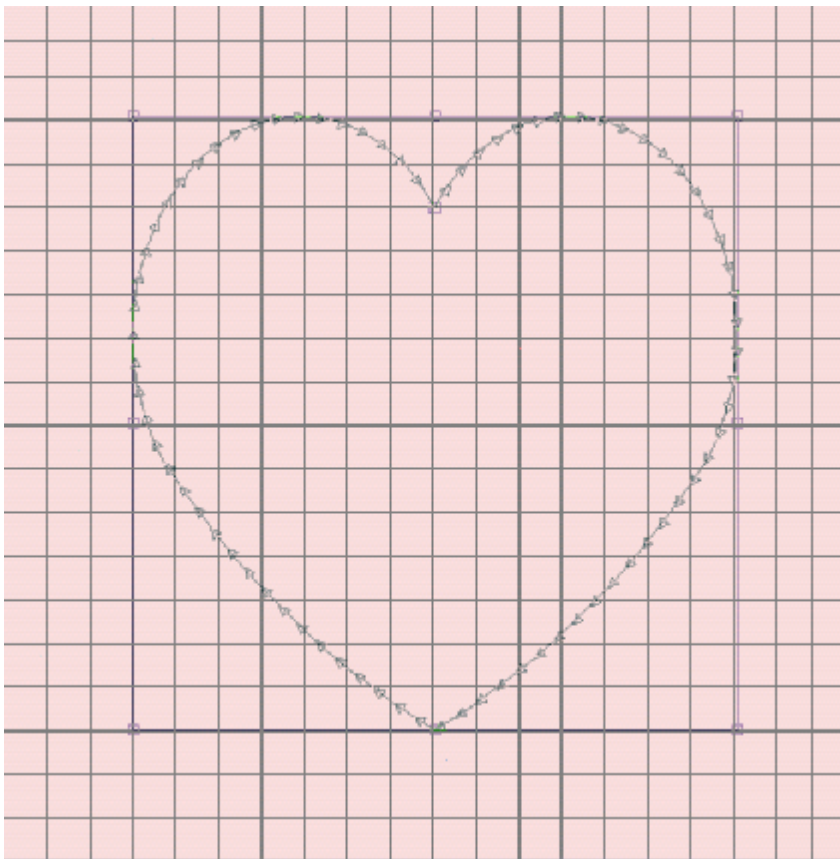
Open **Thred**.

