



ICONIZER SETTINGS

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One of the first things you'll want to do when you install Embird is configure your Iconizer settings. You should do this even if you haven't purchased Iconizer. Your Iconizer settings determine which file types are opened in Embird when you double click on the file outside of Embird regardless of whether or not you own Iconizer.

Iconizer is Embird's powerful plug-in that will create icons (small pictures) of your design and graphic image files. These icons are visible in Windows Explorer and all software, not just Embird, and can be very helpful when you are opening or organizing files. To use this feature you will need to purchase Iconizer (\$20). **VISTA users:** You must set your view to either Tiles, Medium Icons, Large Icons or Extra Large Icons to enjoy the benefits of Iconizer.

You will need to tell Embird which file types you would like to open in Embird when you double click on the file. You may want your designs to open in your machine manufacturer's software or, like most Embird users, you might prefer that all of your design files open in Embird. You will also need to tell Embird how to handle your photos and other graphic files. You'll make your selections using Embird Manager's Options menu.

Like most Embird users, I prefer to have Embird open my design files but I would rather not to have Embird open my photos and other image files. However, I DO like Embird to create icons of my photos and graphic images. I prefer to use Iconizer icons rather than rely on Windows "Thumbnails" but this is a matter of personal preference.

Using Iconizer gives you these fantastic options:

- A: You'll have a small image of the design or graphic file in all of your software applications when using Details or List view - 16 pixels width. (**VISTA USERS:** These view options won't display Icons in Vista.)
- B: You can change your view option (in any program you run) to "icons" which gives you a slightly larger picture - 32 pixels by default. You can change that size if you'd prefer. (**VISTA USERS:** You have four "icon" options. Small Icons will not display images of your designs or graphics. You must use Medium, Large or Extra Large Icons)
- C: You can change the view option to "Tiles" which gives you a 47 pixel image. This option also works in Vista.
- D: You can opt to view Thumbnails (You don't need Iconizer for this option to work with photos and graphic files) - 95 pixel width. (**VISTA USERS:** There is no Thumbnails view option in Vista..)
- E: You can right click on a file to get a much larger image. You can change the size of the large image in the lower right section of the Iconizer Settings Option (Image Size). This option also works in Vista.

The above options work in ALL software if you have Iconizer and have set it to create icons for the desired file types.

MY SUGGESTED ICONIZER SETTINGS: (personal preference)

You may have read or heard that you should uncheck DAT files in Iconizer. First of all - about DAT files: A: .dat is one of the formats used by Barudan commercial machines. B: .dat files are also data files used by many software applications.

Telling Embird not to open DAT in Embird is only necessary if you're an experienced computer user who works with .data files. The average computer user doesn't need to worry about this.

Telling Embird not to create icons for DAT files isn't necessary either. Embird isn't going to create an Icon for a .dat file unless it's a design file and if you happen to use .dat embroidery files, you'll want that option. My recommendation is not to bother unchecking dat files in Iconizer Settings. For most of us, it's a non-issue. However, if you work with data files, by all means, uncheck this format.

When you open Iconizer Settings you will see two windows:

The top window governs which files will open in Embird when you double click. That's the window you need to focus on if you don't want Embird to be your default embroidery design software or photo and image viewer.

The bottom window controls which file formats will have icons created and will be able to use all of Iconizer's options.

1: Open **Options** in Manager



2: Click on **Iconizer Settings**

3: Click the **SELECT ALL** button immediately below the top file window.



4: Click the **REMOVE IMAGE FILE TYPES** button at the bottom right (if you do **NOT** want Embird to be your default image viewer)

5: If you would prefer that some of your design files **NOT** be opened in Embird when you double click on the design file, uncheck those file types in the top window.

6: If you own Iconizer and want icons of your image files, click the **SELECT ALL (Enable Iconizer for All)** button below the second file window.



7: Make sure that **Verify these file associations when starting windows** is **UNCHECKED**. Checking this will cause Embird to open **VERY** slowly because it's busy checking your file associations before it opens.

8: Uncheck **Enable viewer for Total Commander** and/ or **Enable viewer for Google Desktop** if you don't use these programs.

9: Click **OK**. Embird will reconfigure your chosen settings.

HAVE FUN with Embird. It's a powerful piece of software that can broaden your embroidery experience!

Your view options in Vista:

