

Design Database

How to Utilize Design Database

Folder pane

This area provides access to the folders on the computer and the results of any searches that were performed.

Contents pane

This area displays thumbnails of all embroidery designs in the selected folder.

Hoop size selector

Select the hoop size here when writing a design to an original card.

Add Button

The design selected in the contents pane is displayed in the Writing list.

Write Button

The selected pattern (displayed in the writing list) is written to the original card.

Card capacity indicator

Displays the selected design (displayed in the writing list) for the capacity of the original card.

Card writing box display/non-display button

Press when writing the design to an original card
Click this button to hide or display the Writing list.

Remove Button

Returns the selected design (displayed in the Writing list) to the unselected state.

Design Database provides an organized way of accessing your library of embroidery designs quickly and easily.

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- Search for a Design
- Convert Design Files
- View Large Thumbnails, Small Thumbnails or Details
- Display a Preview of Design Files
- Display Properties of a Design

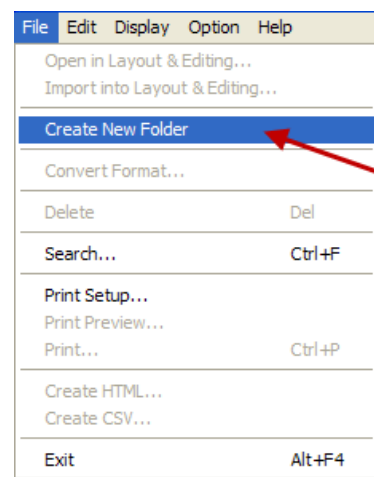
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- Convert Design Files into different Formats
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Organizing Design Files

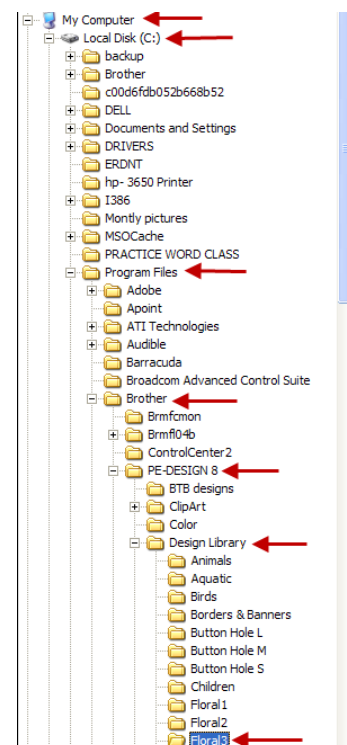
1. Open **PE-Design Data Base**.
2. **Click** on the **drive** in the **left** side of the window where the designs are located. (For example C) Select where you would like to create a new folder. Example click on design Library.

3. To organize designs in folders, first **create** a specific **folder** for the designs. To create a new folder, select the **FILE** pull down menu, and choose **Create New Folder**.



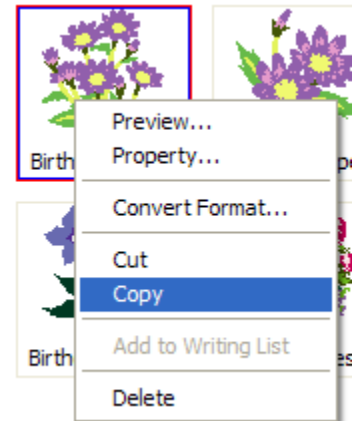
4. Type the name of the folder such as FLOWERS and press Enter on the keyboard. A folder has been created to drag and drop, or copy and paste all the flower designs.
5. To place a design in a folder, **locate** the **design** and **right mouse click** on it. For this exercise, locate the birthday4L design in the PE-Design program. This is the path to locate birthday4L.