Change the Preference of the Grid Size to **5mm**

Change the Hoop Size to **100mm**

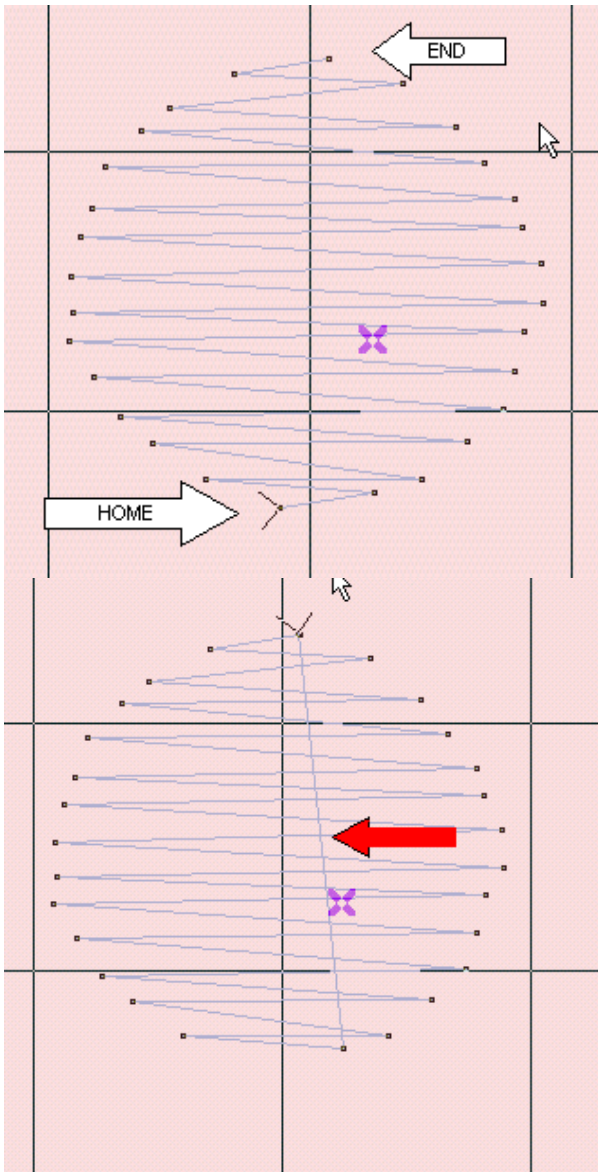
Select – Form – Heart – 48

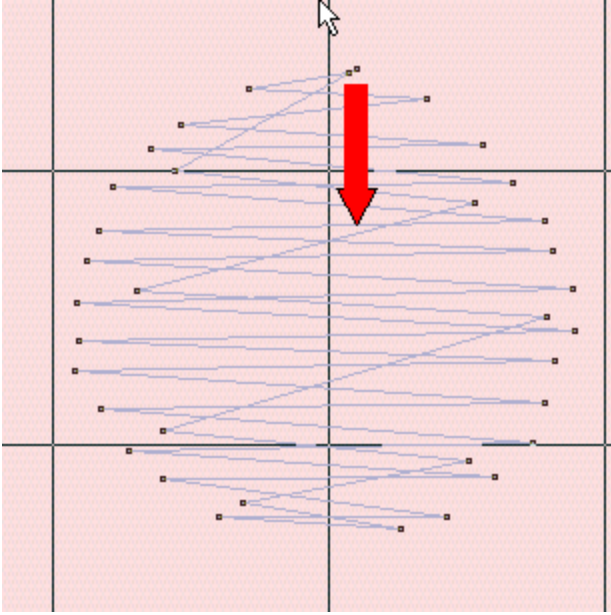
Right Click to select the form and centre it (-) increase the size until you have 3 squares around the hoop showing. Your Heart will be **70mm x 70mm**.



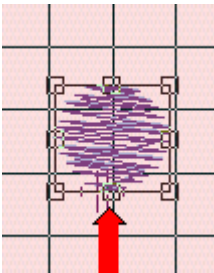
Open another **Thred** window and open the circle clipboard fill No.7. You need to open it as a .pcs file. The circle starts at the Home stitch and finishes at the End stitch. Use the keys on your keyboard to see where these are. We want the circle to start and end in the same place. Box select the circle and rotate it so the Home Stitch is at the bottom of the circle and the End Stitch is at the top. Make a mark at the centre of the circle (M) and Zoom in so you can see the stitches. Select the Home Stitch and move it on top of the End Stitch.

Insert some stitches zigzagging under the circle to form an underlay.

