Custom Glitz CD Case

Take a plain cd case and make something special. Turn letters into embroidery and embroidery into Crystals for a beautiful effect. Using the Zing Cutter will make placing crystals easy and accurate.

Supplies:
- Artistic Suite V6 Software
- Zing Cutter (Or other Digitial Cutter)
- 1 12" x 12" Sticky Mat (or Mat that Came with Your Cutter)
- 1 sheet crystal template material
- 1 sheet backer board
- 1 sheet transfer tape
- 1 fabric cd case
- 10ss Crystals
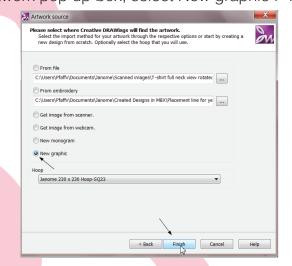- Artistic Press (optional) or iron

Create the crystal template:
1. Open Artistic Suite V6 (Creative Drawings)
2. In the New design box select Create New > Next.
3. The Fabric pop up box will appear.
4. Select any fabric > Next.
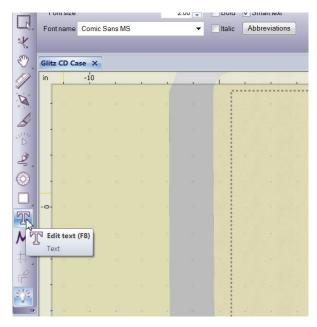   *Note: We're not doing embroidery, so we don't need to choose any fabric.*
5. In the Artwork pop up box, select New graphic > Finish.
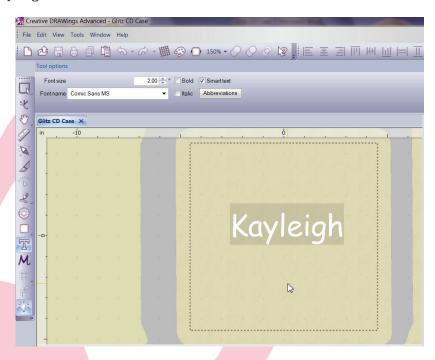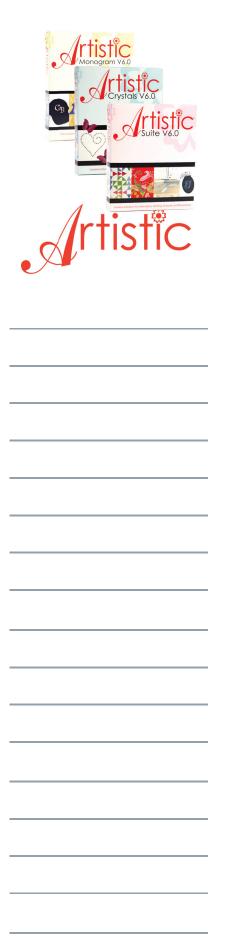
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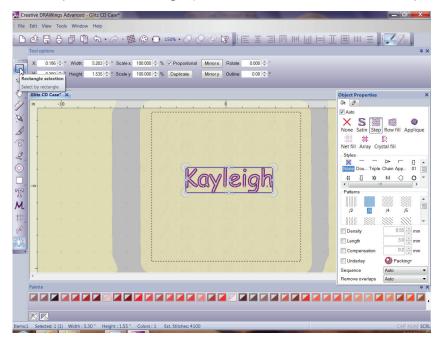# Custom Glitz CD Case

6. Select Lettering from the side toolbar "T".

7. The Tool Options toolbar will open above the workspace. Using the drop down menu next to Font Name, choose Comic Sans MS.
8. Place your curser somewhere in the workspace and click. You should have a blinking line showing.
9. Type the name you would like on your cd case. I am using the name Kayleigh.