My Computer
Local Dist (C:)
Program files
Brother
PE DESIGN 8
Design Library
Floral 3

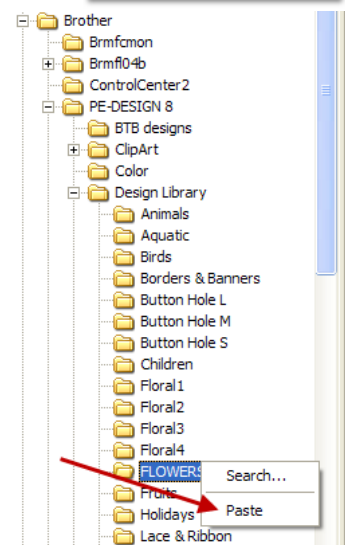


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6. Choose to **Copy** or **Cut** the design. For this exercise, choose **Copy**. Right click on the design and **click** on **Copy**.



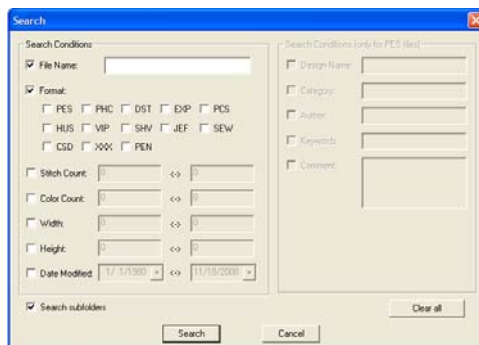
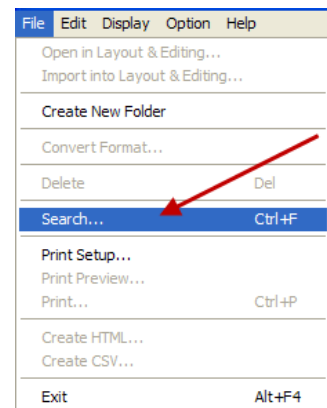
7. **Right** mouse **click** on the destination folder and choose **Paste**.



8. The design is now in the new folder.

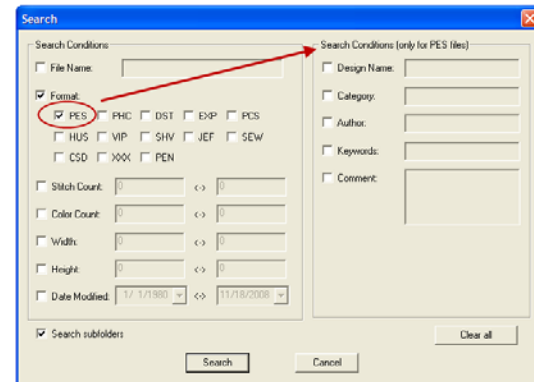
Searching for a Design

1. To search for a design previously created, first choose a computer drive to search. If the files were saved to the computer's main drive, this will usually be the "C" drive.
2. From the **FILE** pull-down menu, choose **Search**.
3. PE-Design provides the ability to search by different criteria: file name, format, stitch count, color count, width, height or the date the design was modified.



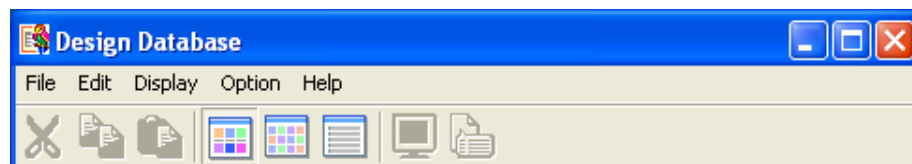
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4. Select the criteria for the search. For this tutorial select name and file format .pes. Note that when searching for a .pes file there are other criteria that can be used, such as category, author, keyword, or comments. This can be useful if you added these criteria to the file Property box during **Layout & Editing** of the design.
5. Click **Search** and PE-Design will display any files that meet the search conditions.



Viewing Thumbnails of Designs

1. From the **Display** pull-down menu, choose the **Large** thumbnails, **Small** thumbnails or **Details**. Click on one of the icons listed on the toolbar.



In Design Database a listing of designs can be viewed in three different ways.



