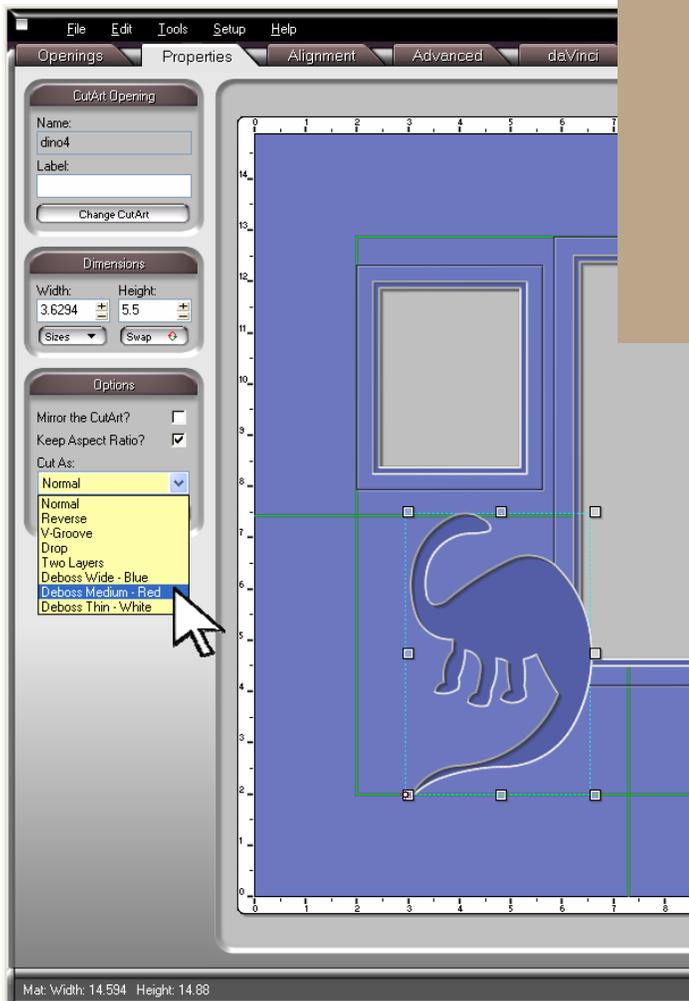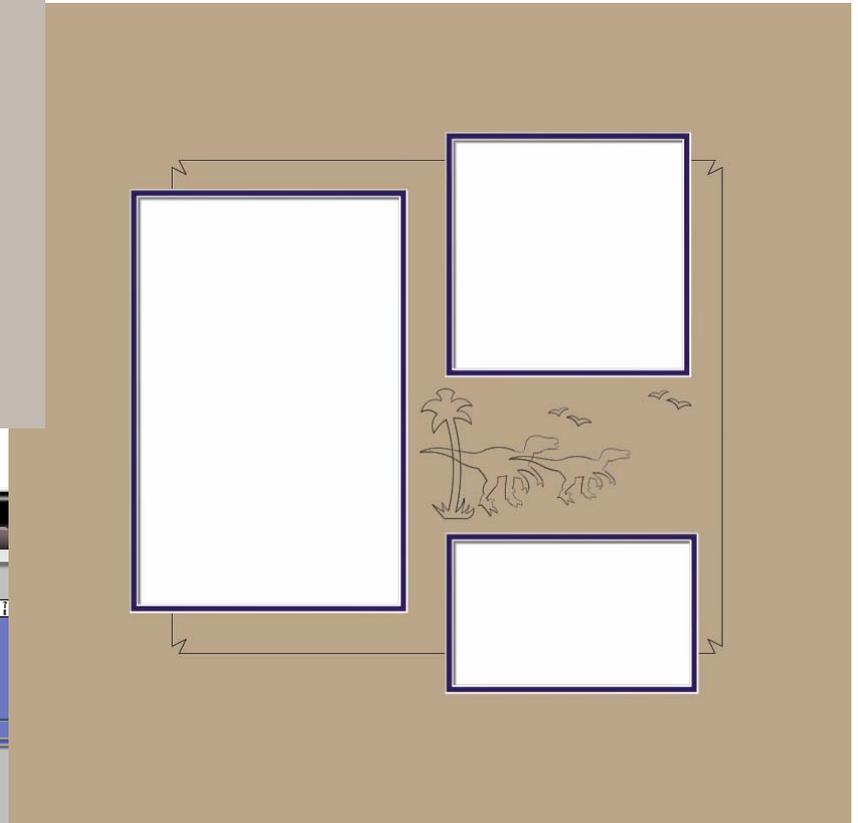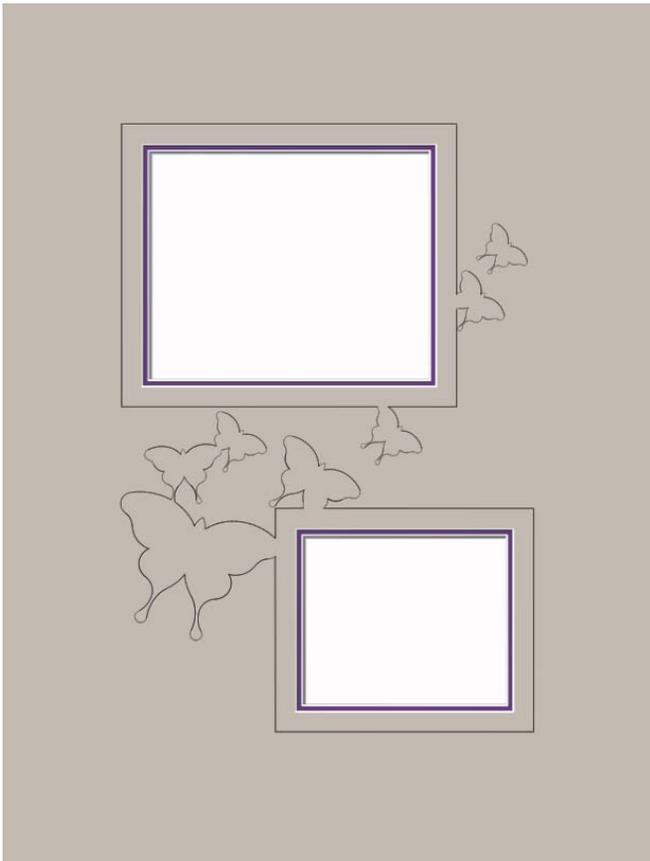# Using the CutArt Library to Create Debossed Designs

