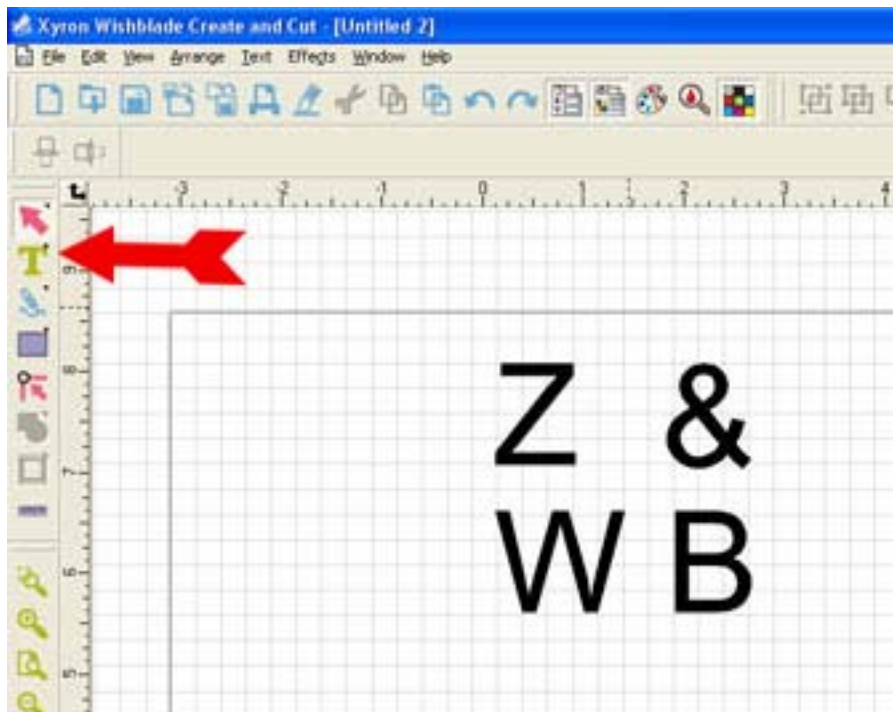


# Creating a 4x6 Frame Monogram in Create & Cut

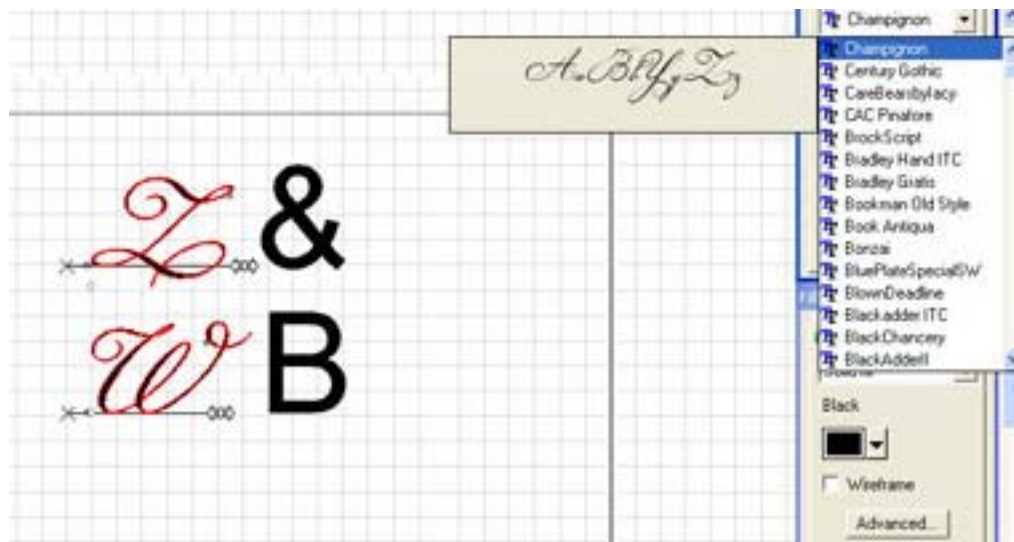
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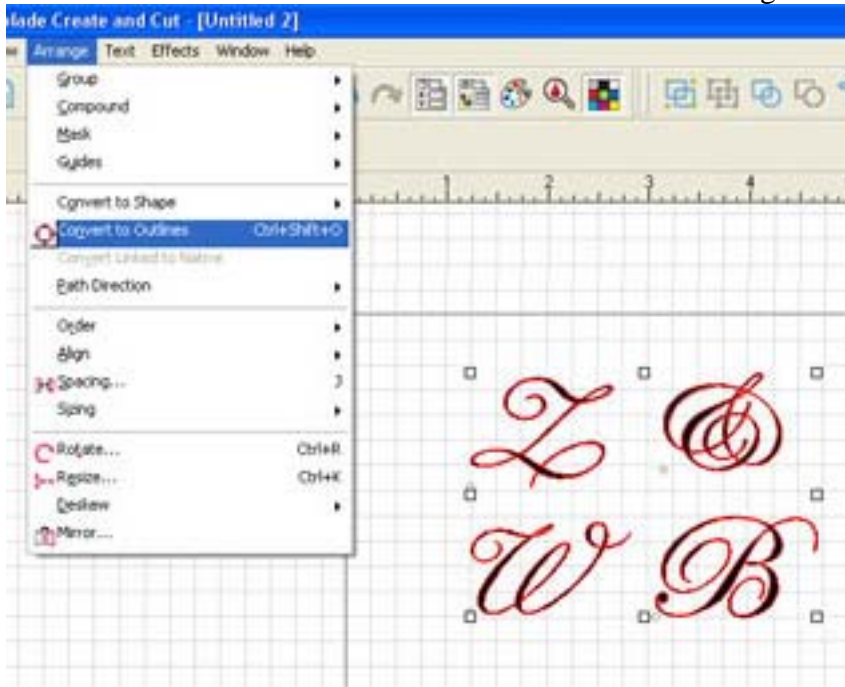
1. Using the text tool, type in the letters of your monogram and an ampersand (&) individually on the screen by clicking in different places in between typing.



