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How does one go about protecting what they have? The Digitized Embroidery Design industry has skyrocketed in the last few years. With the advent of home embroidery machines, there is a market for quality designs at reasonable prices. What we run into is bootlegging or copying and reselling of our designs on places like eBay who makes us jump through hoops to prove that the designs they allow to be sold are indeed copyrighted. They allow listings from other countries that are notorious for buying the American designs and reselling them. They allow the sale of Disney designs which are strictly prohibited by Disney themselves. We fight it and it cost US... if a person unknowingly purchases these designs...they the buyer are harassed by an outfit in the US called the ESPC who demands money from them in return for not taking them to court...NOTHING is done to the sellers. This is not fair. I use my own clipart to protect myself from buying what maybe pirated clipart. There has been a bit of that lately too. It is getting to where we do not know where to turn to protect ourselves. There is nothing specific that protects embroidery digitized designs. That is left up to interpretation of the current laws in effect and that can be debatable. Is the buyer at fault and held accountable or is the perpetrator to be persecuted for providing it. I look for anything you can do to help us. thank you
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