

Software Project

Explorations: Thread Mode (Color)

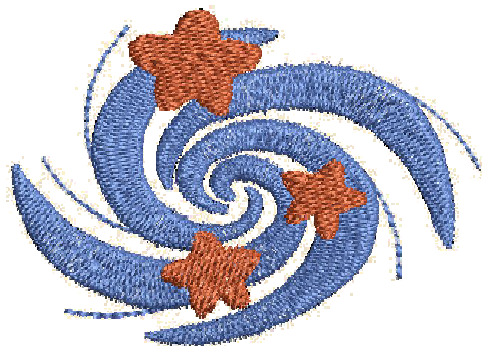
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Threads Mode in OESD's Explorations software provides the flexibility to change the colors of a design in several ways. This exercise demonstrates changing individual colors, as well as changing all the colors of a design at once using the Color Wheel feature.



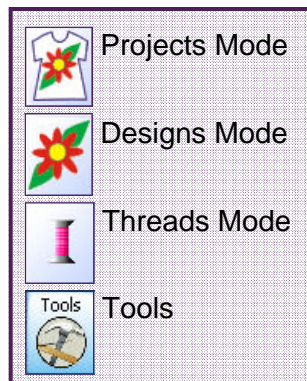
Original design colors



Colors changed using Color Wheel

Supplies

- ◆ Explorations Software
 - Lettering
 - Classic
 - Galaxy



When Explorations is launched, the program requires the project to be named. All of the tools remain grayed out and unavailable until a project is named.

Getting Started

- ◆ Open Explorations software.
- ◆ In Project mode, select New.
- ◆ Name the project Threads.
- ◆ Click on OK.
- ◆ Click on Designs mode.
- ◆ Click on the “+” sign in front of Complete Designs—Children to view the design choices.
- ◆ Click on design CI953 to select it; continue pressing the left mouse button and drag the design to the workspace.



Changing Individual Thread Colors

- ◆ Click on the Threads mode icon to view the thread colors used in the design.
- ◆ Within Thread Sequence, click on Detailed View to see the thread color codes and brands used in the design.

Note: The default Thread Sequence setting is Compact View.

Tip: A personal thread inventory is useful when using the Match thread features. To inventory a personal collection of embroidery threads, place a checkmark in the box beside each corresponding thread color in the Thread Chooser.

Notes:

- Thread Chooser can be used to sort by Description, Code, or Brand Name.
- To match a thread color used in a design, select the color and click Match. The Thread Chooser will list the best match at the top.
- If a personal thread collection includes a variety of thread brands, click on Brands to select the brands to be displayed in Thread Chooser.

- ◆ Click on the Select box for color #1, Isacord #2810.
- ◆ In Thread Chooser, scroll down the Description column to Poinsettia, code 1902, and click on the color chip.

Changing All Colors in a Design using Color Wheel

- ◆ With the design selected, click on the Tools icon.
- ◆ Select Color Wheel from the drop down menu.
- ◆ Move the Hue slider to the left to number -62.
- ◆ Click OK.

Notes:

- Color Wheel changes ALL of the colors in a design.
- Hue and Brightness may be adjusted separately.
- The new thread color numbers are shown in Thread Sequence after clicking OK.

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