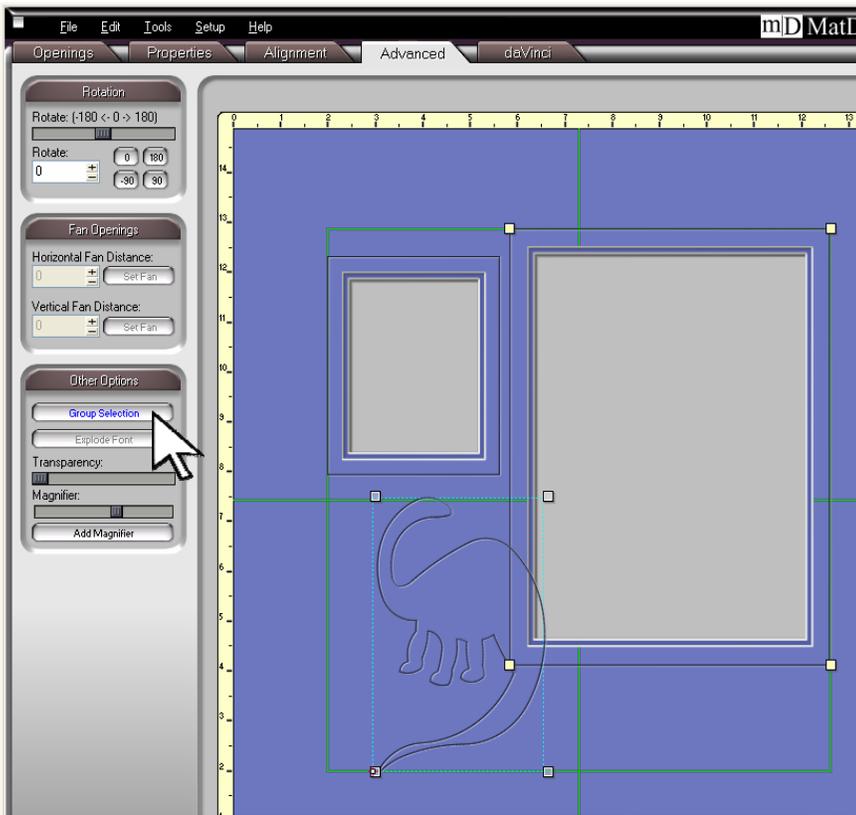Any CutArt opening in the CutArt library can be set to deboss.

Because there is no cutting, the items can be made far smaller. Because there is less contrast with the matboard, the designs can be more involved, too.

Click the **Add CutArt Opening** button under the **Openings** tab and add any CutArt design you want.

Debossed elements can be far smaller than cut elements. Note that the size of this dinosaur has been changed. It is more than an inch smaller than the minimum size for cutting.

To set it to deboss, click the drop down arrow under the **Cut As** field and select the debossing tool width you want to use.

Remember that all of the alterations possible with ordinary CutArt remain possible even though they are set to deboss.

You can rotate them, mirror them, and resize them – with or without the **Keep Aspect Ratio** box checked. You can create custom designs in PathTrace.