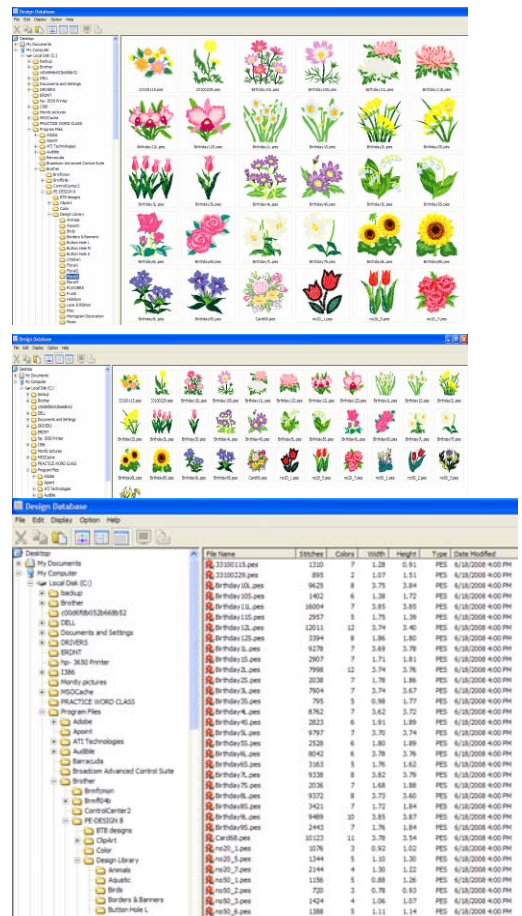
Large Thumbnails- Shows a large picture of the designs.



Small Thumbnails- Shows a small picture of the designs.



Details- Lists the design name, number of stitches, number of colors, width, height, format, and the date modified.

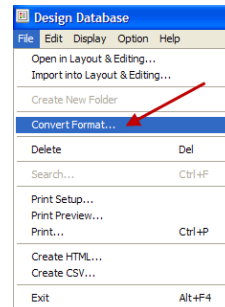
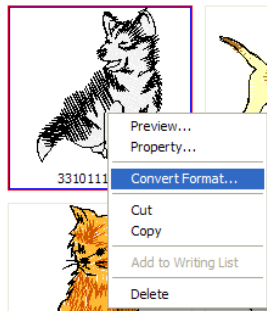


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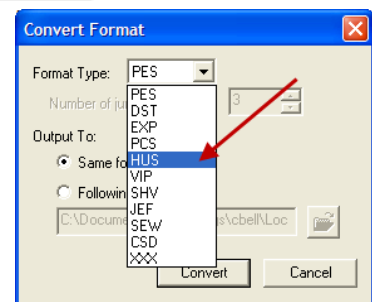
Converting Design files into Different formats.

PE-Design converts into the following file formats: pes, dst, exp, pcs, hus, vip, shv, jef, sew, csd, and xxx.

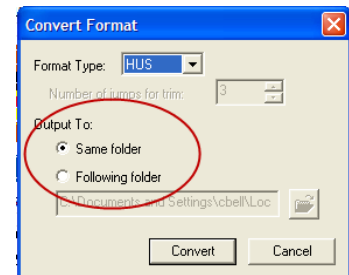
1. Open **Design Database**.
2. Select the folder containing the embroidery design that you want to convert. For this example select:
 - My Computer
 - C: drive
 - Program files
 - Brother
 - PE-Design 8
 - Design Library
 - Animals
3. To convert a file, begin by **right** clicking on the design to be converted.
4. From the drop down menu, choose **Convert Format**, or choose **File** from the top pull-down menu and select **Convert Format**.



5. Choose the format you want to convert the design to. You can convert into **PES, DST, EXP, PCS, HUS, VIP, SHV, JEF, SEW, CSD, or XXX** formats.



