

PERIODS IN DESIGN LIBRARY FOLDER NAMES

In the Floriani software it's always better to use a hyphen as part of a file or folder name rather than a period. Once upon a time, **Windows** only allowed a period as a separator between a filename and a file type, i.e. recipe.doc or budget.xls. This is not necessarily true any longer, but it appears that the **Floriani** software sees a period and stops reading characters in a folder name.

In **Pictures to Stitches** we talk about using the **Design Library** at the end of **Chapter 3: Using the Tools that Walter Gave You**. The following problem in working with folders and files occurred during a recent Floriani training class.

We had just created a folder called **Embroidery** in **Design Library**. Students then wanted to create a sub folder beneath **Embroidery** for that lesson.

In the top pane of the *Design Library* window we right-clicked the **Embroidery** folder which displayed a shortcut menu.

We then clicked **New Sub Folder** on the shortcut menu.

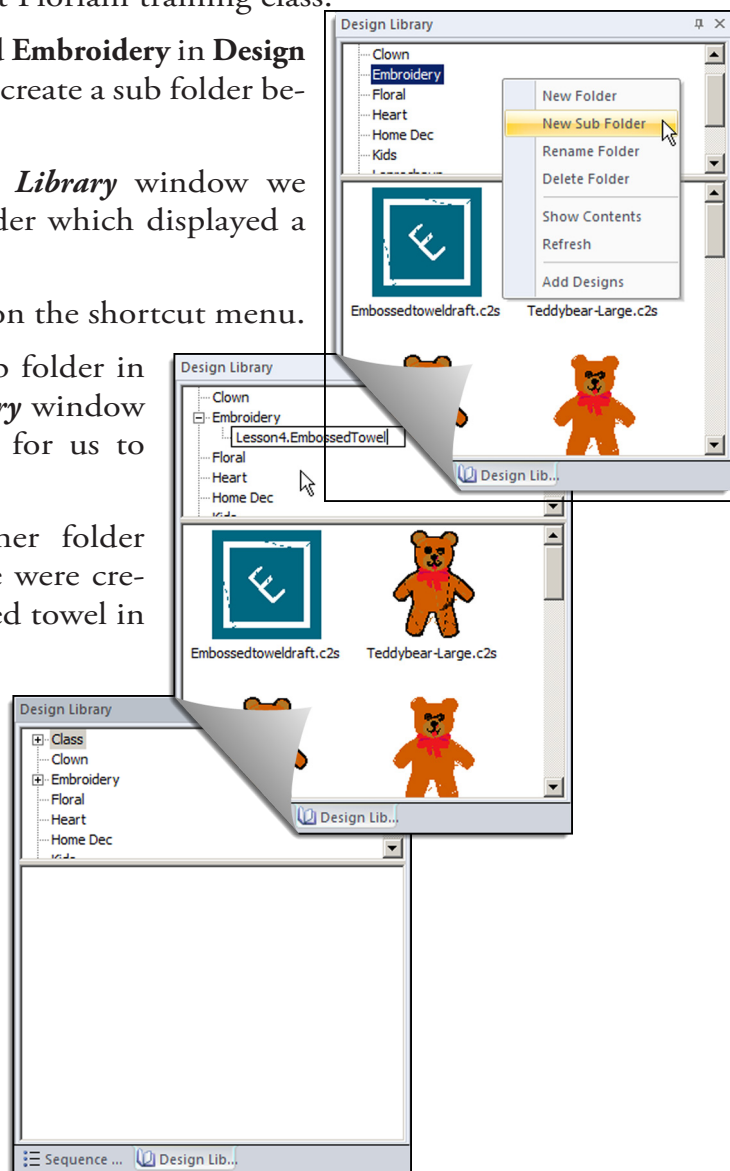
This created a new unnamed sub folder in the top pane of the *Design Library* window complete with a bounding box for us to type in the new name.

One of the students named her folder **Lesson4.EmbossedTowel** (we were creating an embossed monogrammed towel in lesson 4).

Once she pressed **ENTER**, the **Embroidery** folder list view collapsed so that you couldn't see the new folder beneath it. This means that the student couldn't see anything wrong with the folder name.

Unfortunately, there was a problem because of the period inside the folder name.