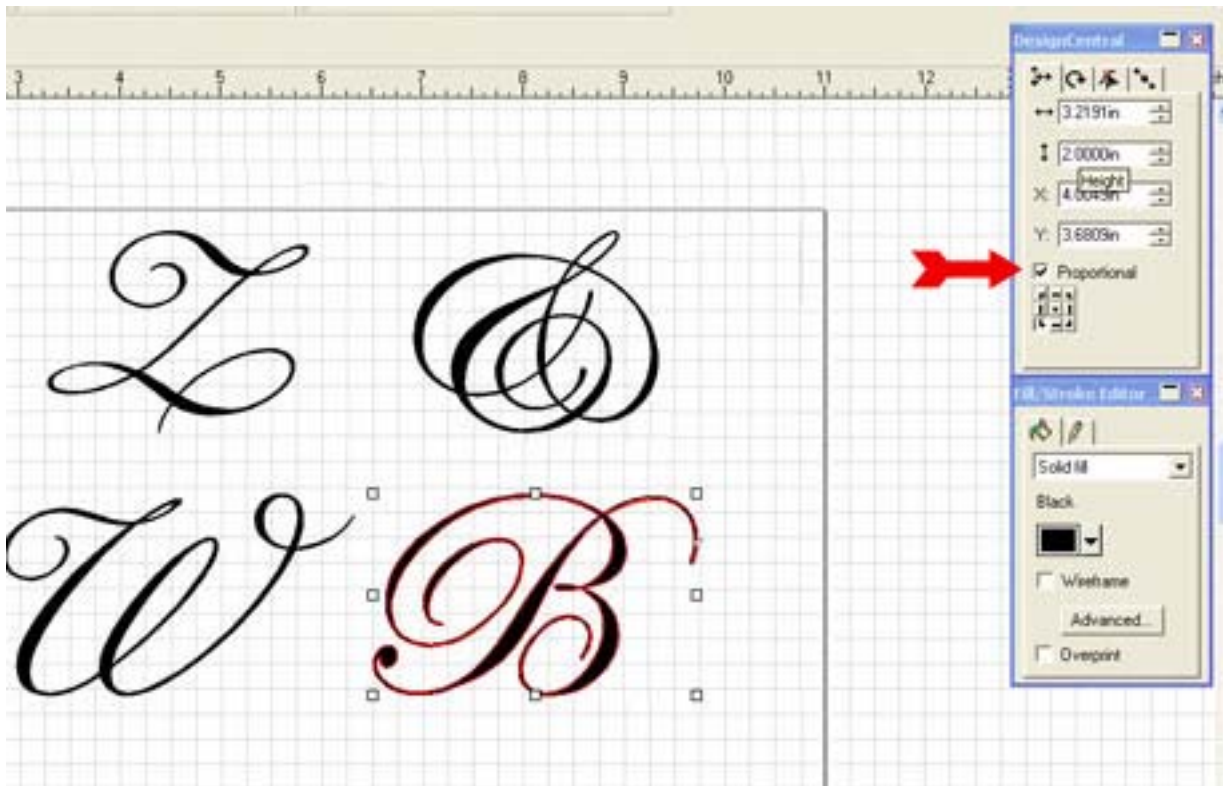
2. In Design Central Choose fonts for each of your letters. Here we are using the fonts Champignon and Edwardian Script.



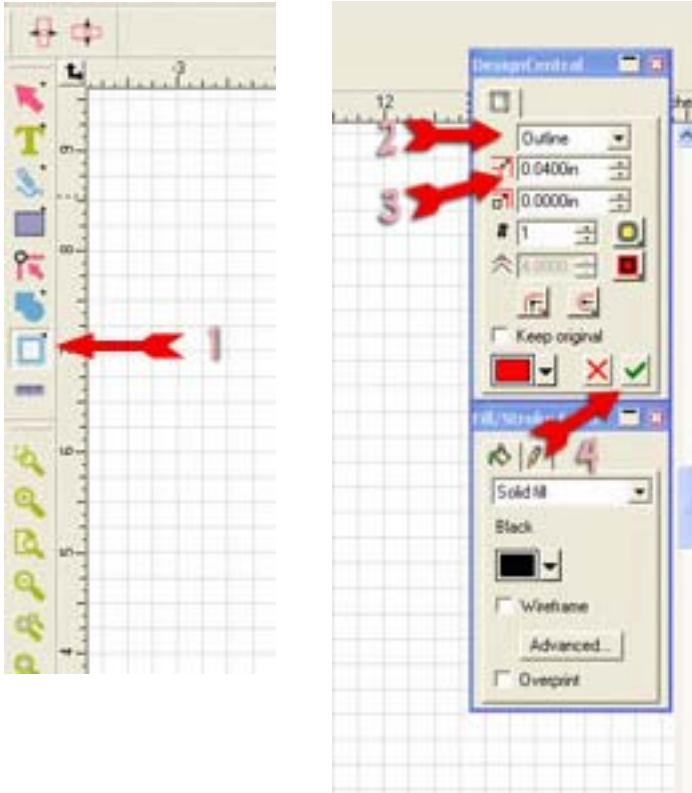
3. Select all the letters and choose Convert to Outlines on the Arrange menu.



