

DIY Wedding Sparkle with Artistic Crystals: Bride & Entourage Dazzle Tees

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As you may have noticed within the S4H pages this week, we have something a bit different from our regular beautiful and inspiring projects. We've put together an entire series with creative entrepreneurs in mind. We certainly hope you *still* find the projects beautiful and inspirational, but they are also designed to be jumping off points for items you could make for yourself or make and sell as a home-based wedding accessories business, using the Artistic integrated system of crystals, software, cutters and presses. Today: Dazzle Tees. These are perfect for the Bride and her entire Entourage to wear to showers, bachelorette parties, spa days or any other occasions where the wedding party is traveling together. We spied a number of similar garments during our research of best-sellers in the world of weddings. These are even prettier... and they're personalized!

Today's brides are more DIY-focused than ever. Some simply want to save money, but many others are most interested in finding items that can be handcrafted with their special wedding theme in mind. And they are willing to pay extra to have something no one else has!

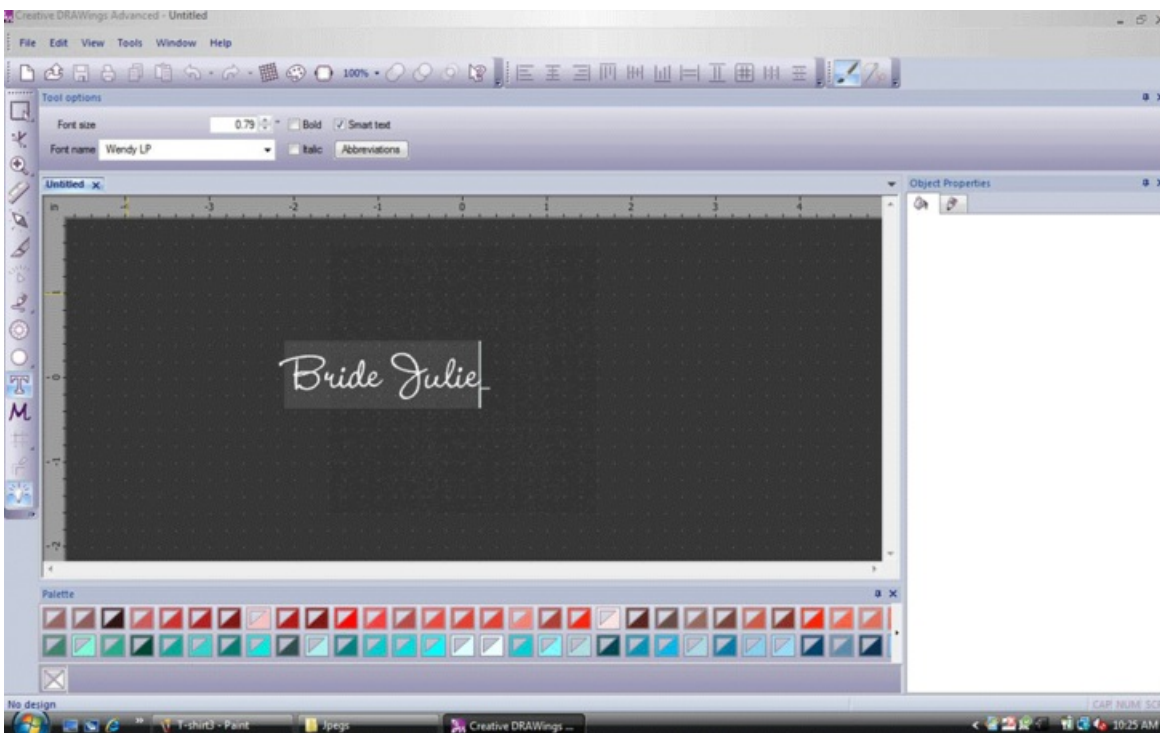
What is especially fun about these Dazzle Tees is the ability to personalize them. It's not just another generic shirt you could see someone else wearing; you offer a rainbow of colors, then add the bride's name and can even incorporate a special theme icon, as we did with our crown. This same icon could then be included on special accessories for the wedding party's ensembles and/or as part of the reception table décor.