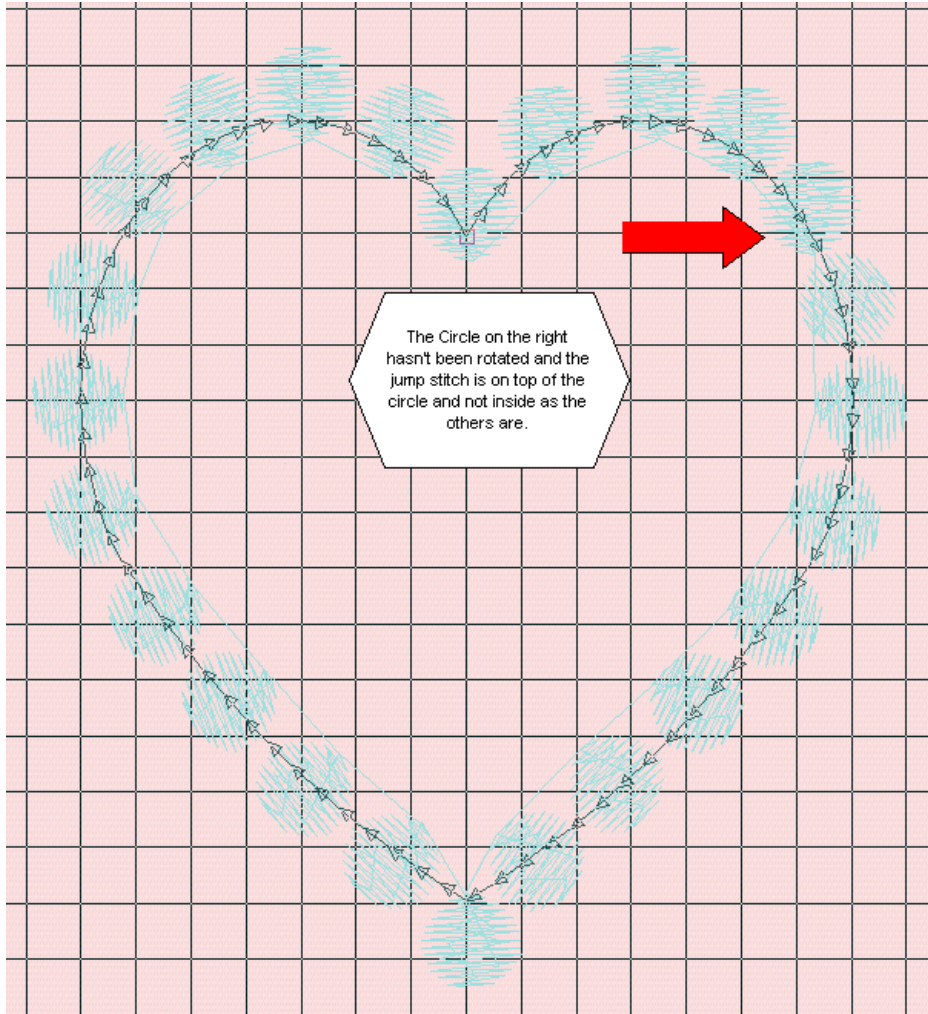




Box Select and rotate the circle so both the End and Home stitchers are at the bottom of the circle. Hit Control + C to copy it to the clipboard.



Go back to the original Thred window and Paste the circle onto this screen (Control + V)
 We are going to place the circles around the Heart manually. You can use the Fill – Border – Clipboard to do this, but I want to place the circles in specific places.
 Place the 1st circle at the centre of the vee shape of the heart. Hit the Esc Key on your keyboard to release it. Paste another one next to the 1st one. Continue to do the same with the other circles as you paste them. **NOTE:** Make sure you rotate the circles as you place them so that the jump stitchers are easy to see.