4. Using Design Central, resize each letter to 2 inches high. Make sure the Proportional box is checked.



5. Select all the letters and click the outline button. In Design Central make sure your type is set to Outline. Change the width to 0.0400 and uncheck the Keep Original box. Click on the Green Check to make the outline.



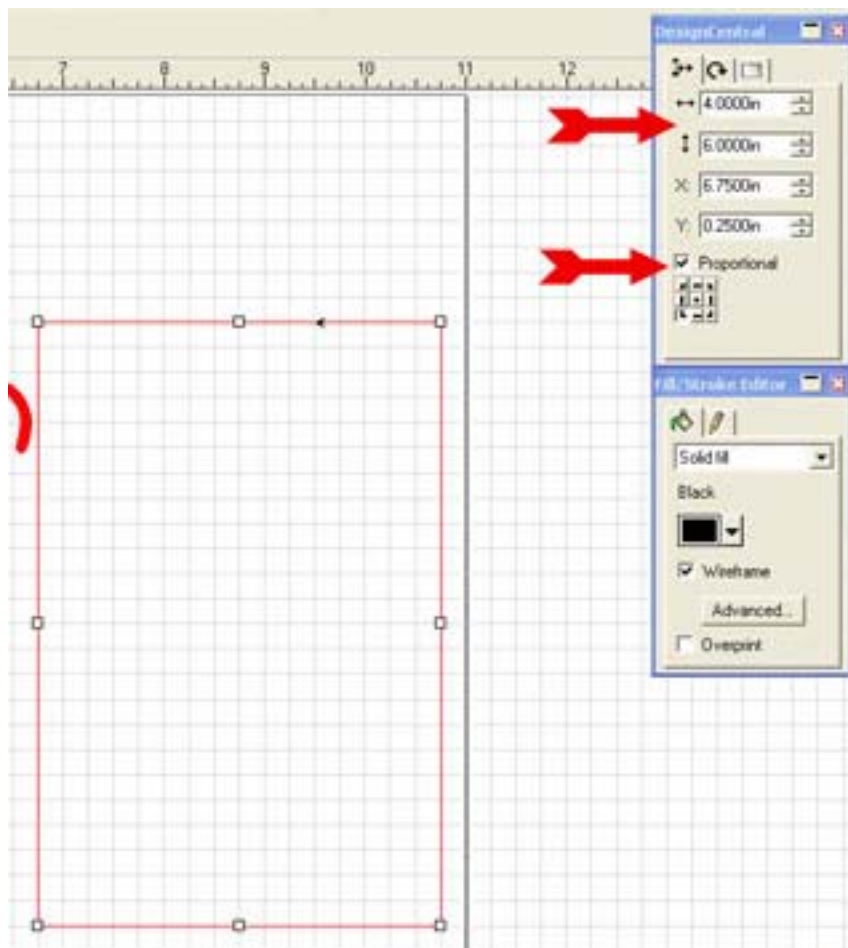
6. Right click on the letters and choose Separate Outline.



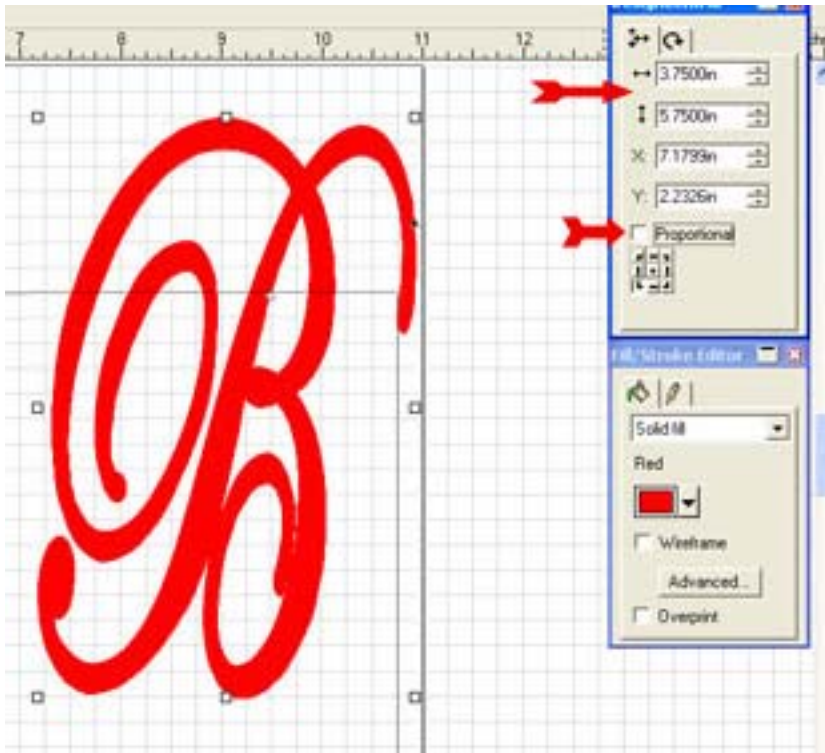
7. Right click again and choose Ungroup.



