

Installing Embroidery Tool Shed on a Mac

Embroidery Tool Shed is a great software product from our friends at Designs in Machine Embroidery (DIME). It was originally developed to run on Windows computers, but, you can now install and run it on MacOS. Use the following steps to install Embroidery Tool Shed and the “helper” application that lets it run on your Mac.

We wanted to include the installers on our web site, but, the Embroidery Tool Shed installer is larger than our hosting provider will allow us to put on our site. So, this document provides links to the installers on the DIME web site. Getting the installers directly from the DIME site is good, because you always get the latest version.

Click this link for a video walk-through of the process. You will still need the download links that follow.

1. Use [this link](#) to download the Translator application. This “helper” application lets the Embroidery Tool Shed installer and program run on your Mac. Save the file to your computer’s *Downloads* folder.
2. Go to the *Downloads* folder on your computer, and double click on the EmbXPortSetup.pkg file. An installer will launch.
3. Follow the prompts to install the Embroidery XPort Translator (helper) application.

NOTES:

- The installer will display a message about a component called WINE. It’s ok. You don’t need to do anything with it.
 - At the end of the install, the application will not launch. That’s ok. This is a “helper” application that only runs when another application (like Embroidery Tool Shed) needs it.
4. Use [this link](#) to download the Embroidery Tool Shed setup program (installer). Save the file to your computer’s *Downloads* folder.

NOTE: this is a large installer, so it may take a few minutes to download.

5. Tell your Mac that the ETSSetup program should open with the Embroidery XPort application:
 - Go to the Downloads folder on your computer, and find the ETSSetup.app application.
 - Right click on the application, and in the pop-up menu, select Get Info... An info window displays.
 - In the bottom 1/3 of the window, there’s a drop menu that allows you to select what application should open the file. Click on the drop menu, and select Embroidery XPort.
 - Close the window.
6. Launch the ETSSetup program to install Embroidery Tool Shed. Follow the prompts, and accept the defaults.

This will install the program on your mac. The ONLY way to launch the program (at least, the only good way I’ve found so far) is to use the Launchpad app that appears on your Dock.