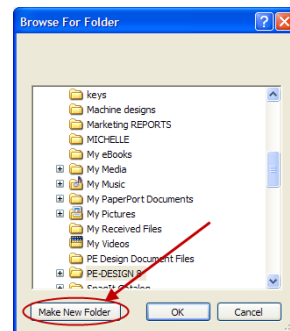
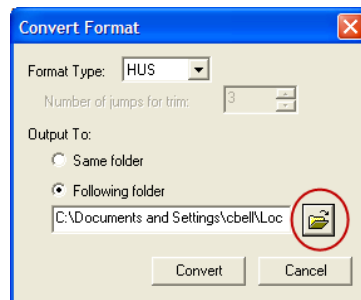
6. Choose whether the converted design should be placed into the **same folder**, or choose **another folder** by



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placing a dot in front of the **Following folder** and click on the file folder next to it to choose the location.

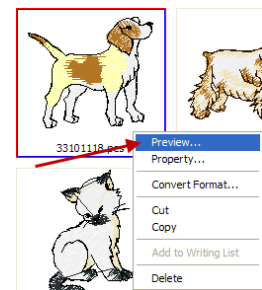
7. You can also create a folder for the converted design. Click on the Browse folder and then **Make New Folder** to create the new folder.



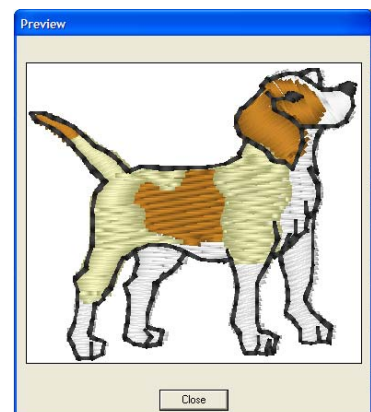
8. After the choices have been made, click **Convert**. The design(s) has been converted.
9. If the same folder is selected the converted designs will be saved to the original folder.
10. To convert multiple designs at the same time, hold down the Shift key while selecting the designs.

Display Previews of Design Files

1. To see a **Realistic Preview** of a design file, right mouse click on the design.
2. From the pull-down menu, choose **Preview**.



3. The design will appear in the window in a realistic stitch preview.



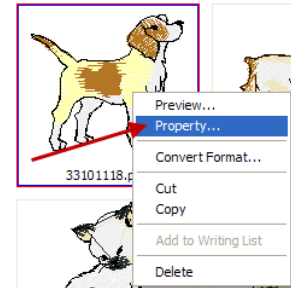
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4. An alternate method to choose the preview is to click on the design and then click on the Preview Icon.

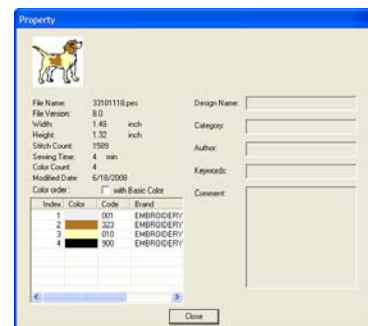


Displaying Properties of a Design

1. Right mouse click on a design.
2. Choose **Properties** from the pull-down menu or click on the **Property** icon.



3. The Design properties will be displayed.

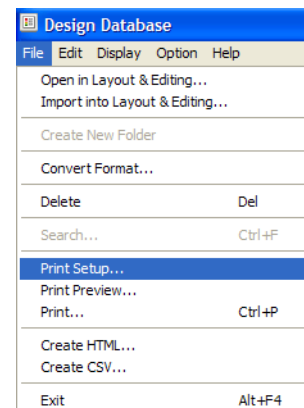


Open or Import Designs into Layout & Editing

1. To Import or open a design from **Design Database** to **Layout & Editing**, simply double click on the design.
2. All .pes files will be opened, while all other embroidery file formats will be imported.
3. If a design is already open in Layout & Editing, the database will import any design in another format into Layout & Editing with the existing design.