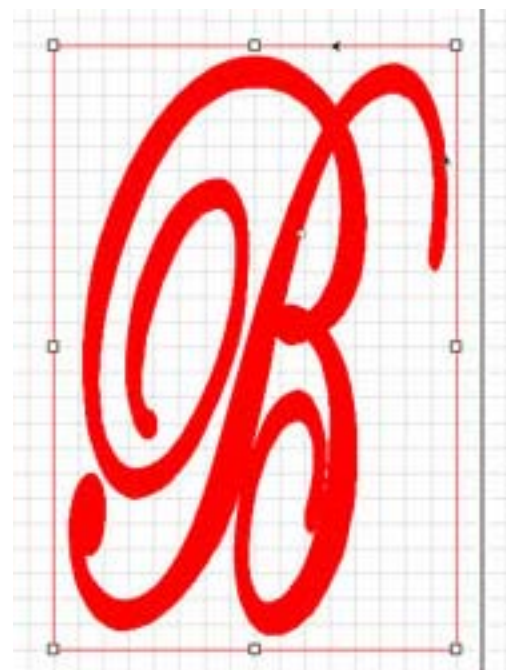
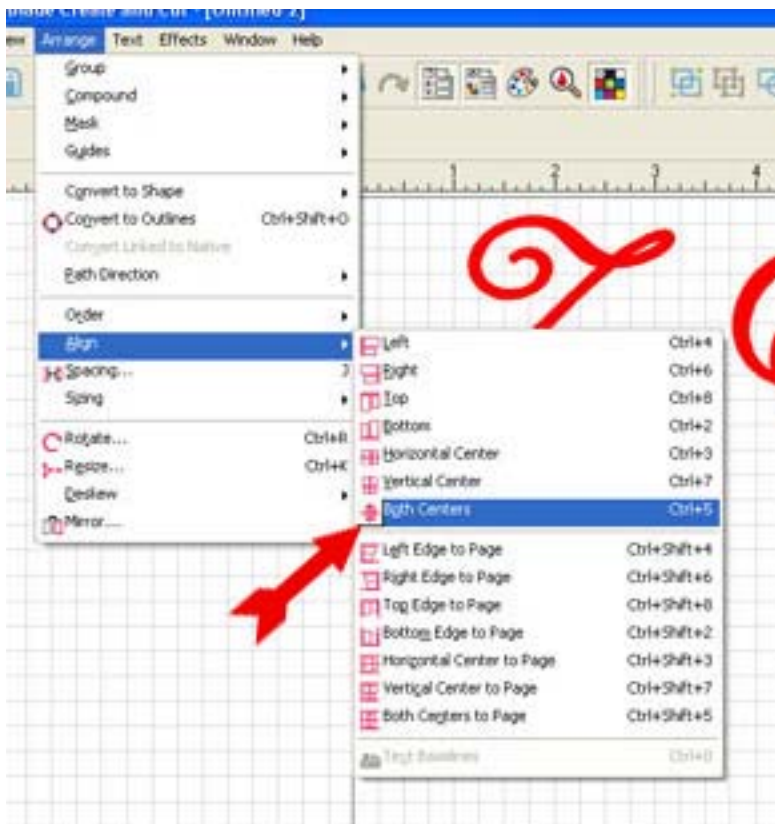
8. Draw a rectangle and use Design Central to make it 4" wide and 6" tall (you might need to uncheck the Proportional checkbox). Check the Wireframe box in the Fill/Stroke Editor.



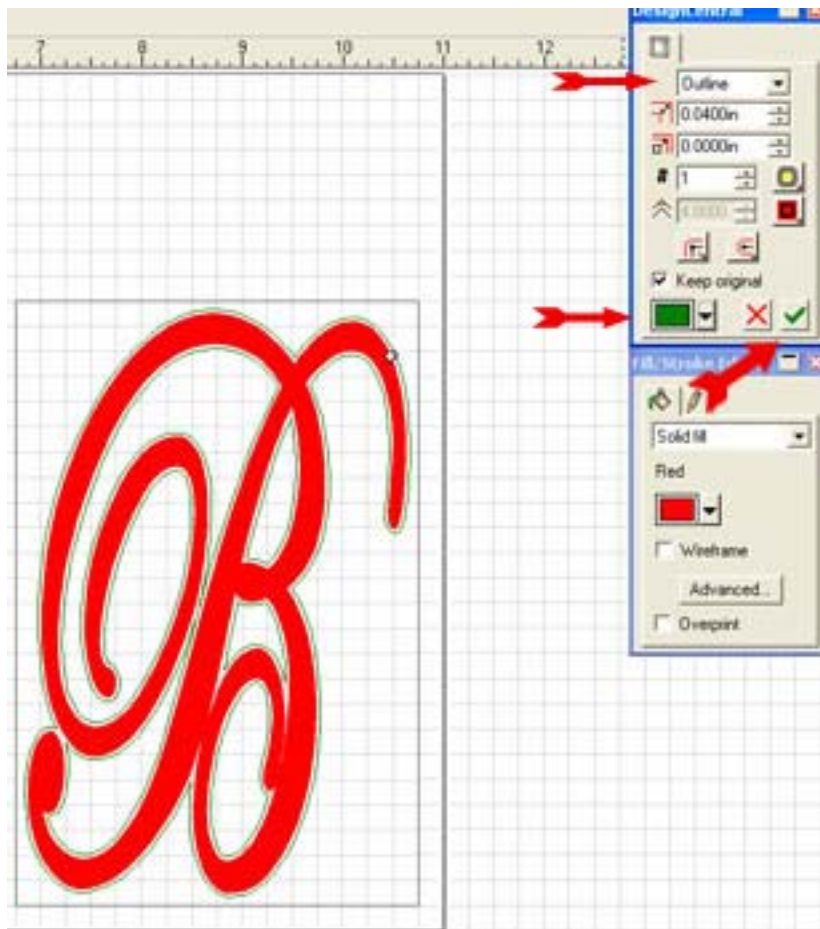
9. Select the last name initial and using Design Central size it to 3.75" wide and 5.75" tall (you might need to uncheck the Proportional checkbox)