All of our **DIY Wedding Sparkle** projects are structured to provide ideas rather than act as full sewing and software tutorials. Once you're hooked, and have your very own [Artistic Crystals System](#), you'll be able to visit the [Artistic website](#), where detailed step-by-step crystal design and application tutorials will be available for our project ideas, including today's personalized tees. These free .PDF files will be posted to the [Artistic website](#) at the conclusion of our S4H series.

Even if you've not worked with design or digitizer programs before, you'll find the [Artistic software](#) easy to use and the steps intuitive.

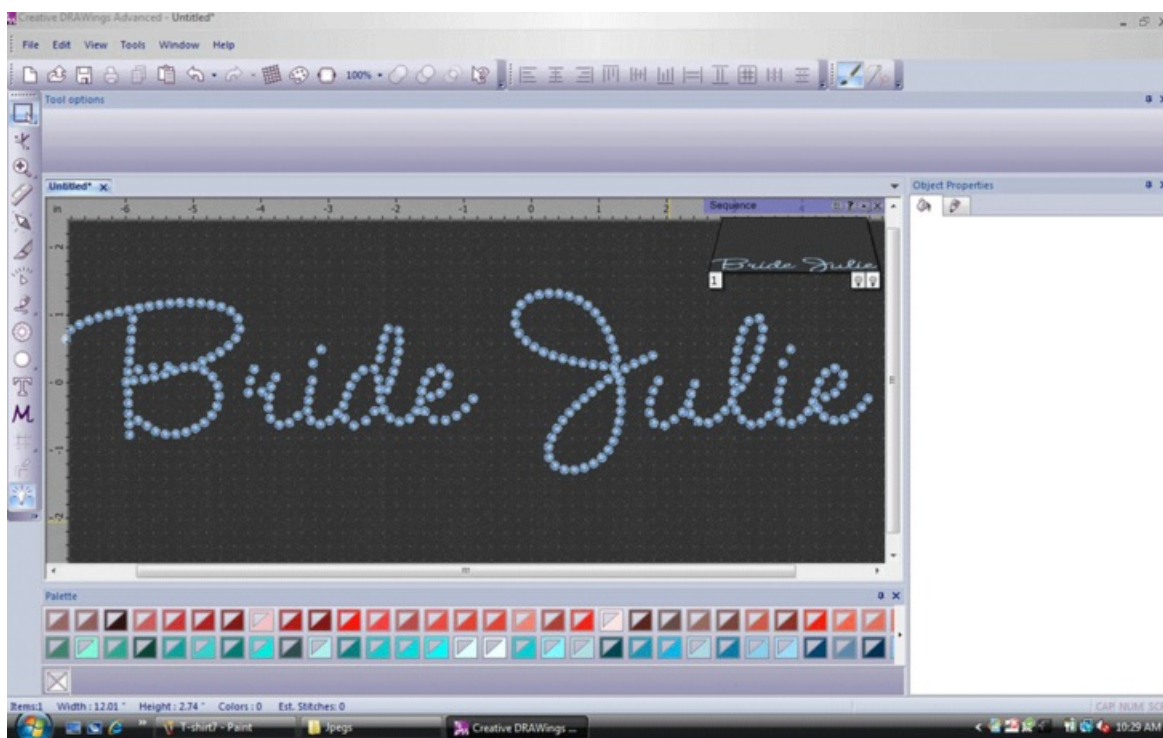
We brought in our words.



Sized them and filled them with crystals.



And, voilà, your name in lights.



If you haven't already, take a look at the first article in this series, [The Business of Bling](#), for a step-by-step overview of the crystal design and application process. We used the Dazzle Tees as our sample for this overview, so you'll get a close look at how they came together.

For the final step of the crystal application process, heat setting, a pressing cloth was used in all instances. For this project, we also used a silicone sheet between the two layers of the tee to prevent them from sticking together. The heat setting takes, on average, only about 45 seconds.



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