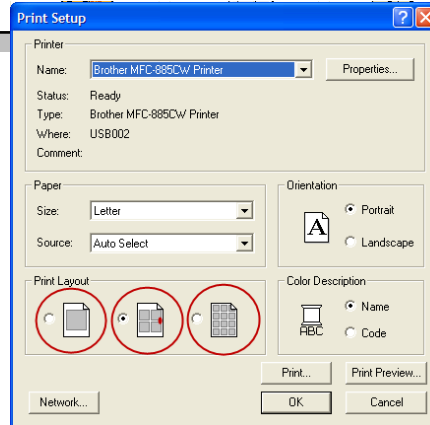
Printing a Design Database

1. **Click** on a Folder that has designs located in it.
2. From the **File** pull-down. Choose **Print Setup**.



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3. The choices for printing are a single design printed out on one page, four designs per page or twelve designs per page.



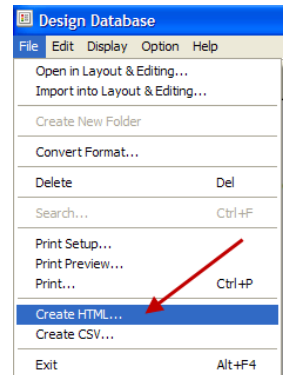
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4. Choose the desired printer to print.
5. **Click Print**, once you have made the selections. The designs in that directory will print.

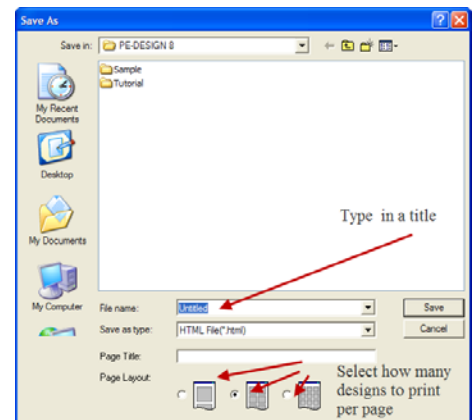
Creating HTML Files

With Design Database the flexibility is available to not only print the details of a design folder, but also to convert folders to HTML files for posting to the Web.

1. **Click** on a file or folder to convert to an **HTML**.
2. From the **File** pull-down menu, choose **Create HTML**.



3. Next choose the location where the **HTML** file will be saved.
4. Type in a title for the designs if converting a folder or a file name for a single design.
5. Choose how many designs to print per page.
6. Click **SAVE**

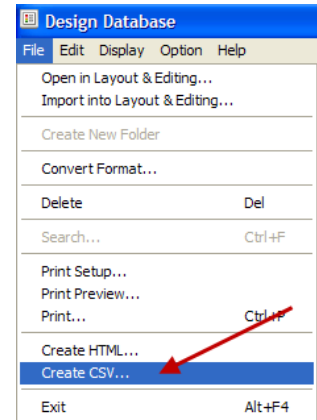


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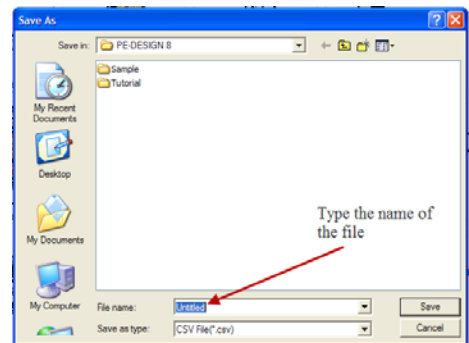
Creating CSV Files

Another way to keep track of design files is by creating a spreadsheet. Design Database makes it simple by creating CSV files for use with Microsoft Excel.

1. To create a **CSV** file, first click on the folder of designs to be converted.
2. From the **File** pull-down menu, select **Create CSV**.



3. Choose the location where the **CSV** file will be saved.
4. Type in the name of the **CSV** file. Click **SAVE**.



5. The **CSV** file may now be used with Microsoft Excel. The file will display the file name and design details, but not an image of the design.