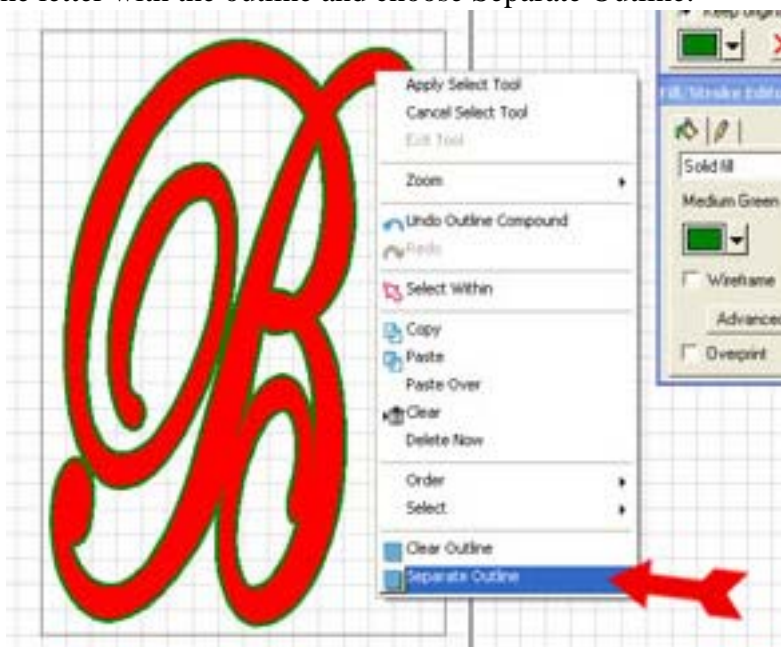
10. Select both the letter and the rectangle. On the Arrange menu, choose Align... and then Both Centers.



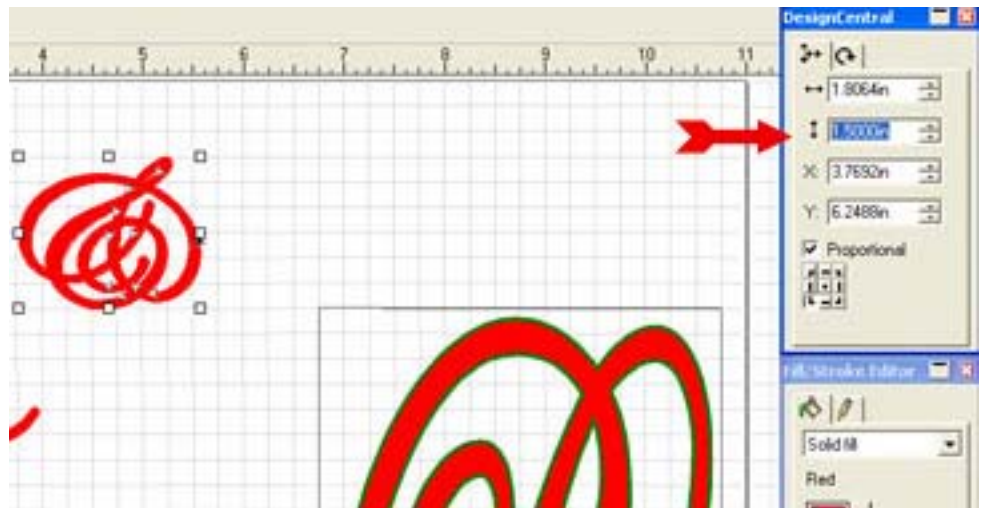
11. Select the large letter and click the outline button. In Design Central check the Keep Original checkbox and change the color. Click the Green Check to apply the outline.



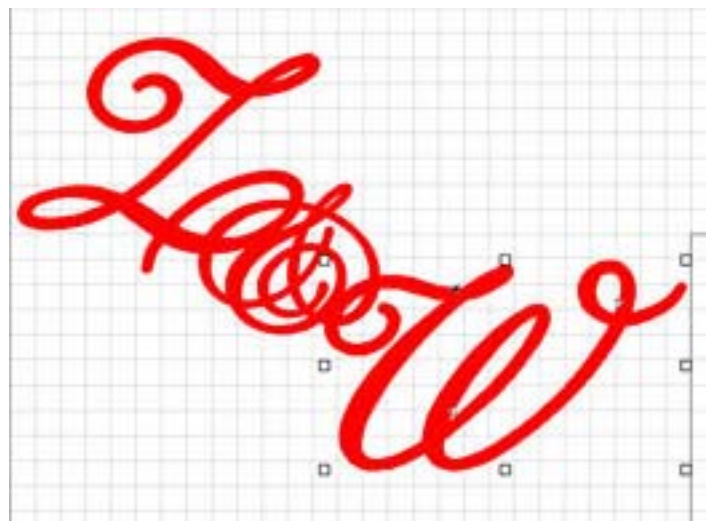
12. Right click on the letter with the outline and choose Separate Outline.