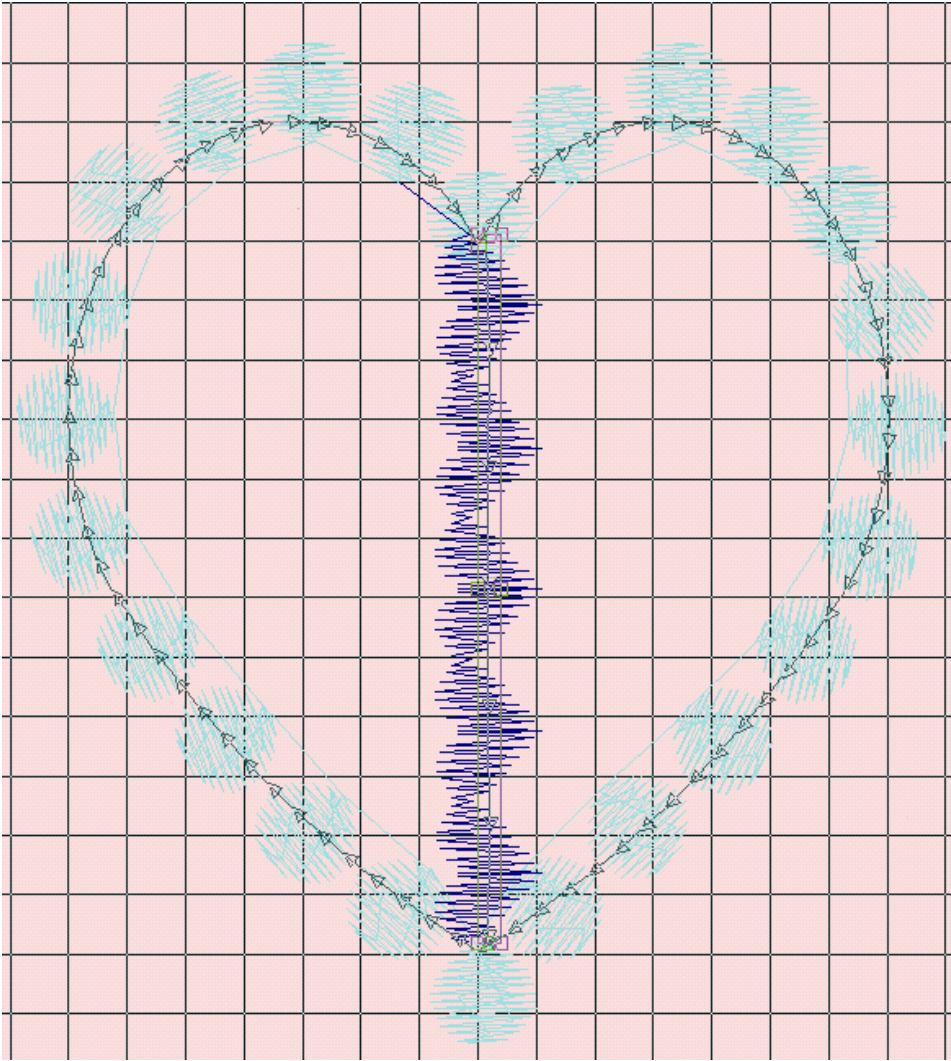


After you have placed all the circles change to the next colour. If you make a mistake placing the circles, use your undo button.

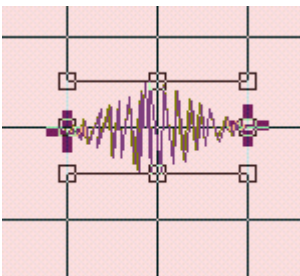
On the other screen open the heart clipboard fill – No 1. Box Select it and Copy it to the clipboard.

Go back to the original screen and select Form – Line. Make a line from the vee of the Heart to the point of the Heart.

Select Fill – Border – Clipboard – Even. Your clipboard Hearts will be down the centre of the original Heart.

