

myriaCross editor – lesson 20 : Motif libraries

What are motif libraries ?

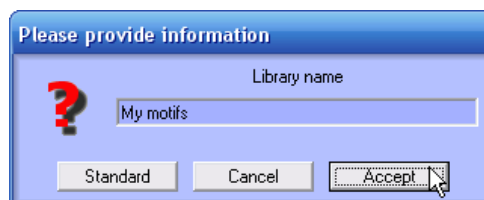
Motif libraries are collections of motifs. There are specific libraries for cross stitch, knitting and latch hook patterns. There are preset libraries but you can also create your own.

Creating motif libraries the standard way

You typically create motif libraries by selecting an area in the pattern, right-clicking inside this area then choosing *Save as motif* menu option.

First enter a name for the motif :

Next, accept the library name :



Motifs are then added to library *My motifs 1* ; as soon as this library contains 50 motifs, further motifs will be added to library *My motifs 2* and so on.

This is the standard way to add motifs to libraries.

You can press this button at any time to restore default library name.

⚠ You cannot use characters #, @ and ! within the library name.

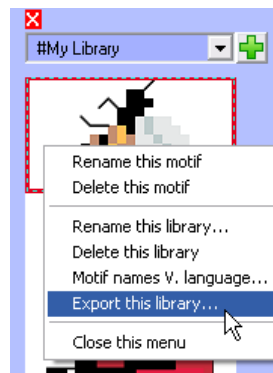
Different types of motif libraries

The type is given by the first character of the library name.

Name format	Rename library	Delete library	Export library	Type of library	Motifs in library	Delete or rename motifs
#name[n]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Specified	Up to 200	Yes
!name	No	Yes	No	Installed	Up to 200	No
@name	No	Yes	No	PCStitch	Unlimited	No
My motifs[n]	No	Yes	No	Default	Up to 50	Yes
name	No	No	No	Preset	Unlimited	No

Creating motif libraries to share your motifs

Create motif libraries the same way but enter a different library name, let's say *My Library*. Motifs are then added to library *#My Library* ; as soon as this library contains 200 motifs, further motifs will be added to library *#My Library 1* and so on. This leading character tells the program that you created this library in order to share it.



Open the motifs panel, select library *#My Library* then right click on a motif or click on a motif then menu *Edit/My selected motif*; the context menu allows you to :

- Rename selected motif
- Permanently remove selected motif from the library
- Rename this library (character # cannot be removed)
- Permanently delete this library
- Define motif names for each language
- Export this library in order to share it

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Defining motif names for each language

Click option *Motif names per language* then press button *New file*. This file contains one record per motif with name defined for current language. Press button *Edit file* to start entering names for the other languages. Press button *Delete file* if you no more need it.

- ⚠ You cannot rename or delete a motif when a language file exists for current library.
- ⚠ Adding a motif to a library deletes the associate language file.
- ⚠ Renaming, deleting, exporting or importing a library handles the associate language file.
- ⚠ The syntax for defining language files is explained later.

Exporting motif libraries



The preview shows first 4 or 16 motifs. ⚠ Background colour is the same as in the motifs panel, in fact the fabric colour of current pattern. Then appear the library name (no # character), the count of motifs then the type (either cross stitch, knitting or latch hook) depending on current pattern type.

⚠ On import, the library will be installed in the location given by the content type. You cannot yet install knitting or latch hook libraries as cross stitch libraries.

You can optionally enter your name or company name in the *Author* field, enter your website address in the *Website* field and enter any information you desire in the *Notes* field.

Once done, press this button then specify a folder and a name for the library installer ; a *.mcpli* file will then be created, this is your library installer file.

Importing motif libraries



Open a *.mcpli* installer file the same way as a pattern (set file type as *Supported cross stitch files* or *myriaCross libraries*). All show the same as during the export process except you can modify nothing. To launch specified website with your default internet browser, press the arrow button.

Press this button to install the library.

⚠ If the library file already exists, it will be overwritten.

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Defining a language file

You must create one record per motif in the same order as in the library.

Syntax : `<language ID>:<name>|<language ID>:<name>| ...`

Example : `en:House|fr:Maison|de:Hause|br:Casa|nl:Huis`

For motifs series (for instance *House 1*, *House 2*, ...), you can also use following syntax that defines names for a few motifs with only one record :

Syntax : `(<count>)<language ID>:<name>_|<language ID>:<name>_| ...`

Example : `(3)en:House_|fr:Maison_`

Is the same as : `en:House 1|fr:Maison 1`

`en:House 2|fr:Maison 2`

`en:House 3|fr:Maison 3`

You can also specify the start number :

Syntax : `(<count>.<number>)<language ID>:<name>_| ...`

Example : `(3.7)en:House_|fr:Maison_`

Is the same as : `en:House 7|fr:Maison 7`

`en:House 8|fr:Maison 8`

`en:House 9|fr:Maison 9`

⚠ Languages : en=English, fr=Français, de=Deutsch, br=Português Brasileiro, nl=Nederlands

⚠ Motifs with no name or an empty name specified for a language will use the default name (the name given when creating the motif).

⚠ Names should not contain following characters : \ / : * ? < > | . "

Remarks

- Installed libraries have leading ! character ; you cannot edit them but you can delete them.
- This feature allows you to easily share motif libraries with friends ; it also allows professional designers to create and sell installable motif libraries. Further versions may include a *Check for update* and *Automatic update* system.
- Libraries converted from *PCStitch* (leading @ character) cannot be renamed nor exported for copyright reasons ; you can use your own *PCStitch* libraries in your patterns but no more.
- Obviously, preset libraries cannot be renamed, deleted nor exported.