13. Using Design Central, resize the & sign to 1.5" tall.



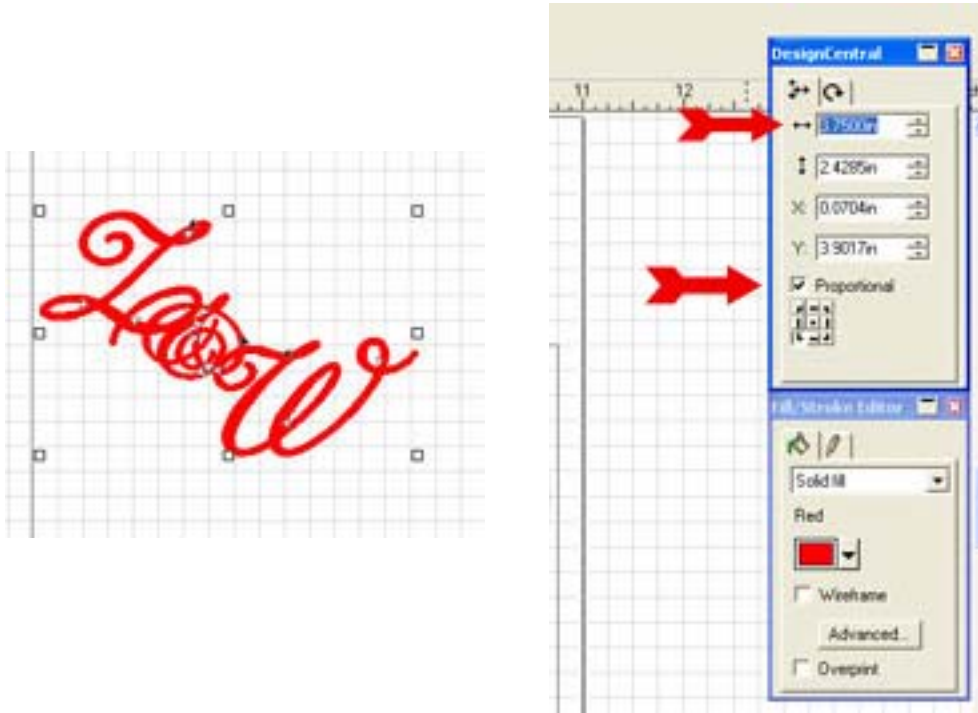
14. Arrange the first initials and the & sign in a diagonal pattern, resizing the letters as needed and overlapping to look pleasing to the eye.



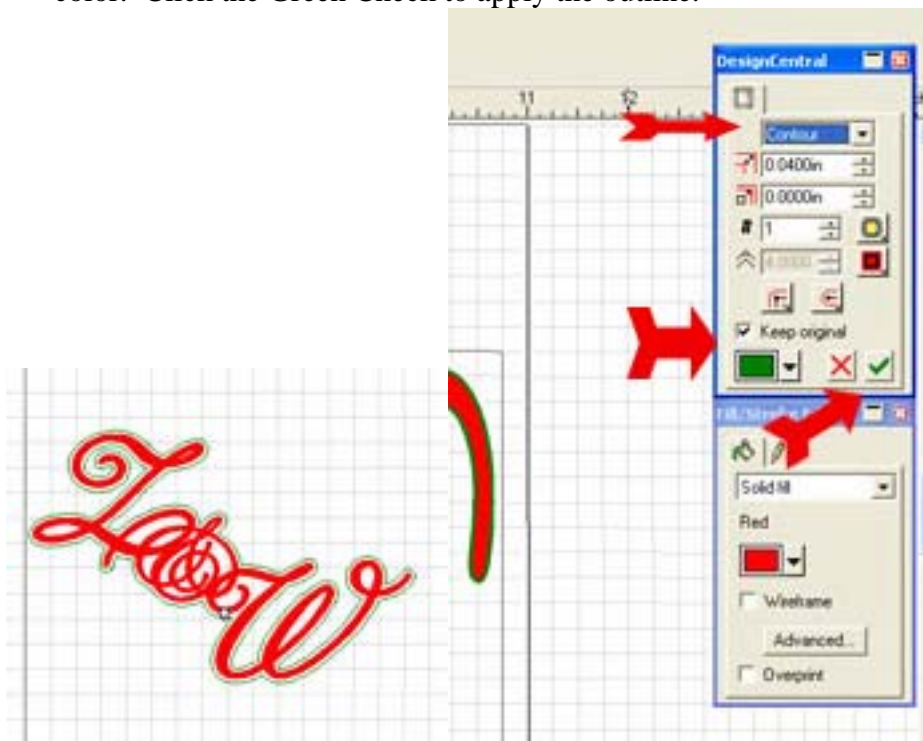
15. Select both first initials and the & sign. Right click and choose Combine... Group. Or hit CTRL+G on your keyboard.



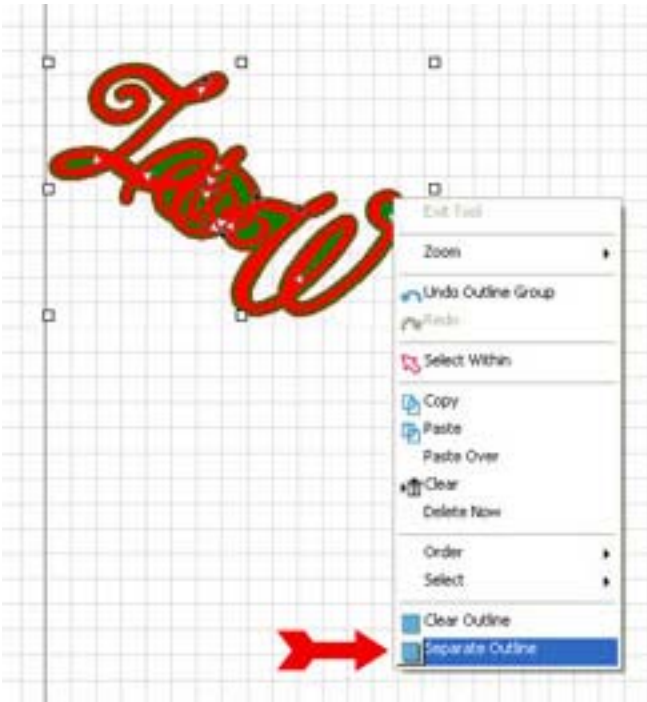
16. Select your new grouped letters and in Design Central check the Proportional checkbox and then resize to 3.75" wide. This will automatically change the height to keep the right proportions.