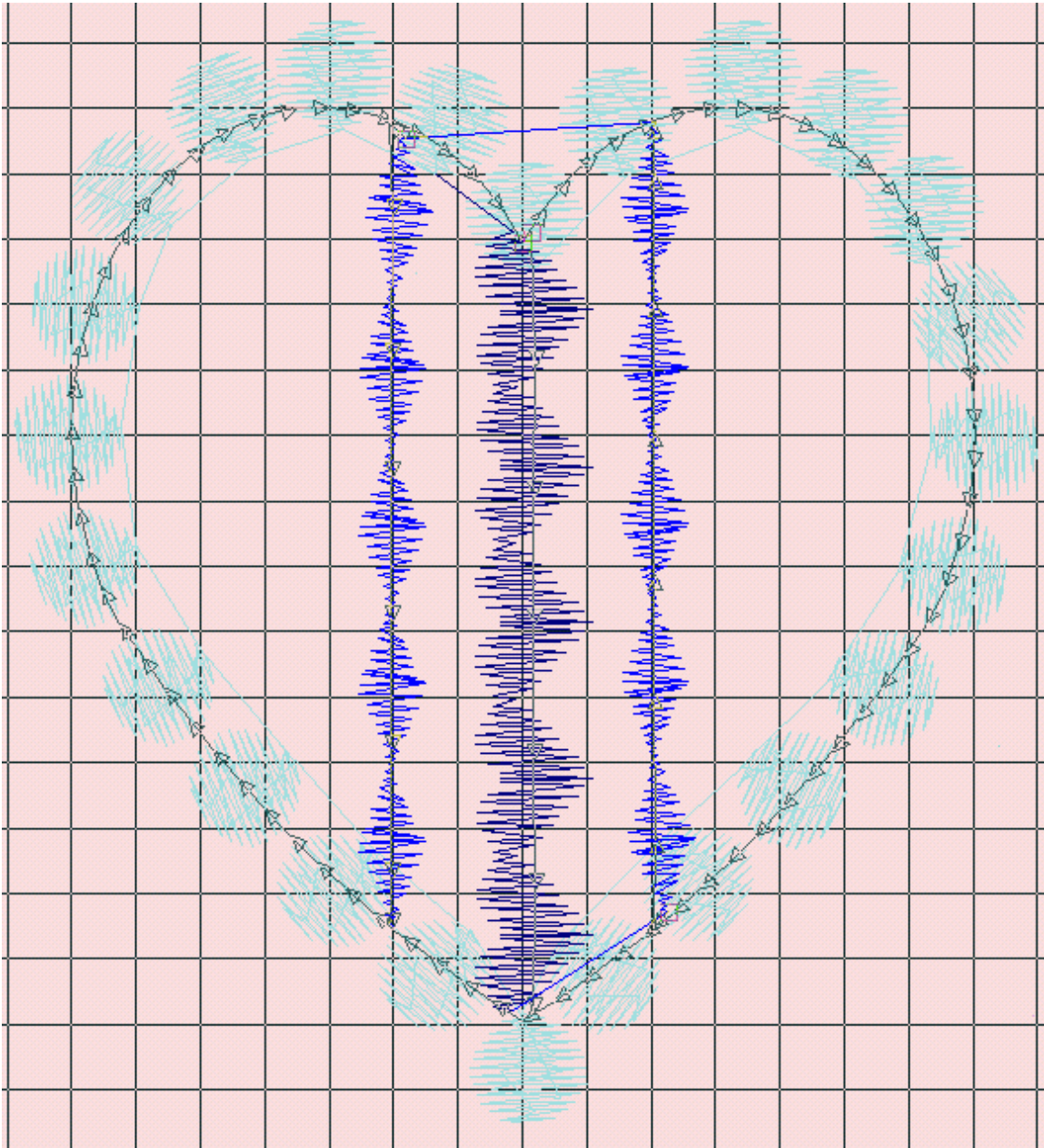


Next open the Diamond clipboard fill. No. 3. next rotate it so that it lies on its side. Now Copy it to the clipboard.

