

SEW format for Janome 8000 and Elna 9006 machines

The Janome 8000 and Elna 9006 were some of the first available embroidery machines for home use. Both of these machines use SEW format for their embroidery designs. Some changes were made to the succeeding models of SEW format machines that gave them a higher design capacity. In this regard the SEW format that Janome 8000 and Elna 9006 machines use is more limited than that of later models.

Limitations of SEW format for Janome 8000 and Elna 9006:

Designs can only have up to 8 colors.

Designs can not exceed 25,000 stitches.

Amazing Designs' software programs, such as Edit 'N Stitch, are set up for use with the later versions of SEW format which allow designs to have up to 12 colors. If you happen to have a design that has more than 8 colors you will have to manually split the design.

Example: You have a design of a train with 10 colors that you wish to sew. You can open the design in a program such as Edit 'N Stitch or Edit Express (which is available for free on our website). You would then use the Color Advance tool to view colors 9 and 10 to delete them. This will leave you with a design that has 8 colors that the machine will accept. Save this design as "Train part A" or something similar. Be sure to give it another name when you save it so that the original design is not saved over. Then you would open the original design again and delete colors 1-8. This leaves you a design with the remaining two colors. Save this as "Train part B." You can then write "Train part A" and "Train part B" to a memory card to sew on your machine. Simply sew "part A" first and when it is finished you would then load and sew "part B" without removing your hoop. Once both parts of the design are sewn the design will be complete.