

You will need to use your Customizing Software, to open and load each letter or numeral, and to position in the appropriate area of the design. Alternatively, if your machine allows editing on the machine's Touch Screen, you can add the appropriate letters and numerals right there. *If working on the Touch Screen, be sure to save your file!*

Location of letters and numbers for Personalization...



Numeral for pounds      Numeral for ounces      Numeral for inches

**BABY'S NAME:**

For the Baby's Name, use the *BabyNameAlphabet* Files. You can use either the Upper Case Letters or a combination of Upper and Lower Case Letters to create the Baby's Name.

**BIRTHDATE:**

For the Birthdate area, you can use the *BirthdateAlphabet* letter files for the month, either spelling it out if you have enough room, or abbreviating the month, if necessary.

Use the *Numerals* files for the birth day and year numerals.

Stitched sample showing colors and position of elements...



**WEIGHT and LENGTH:**

For the baby's weight, use the *Numerals* files for the pounds and ounces numbers. 1/4 and 1/2 files are included along with the numerals.

For the baby's length, also use the *Numerals* files.

**Color Suggestions...**

For a Girl, use the actual colors listed in the *BabyNameAlphabet.pdf* file for your stitchout. For a Boy, use blue colors (see the **Colorways.pdf** file for the corresponding blue colors).

## Additional Personalization Hints on working with your machine's Software

NOTE: We are not able to supply instructions for specific machine embroidery software. With so numerous machines and editing software available, the suggestions below should work.

The following steps can be followed as a method of personalizing your sampler.

**1. Create individual files of each name** required as well as a **Birthdate File** with the required letters and numerals. Print out a Color Stop listing for each file you will be using. when creating the name files, each letter will come in with its own two Color Stops for Cross Stitch and its own single Color Stop for Backstitch.

COLOR SORTING: Most editing software has a Color Sort Command. That function should combine all of the same colors into a single Color Stop. The Cross Stitch letters should end up with only 1 Cross Stitch Color Stop and 1 Back Stitch Color Stop. IMPORTANT: Color Sort ONLY each name file you have created.

If you do this color sorting on the small name files, the Color Stop stitching order will be much easier to keep track of.

**2. Open** the Birth Sampler file **on your machine.**

**3. Bring in and position each name file, the Birthdate file and the lbs and oz numerals.** Pay attention to which order in which you bring in each file. The Baby Name file will have cross stitch and backstitches. That will be one Color Stop for the Cross Stitch and a 2nd Color Stop for the Backstitch, for the files. The other alphabet and numerals are a single Backstitch Color Stop. Jot down the order in which you bring in the files.

**4. Stitch the complete Sampler first,** using the PDF file for all of the Color Stops.

**5. Once the main sampler is stitched,** following the notes you have made referring to the order in which you added the files, **stitch the alphabet files personalization stitching.**

You can also go through the same basic process above in your editing software. The key is to keep track of the order of the lettering you are adding. Also be sure you've decided ahead of time which actual thread colors you will be using for the personalization. If you know how to combine Color Stops within each software, you should determine which Color Stop in the large Sampler design is the same color(s) you will be using for the lettering.

NOTE: I would be careful about color sorting the birth sampler design with imported lettering. I am not sure whether that would sort correctly or not. It might work fine, but sometimes the Color Sorting can be unpredictable! It might combine some colors you do not want combined!

This process, once you have done it successfully, is not all that complicated, though it involves some planning ahead and paying attention to what you're doing!