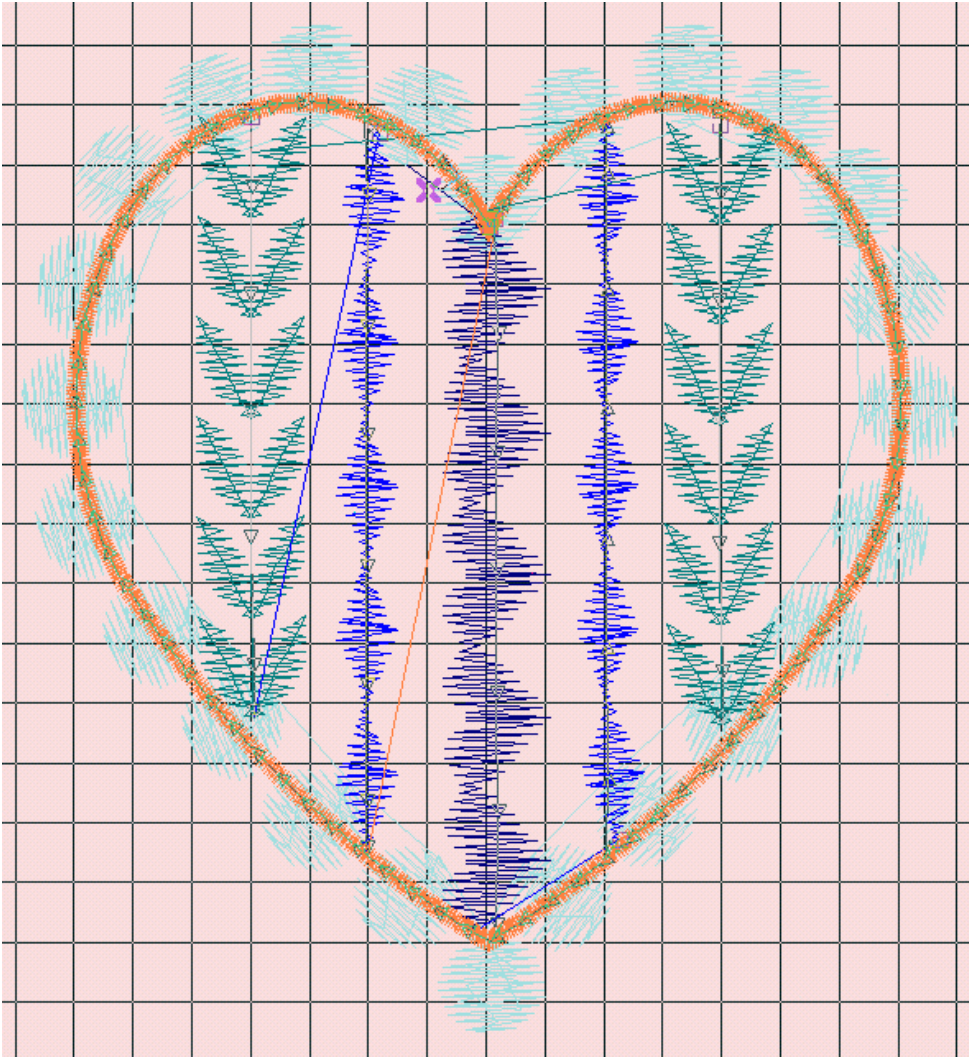


Make another line form near the other one starting at the bottom of the original heart and then Fill – Border – Clipboard Even and the diamonds will be placed on the line you just made. Whilst this line is still selected, copy and past another one on the other side of the

row of centre hearts. Make sure you changed to the next colour before pasting the diamonds. Flip the last row of hearts so the jump stitch is not going across the large heart.



On the other screen open the Leaves 2 clipboard fill. No. 5. repeat what you did with the diamonds. Next select the heart form that you placed the circle over and select Fill – Border – Angle Satin.




Save the design in .pcs format.

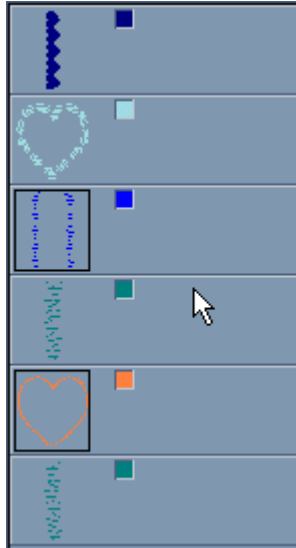
Now I will be going into **Embroid** to do the editing, I choose to do it here, because I am the more familiar with this method.

Open Embroid and open the saved design.

Separate all the design parts. Don't change the order just yet.

Next select the Satin Heart and centre it on the hoop work area.  button.


Next select the heart strip and place it down the centre of the satin heart. Move this strip in the colour order so that it stitches out first. Just left click and drag it up the order on the



colour strip at the right of the screen.

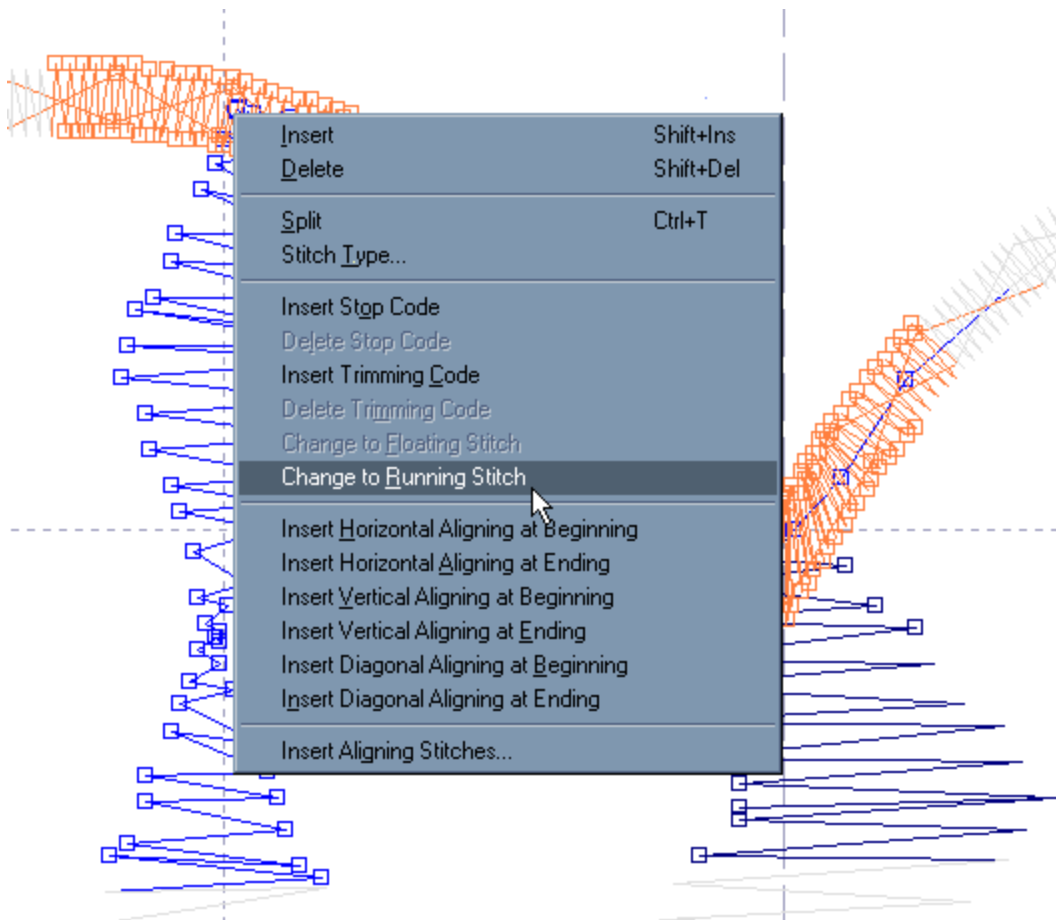
Next select a diamond strip you may have extra stitches at either end you can delete these by selected them and then hitting the Shift + Delete key on your keyboard.