You can also merge them. Select the debossed dinosaur and the intersecting debossed line.
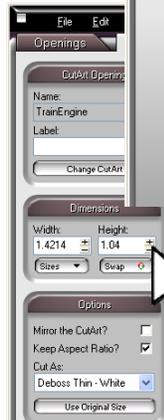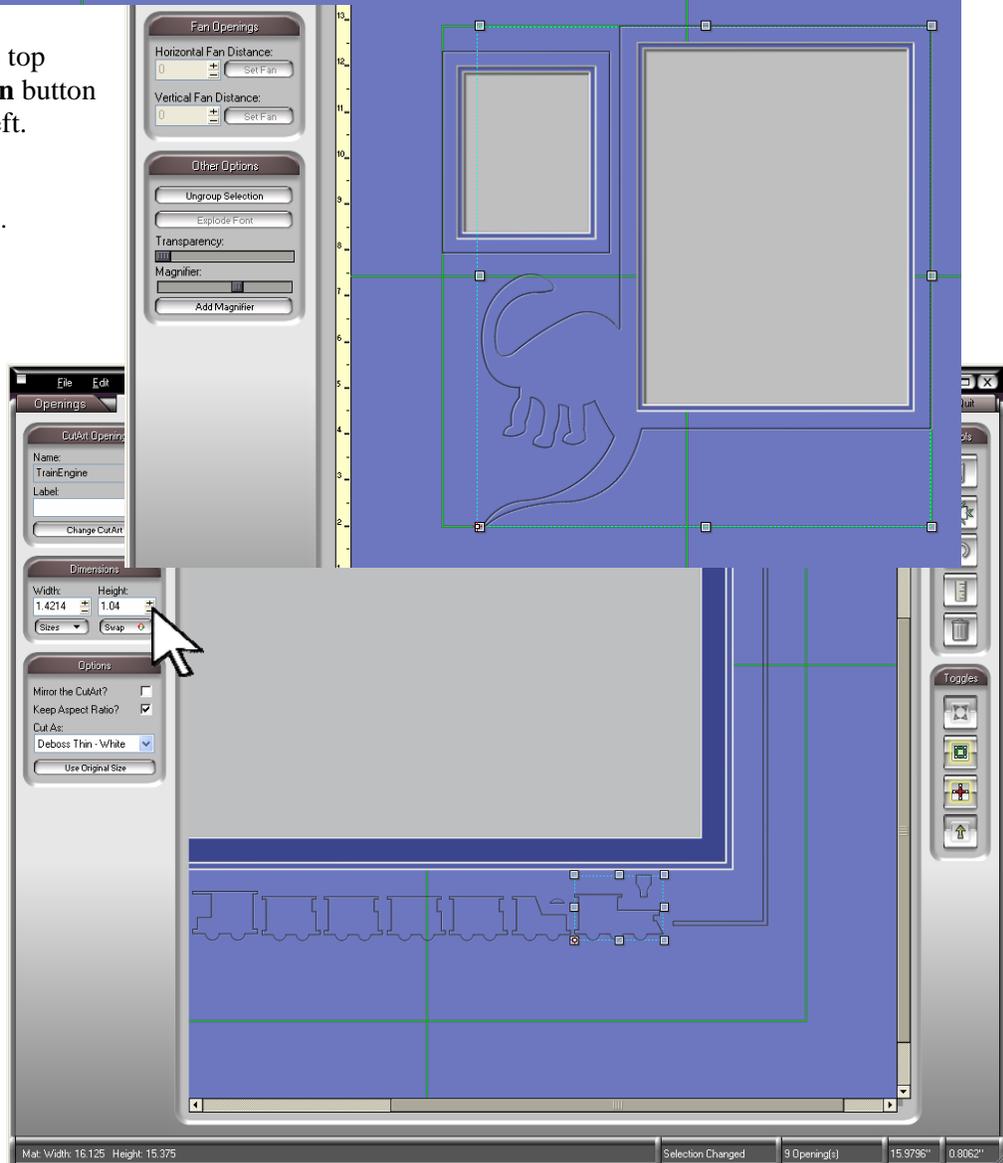
Click the **Advanced** tab at the top then click the **Group Selection** button under **Other Options** at the left.

In order for their paths to merge, they must be the same bevel type. Make sure the debossed line and the CutArt are both set to use the same tool width. Otherwise the program sees them as different bevel types. They will be grouped, but their paths will not merge.

As you are working with a complicated design, remember that you can zoom in by holding the **Control** key and pressing the + key on the keyboard. Zoom out with **Control** and the – key.

As you refine sizes, hold the **Alt** key on the keyboard and click the + and – buttons next to the Height or Width. The size will change 0.01 inch with each click or 0.2mm in metric.

Debossed CutArt Designs

The folders in the CutArt library marked DB are debossed items.

Debossed CutArt items have all the properties of other CutArt items.

Add them to the design in the same way you would add any other CutArt item.

You can change their size, mirror them, and rotate them.

You can copy and paste to duplicate them or to transfer an item from one design to another.

The alignment tools and guide lines work exactly the same way for centering and spacing as they do for any other elements in a Wizard design.