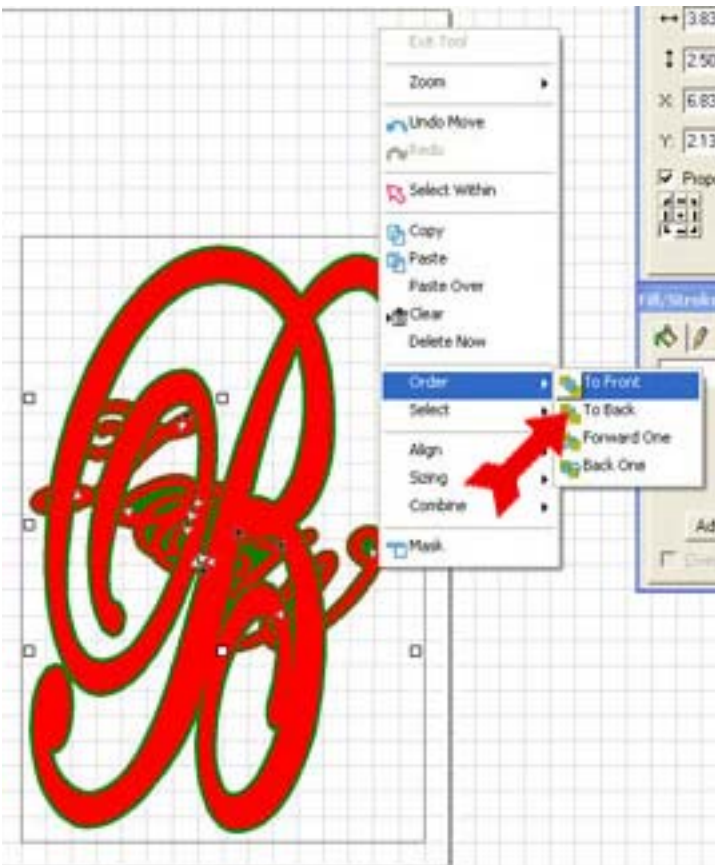
17. Select the group of initials and click the Outline button. In Design Central, change the outline type to Contour (this will eliminate all the interior paths), make sure Keep Original is checked, and change the color. Click the Green Check to apply the outline.



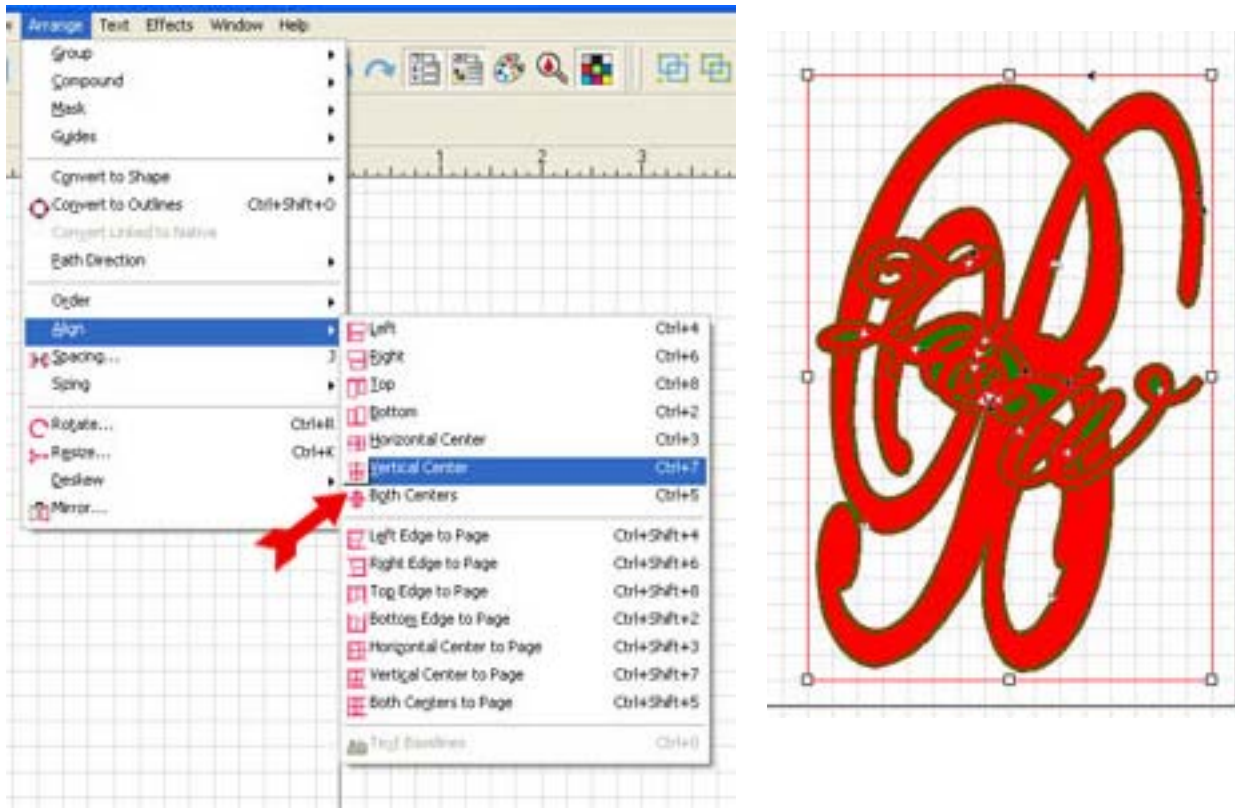
18. Right click on the initial group with outline and select Separate Outline.