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10. Click on the Rectangle selection from the side toolbar.
Note: Your name is selected and is now embroidery stitches. That's how easy it is to take a graphic and turn it in to embroidery.
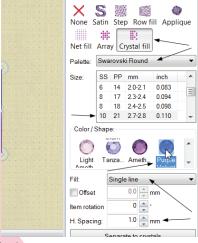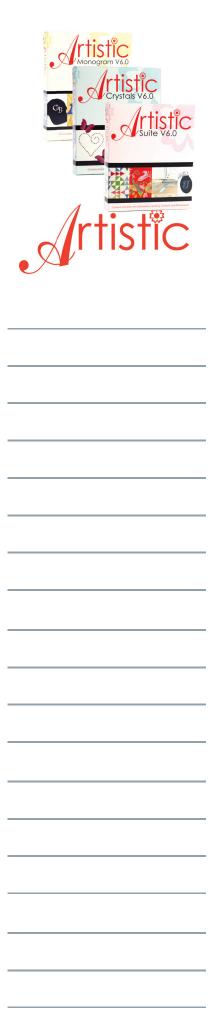

11. Measure your cd case where you want your name. Mine measured 5 ¾", so I wanted the name to measure 5" wide.
12. With the name selected, place your cursor on one corner, click and drag until the name is the right size. You can see the width above the name.

13. With the name selected, in the Object Properties box, select Crystal Fill > Palette – Swarovski Round > Size – SS 10 > Color/Shape – Choose the color > Fill – Single Line > H Spacing – 1.0 mm.
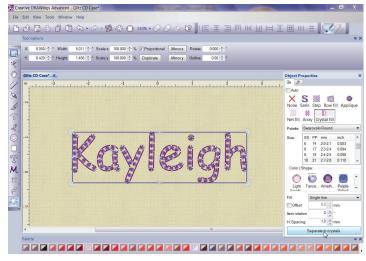*Note: If the Object Properties box doesn't show up on the right side of your workspace, Click on View > Object Properties.*

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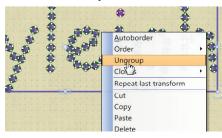
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14. If crystals are too close or overlapped, then select "Separate to crystals".

Note: You will want a space between each crystal about ½ the width of a crystal. You may need to Zoom in to make it easier.
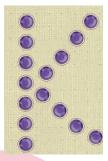

15. Right mouse click on the crystals > select "Ungroup".

16. Zoom in close > select the crystals one at a time > delete or drag and drop them into place.

Note: Shows crystals to close together, with one crystal selected
Note: I deleted the selected one and moved the others for spacing.

17. Once crystal placement is complete, connect the Zing Cutter and turn it on, select File > Export > to Crystals/Cutters.
18. The Export to Crystals/Cutters pop up box will appear on the screen. Set up, following directions that came with the Zing.
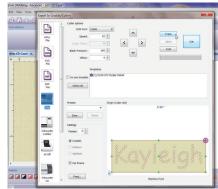19. Adhere the Template Material to the Sticky Mat and place into the Zing.

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20. Click on Trace and watch the red laser dot show you where the Zing will be cutting.
21. If placement is correct, click on Cut.
22. The holes will be cut into the template material.
23. When finished cutting, remove the template material away from the mat or backing paper and adhere the template to backer board.
24. Place the backer board in a container to catch loose crystals, sprinkle the appropriate size crystals on top of the template.
25. Use a Shur Line Positioning Brush to gently push the crystals into the holes. Make sure all of the crystals are crystal side up.
26. Once all of the holes have crystals in them, gently brush away any excess crystals.
27. Place a piece of transfer tape on top of the crystals and finger press into place.
28. Gently remove the transfer tape with the crystals adhered, from the template.
29. Position the crystals on top of the cd case and heat press into place.
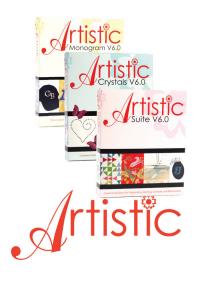30. Let crystals cool and remove the transfer tape. You now have a beautiful sparkly personalized cd case.

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