



## Erin Bassett

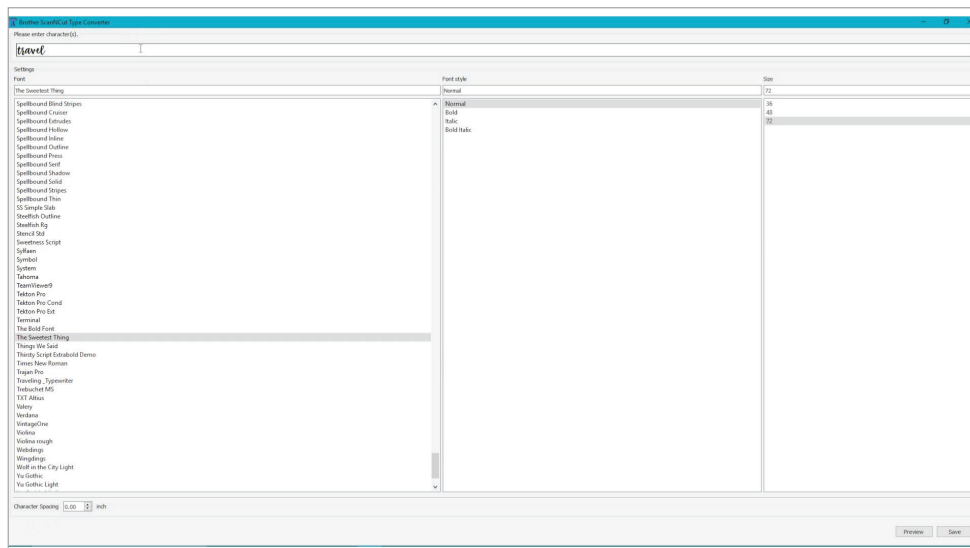
Whenever I travel, I like to take a lot of photos and collect maps and other odds and ends from my trips – and then keep them in a travel journal like this one. The photo map on the cover has been put together like a puzzle using photos from the states we’ve traveled to. When we visit a new state, we just add the photo we take to the top of the patterned paper one that’s holding its place.

### MATERIALS:

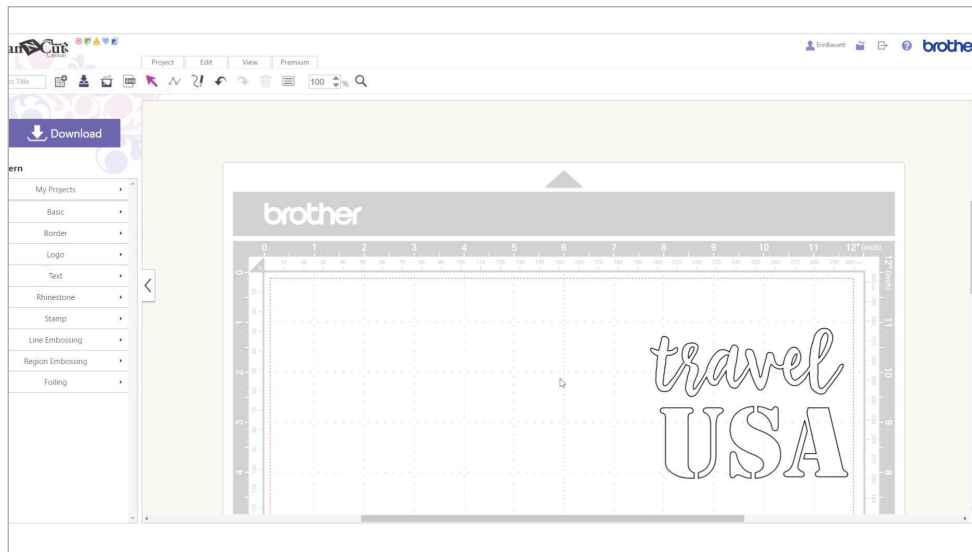
ScanNCut Machine and Accessories; [ScanNCut Font Converter](#); [ScanNCutCanvas](#); Cut Files (“Title” and “Map”); 3 Pieces of Patterned Paper; 1 Piece of Black Cardstock; Photos; Adhesive; Pencil; Black Pen; White Pen; Ribbons (Optional)

**step 1.** You can download entire “Title” cut file [HERE](#), or create your own by following these steps:

**step 1A.** Open the ScanNCut Font Converter, choose your font, type out the words and then save them. If you are using different fonts in your title, create and save them separately.



**step 1B.** Open ScanNCutCanvas and click on the “Import File” button. Select the font file you just created and open it. Depending on the style of font you used, you may need to weld the letters together or group them to move them or resize them.



**step 1C.** Add a rectangle or other shape around the words and then cut out your design on black cardstock.

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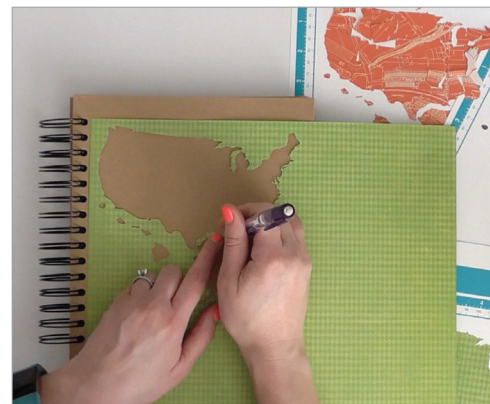
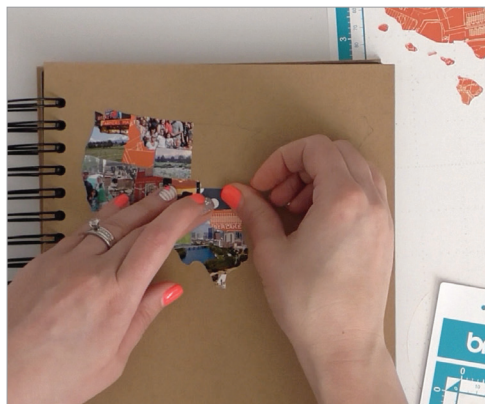
**step 2.** In ScanNCutCanvas, open the [public domain map of the United States](#), resize it if necessary, and then send it to your ScanNCut machine via ScanNCut Transfer or a USB. Cut file was used as is and was not altered. Cut out three versions of the map using three different colors and patterns of scrapbook paper.



- step 3.** Resize your photos smaller and print them out. Delete the states you don't have photos for. Fill the mat with photos and then scan everything in. Move each of the state shapes over the correct photo (zooming in if necessary to place it in the perfect spot on the photo). Cut them out.



- step 4.** Use a pencil and one of the negative pieces of the map cardstock to trace the outline of the United States onto the front of your journal. Use adhesive to assemble each of the state photos (or patterned paper) in the correct place.



**step 5.** Embellish the cover with doodles, travel quotes and (if you choose) ribbons.