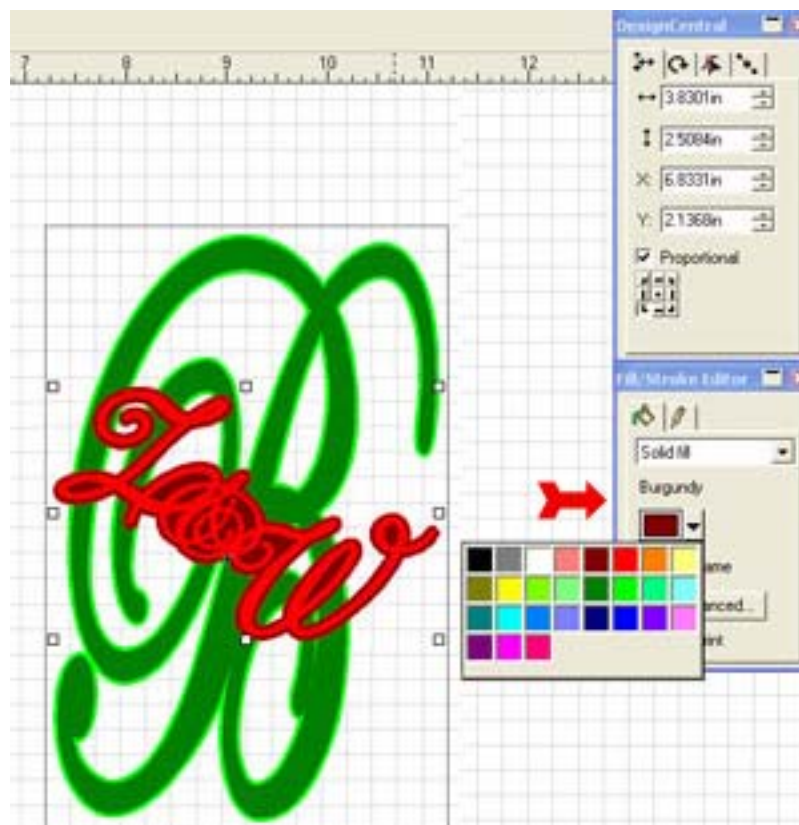
19. Move you initial group over to the large monogram inside the rectangle. Right click on it and choose Order... To Front, to move it to the top of the stacked images.



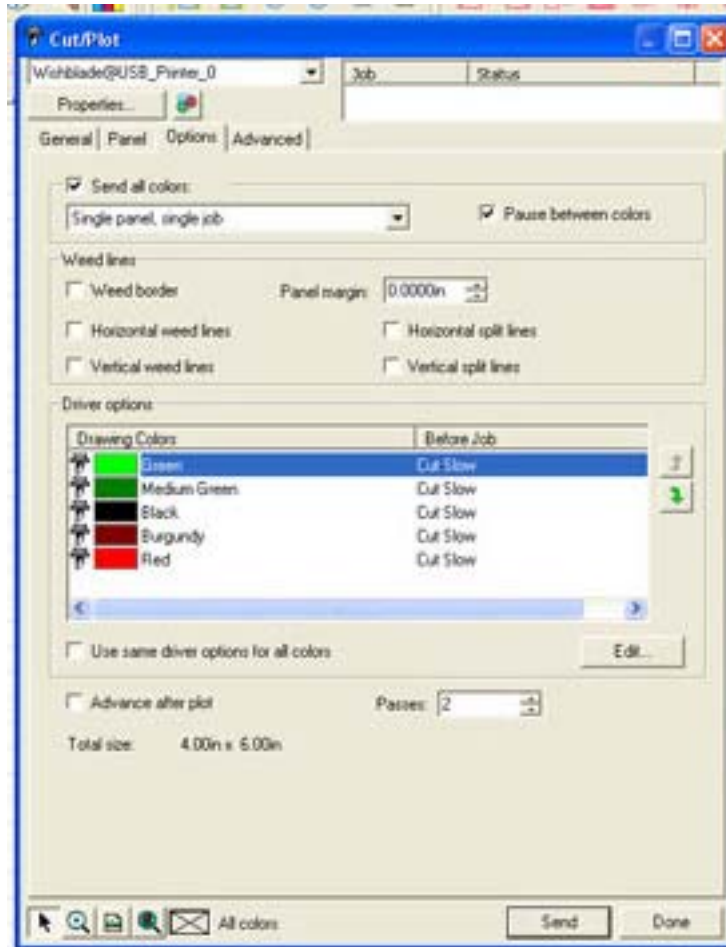
20. Select everything and from the Arrange menu select Align... Vertical Center.



21. Using the Fill/Stroke Editor box, change each part of the design to be a different color, this is so that you can cut each individual part from a different color of paper.



22. You are ready to cut! Select everything and click the Cut button. On the Options tab, check the box beside “Pause Between Colors” so you will be prompted to change the paper for each part of the design.



23. Assemble, place in a 4x6 and enjoy!  
Here's an example of a completed project. Try using colors for the mats and background, just a shade lighter or darker for an engraved look.

