2 ways to create Curved Words using Embird [or a similar embroidery program]

- Embird Font Engine [Add-on for Embird Basic]
- Embird Editor[part of Embird Basic]

Embird Font Engine

- Open Embird
- Click on "Insert Font Engine Text"
- Choose Font
- Type Text
- Click on the Layout Tab
- Select "Circle" for Baseline
- Make necessary adjustments
- Click "Okay"

Embird Editor

If you don't have the Font Engine add-on for Embird or if you just want to create curved words using fonts that you've purchased [like the fonts from AKDesigns Boutique], you can do so by manually rotating them. It's not a perfect process and it's not super fast, but it works.

- Open / merge the letters you want to curve
- If the item you want the letters to arch around is actually round, go ahead and merge it and use it as your guide. If the object is not round [like a ladybug - more of an oval shape], then you will want to merge or draw a circle that's the size of a curve that you want the letters to arch like
- Arrange / space the letters around the circle so that the word is pretty evenly spaced and goes to about the same point on each side of the circle
- Start rotating the letters [right click letter, click rotate, then free rotate] - start with the far left letter [A] and rotate it by maybe 30, then go to the far right letter [e] and rotate it by -30, then go one letter in on the left [n] and rotate by 20, then the next in on the right [i] and rotate it by -20. Just keep repeating this until you've rotated all of the letters. Then, decide if they all need more rotation, less rotation, etc.
- Once you get the word looking good around the circle, delete the circle and replace with the design