Place the strip one side of the heart strip. Now select the other diamond strip and place it on the other side of the heart strip. Select the 1st strip and whilst holding down the

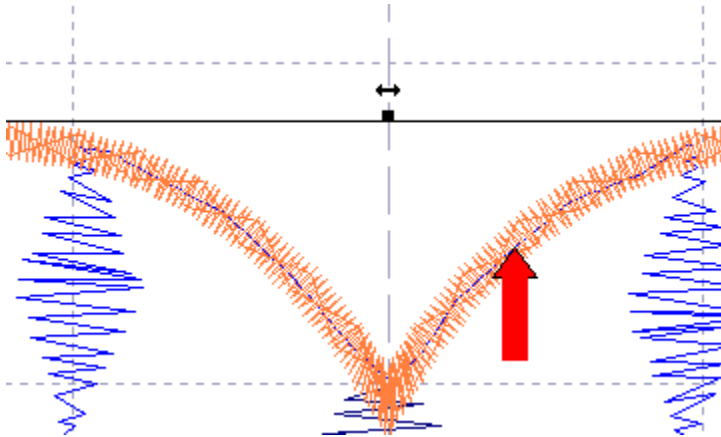
Control Key merges the 2 strips together.  Button.

When you have merged these 2 strips you will have a line of dashers, which represents a jump stitch. We will get rid of this by burying it under the satin heart. Select the last stitch of the first diamond strip and hold down the control key on the keyboard and the cursor will change to a needle. Keep hitting the left mouse button and run the jump stitch under the Satin Heart. When you get to the other end change the last stitch to a running stitch.

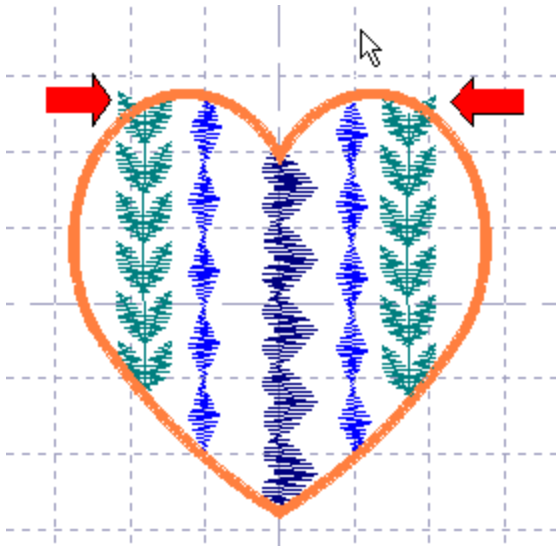
You do this by right clicking on the stitch and select - change to running stitch.



The area should now look like this.



As you can see by the diagram below if I do the same with the leaves 2 strip some of the design is above the satin heart.

