

## My Word!!!

This method of adding words to your quilt is fun, easy, and delivers beautiful results. Here's what to do:

1. Choose the words you want to write on your quilt.
2. Choose a font on your computer that suits the words. (I use "*Edwardian Script*" for almost everything but I have also had fun with *Apple Chancery*, *Curlz*, *Lucida Calligraphy*, *Lucida Handwriting*, and Papyrus.)
3. Decide how big you want your words. (I generally enlarge the font to 200% but have gone as large as 250% before.)
4. Type the entire phrase in the desired font enlarged to the desired size. Print the words. (Chances are that you will only get two or three words to a page.)
5. Cut the words apart with your rotary cutter and arrange them on your cutting mat, using the lines on the mat to keep the words centered and evenly spaced.
6. Tape the words together using long strips of tape.
7. Using a window or light box, trace the words onto the right side of your fabric with a mechanical pencil.
8. Place a piece of thin cotton or cotton/poly batting on the wrong side of the traced words, smoothing them together.
9. Place a sheet of parchment paper behind your work and pin in place.
10. With a small straight stitch on your machine, stitch around the words you have traced, using a dark thread. (Don't stress about being too perfect. Just do your best. Also, it's alright to cross through the middle of a letter to get to the next letter.)
11. Using a black Micron Pigman pen (size 08 or 05), color in the words. Then clean up and fine tune your words using a smaller tipped pen (size 03).

Happy wording!

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