

Singing Santa Kitchen Towels

Make this quick project with your Creative DRAWings® embroidery software. Great for Holiday gifts!



Use one of the included designs from your Creative DRAWings® software. Add a symbol and letters to personalize your design.

1. Place your Creative DRAWings® CD in your CD Rom drive. When the window appears to install the software, click cancel or close the window without installing.
2. Open Creative DRAWings® and Create New. Click Next.
3. Choose From embroidery. Click the Browse button [...]. Find the "Papa Noel" in D:\Designs\01\Winter\Papa Noel. Choose the hoop you will be using to embroider. *If your hoop is not in the list, click [Add New and add your hoop size](#).* Next.
4. Choose the type of fabric on which you will be stitching. *Remember – the type of fabric you choose will set the density and compensation of your design.* Choose Embroidery Normal > Cotton if you are using a woven kitchen towel or a terry towel. Choose a light color so you can see your design. Next.
5. Leave the Threads to Use at 4 and choose the Palette RGB. Finish.
6. Make sure Santa fits in your hoop with a little room all around so we can add music to the design. If Santa is too big or too small, select Santa (Ctrl+A). Click and drag on one of the corners of the sizing box to make him bigger or smaller to fit your hoop.
7. Move Santa to the bottom center part of your hoop.

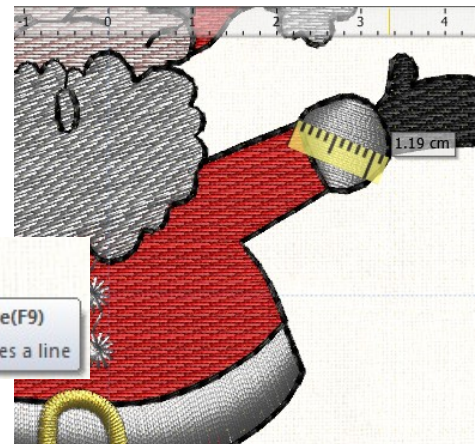


Let's adjust the design!

8. Click on Santa's outline. *You know you have the outline when you look at the Thread palette, the bottom row (Threads in the design) and see a pen in the top left corner of the blue color box.* Go to the upper row of threads (Threads available). Find the black box and left click in the top left corner of the box. *There is a new color in the bottom row, black. It has a pen in the upper left corner. The outline color has been changed.*
9. With the outline still highlighted, go to the Tool options. Change the Outline size to 0.9 mm. Enter. The outline is now a triple stitch rather than a running stitch.
10. Left click on the belt buckle. Look at the Thread palette. See the blue pen color. Go to the upper row of threads (Threads available). Find the Gold/Yellow box and left click in the top left corner of the box. The belt buckle has changed to gold.
11. Now let's change the color of Santa's boots and mittens. Click on Santa's left boot. In the bottom row, left click on the bottom right part of the black color box. The left boot changes to black.
12. Repeat step 9 for Santa's right boot and both mittens.

Now change patterns in the Step fill and Satin areas.

13. Depending upon the size of Santa, you may need to add a pattern to your satin areas (the white cuffs on the sleeves and pants plus the bottom of the jacket). Use the Measure tool and measure how long the satin stitches are.



If the Satin stitches are longer than 0.6 cm (6 mm), it is a good idea to use a pattern in your satin.

14. Choose the Rectangular selection tool. Left click on Santa's left cuff. Make sure the Object properties show Satin. Go to the Patterns area and choose Pattern /5.



15. Follow Step 13 for the other cuffs (sleeve and pants) plus the jacket bottom.

16. Click on Santa's beard.

17. Choose the Directions tool.

18. Click and drag a line in Santa's beard to change the direction of his beard so it looks like his beard starts at his nose and goes to his chest.

19. Click on the Rectangular selection tool, deselect the Directions tool. Santa's beard should be selected.

20. Scroll down in the Patterns area until you find pattern R5. Left and Santa's beard will change.

21. If you choose, change the Santa's suit. Follow the same process as you did for his beard – select the suit jacket, scroll until you see the pattern of your choice, click on it. Pattern Weave or Wool 1 add texture to his suit.



click on R5

pattern in

We're ready to add text and music notes to finish the design.

22. Click on the Edit text tool. In the Tool options, set the Font size at 25 mm and the Font name to Garamond. Choose the Bold option.

23. Left click in the upper right part of your hoop. A text cursor will blink where the lettering will be placed. *If your background color is white, the cursor will not show up. Just type. You will see the letters and can move them later.*

24. Type "Joy". Click on the Rectangular selection tool to see your letters in stitches.

25. With "Joy" highlighted, go to the Thread palette. Left click on the bottom right half of the red color box in the bottom row (Threads in the design). Now left click on the upper left part of the black color box to add an outline to the letters.

26. In the Tool options, change the Outline to 0.9 mm to create a triple stitch around the letters.

27. Click outside the letters in an empty spot in the work area.

28. To Insert music notes, go to the main tool bar. Click on Tools > Insert Symbol.

29. In the font, choose Webdings. Scroll until you see the music notes. Click on the notes and click Insert.

30. Your mouse is now a +. Left click and drag in the upper left part of the work area. You will see your music notes start to appear. Drag until your music notes are between 1.5 – 2.0 mm in size and the angle is around 0.0°. When you let go of the left mouse button the notes will be set. *If they are not quite the way you like, delete the notes and click Insert again. Re-create your notes.*



31. Once your notes are how you like them, close the Insert symbol window.

32. Change the color of the notes and add a triple stitch outline just as you did for your lettering. Make sure the notes are highlighted. Follow steps 25 and 26 to adjust your notes.

33. Let's add some more notes to the design. Highlight the notes. Click Duplicate in the Tool options window. Once you click Duplicate, an exact copy of the notes is placed right on top of the original design!!! ***Only click Duplicate once. Each time you click another duplicate will be placed on top.***

34. Move the duplicate notes to another part of the work area.

35. Click and drag on a corner of the bounding box to make these notes smaller.

36. Go to File > Save as, save your Santa as a .Draw file so you can easily adjust later. Then go back to File > Save as your sewing machine manufacturer format.



Your Singing Santa is done! Now you are ready to stitch out on your towel.

Stitching Tips:

- Always start a new project with a new sewing machine needle. Schmetz has needles made specifically for machine embroidery. Choose an Embroidery needle then choose the size. Use a size 75 for light to medium weight towels and 90 for medium to heavier weight towels. Go to www.schmetzneedles.com for more needle information.
- If you are using a terry cloth towel (or towels with pile), use a water soluble stabilizer on top of the towel. Hoop your normal tear away stabilizer and fabric and simply set the water soluble on top of the hoop. This helps keep the embroidery foot from catching in the loops or pile.
- Baste in the hoop if your sewing machine is capable – even if you hoop your fabric. This function will help to keep the fabric and stabilizer from shifting which provides for the best stitch out.