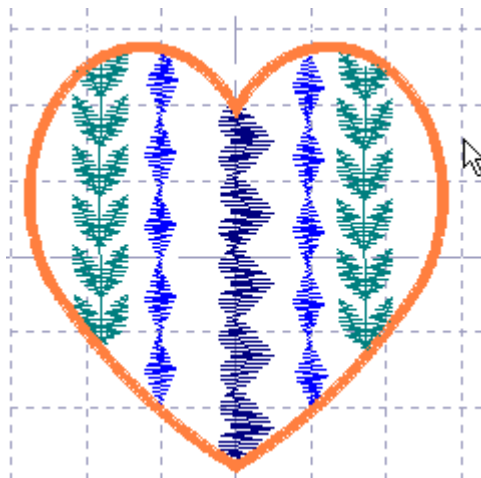


I will cut these stitches out of the design.

Zoom in as close as you need to be to see the stitches that need removing.



Using the select tool, I have highlighted the stitches to be removed. I selected them and pulled them out to the side I will hold down the Shift key and lasso the stitch's all at once and hit the Shift + Delete keys to remove them. Do the same on the other side of the heart. You may have to adjust a couple of stitchers slightly by moving them under the satin heart.



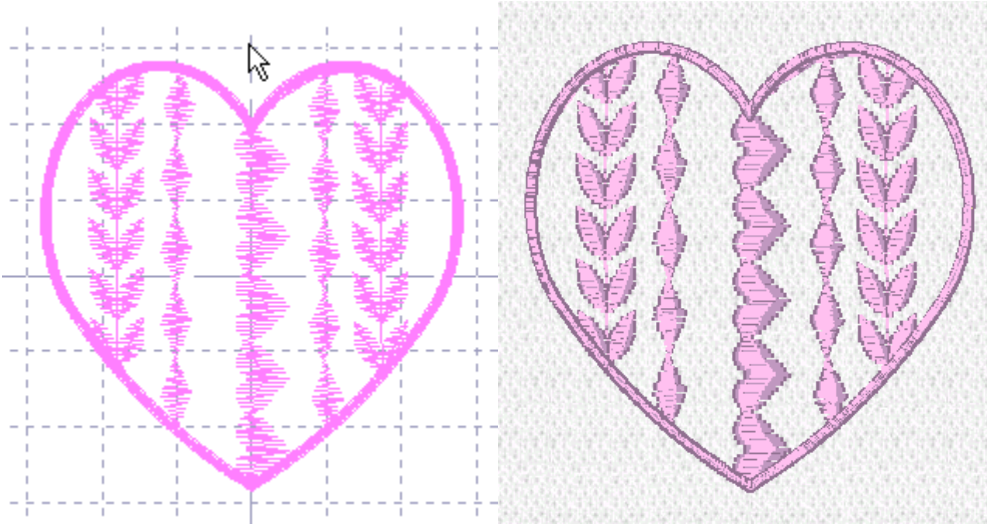
Merge the 2 strips of leaves and bury the jump stitch like you did before.

NOTE: when you have zoomed in as far as you need to see the stitch you want, use the Control + PageUp or PageDown keys to move in and out as you work.

Now select the Satin Heart and duplicate it. (Control + D) move this Heart to the side.

On the Right Menu Colour Bar and whilst holding down the Control key select the Centre Hearts, the Diamonds and the Leaves and merge them. Bury any jump stitches.

Change the colour on the first part to pink, then the second, then the third and finally the fourth. You have a completed pink heart design. Save this design by going to File – Save Selected As and naming the design.



Cut the design from the screen. 

Select the duplicate heart and centre it and Save it as a separate design.

Select the circle heart and hit the centre button to centre it in the hoop. Now go to File Merge and select one of the Alphabet Letters I included with this Lesson. Centre the letter in circle heart and save it as a separate design.



You can bring the Satin Heart back into Thred and fill it with any of the clipboard fills. Save each heart as a separate design.

Use some of the other clipboard fills to make other hearts as we just did in Game 6. Make enough hearts to make a cushion. I have a picture of a cushion that I made for the Computer Craft Magazine and I used Thred for this cushion as well.

<http://www.ayeone.com/photographs.htm>

I hope you have fun with this lesson.

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