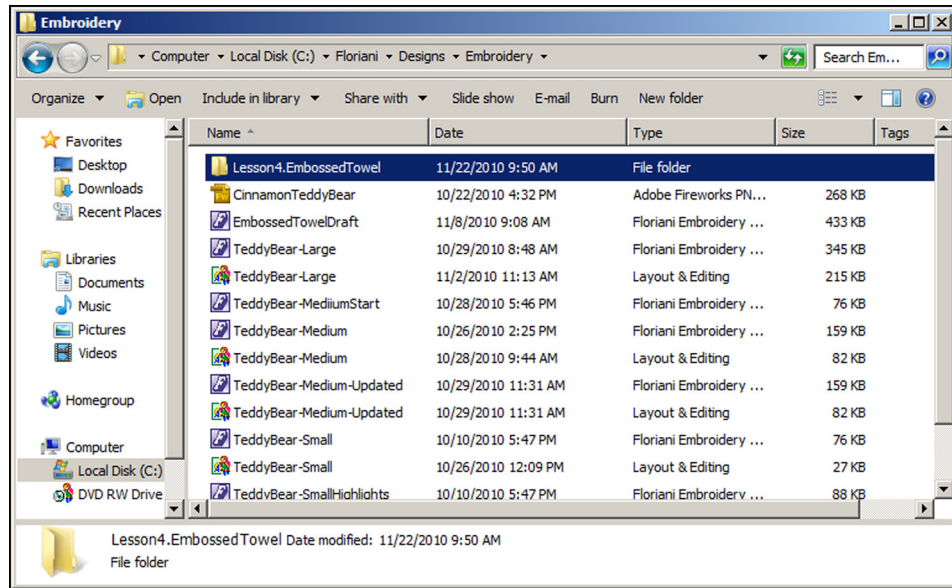
If we had expanded the **Embroidery** folder to look at our



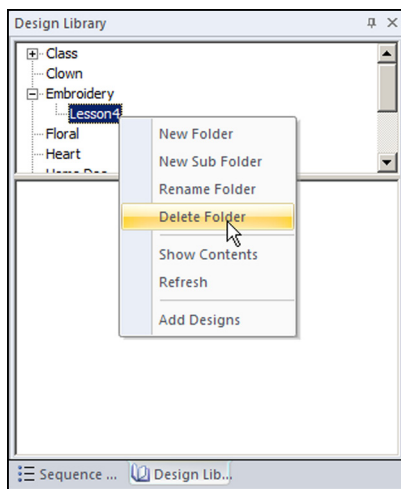


newly added sub folder, she would have seen that her folder wasn't named **Lesson4.EmbossedTowel**. Floriani had only named the sub folder **Lesson4**.

Everything looks perfectly fine if we view the new folder in Windows Explorer.

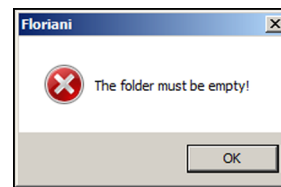


But if you had seen how the folder in **Design Library** wasn't using the name you wanted and you tried to delete it, you'd have a confusing experience.



Expanding the **Embroidery** folder in the top pane of the *Design Library* window, shows the **Lesson4** sub folder. So you right-click the sub folder, displaying a shortcut menu.

Okay, so far so good. Now you click **Delete Folder** on the shortcut menu, and Floriani gives you an error:



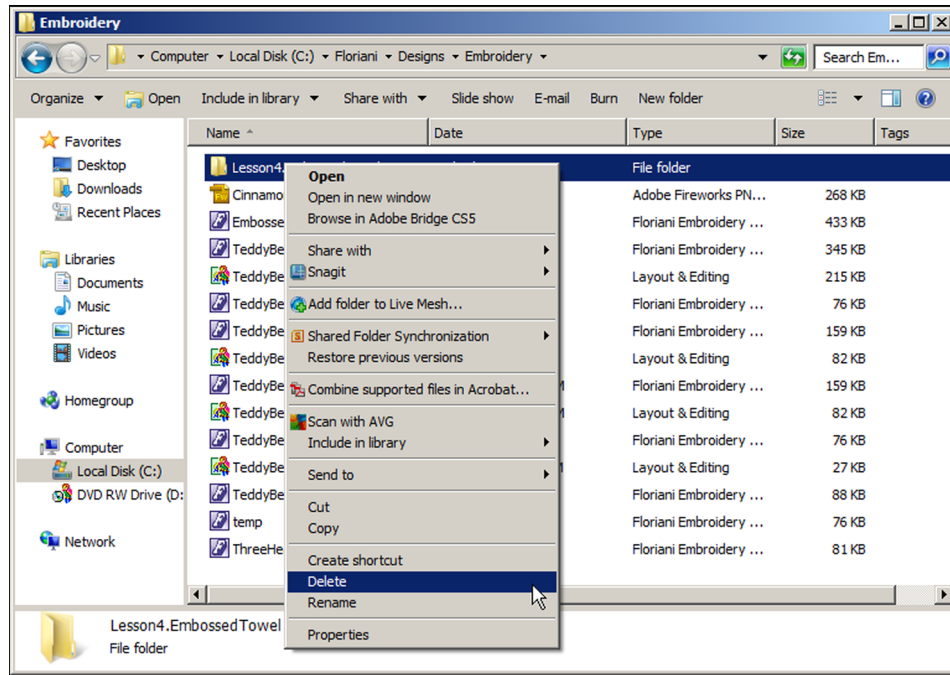
Wait a minute, you say. You didn't put anything in that folder, and you're right. I didn't. You can just look at the illustration where we right-clicked **Lesson4** and see that there's nothing in the bottom pane of the *Design Library* window.

For some reason, **Floriani** cannot properly read the folder it created when there was a period used as part of its name. It thinks there's something in there, and you cannot delete a folder or sub folder in **Design Library** that has something in it.

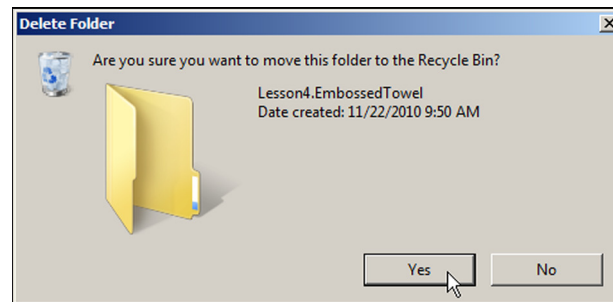
If you want to delete the folder, you must use **Windows Explorer**.

Open **Windows Explorer** and navigate to the location of the sub folder in the **Design Library**. Remember, **Design Library** is located in the **Design** folder beneath the **Floriani** folder in the top level of the **Local Drive (C:)**.

Once you have the sub folder in your sights, you can delete it. I right-clicked my **Lesson4.EmbossedTowel** folder and clicked **Delete** on the shortcut menu.



Windows Explorer then confirms that I really want to get rid of the folder.



I click **Yes**. If I collapse and expand the **Embroidery** folder, the **Lesson4** subfolder disappears, and I can start over again, using a hyphen rather than a period in my folder name.

A few more notes on fixing this problem once it's occurred.

NOTE 1: If you have used **Windows Explorer** to put a file into your **Lesson4.EmbossedTowel** sub folder, **Floriani** will not show that file to you in the bottom pane of the **Design Library** window. If this is your only copy of the file, you'll need to use **Windows**

Explorer to move it to another location so that you don't lose it when you delete the **Lesson4.EmbossedTowel** folder.

NOTE 2: You can also rename the folder in **Windows Explorer** rather than deleting it. You must use **Windows Explorer** to do the renaming; you cannot use **Floriani** to rename it. Right-clicking the folder in the top pane of the *Design Library* window and clicking **Rename** on the shortcut menu will appear to let you rename the sub folder, but after you press **ENTER**, the sub folder shows the same name.

Instead, open **Windows Explorer** and navigate to the location of the sub folder in the **Design Library**. Once you have the sub folder in your sights, you can rename it. Right-click the folder and click **Rename** on the shortcut menu. The folder name appears in a bounding box where you type the new name of the folder and press **ENTER**.

TIP: **Floriani** doesn't immediately update the view in the *Design Library* window. You can force it to update the view, by clicking the **Sequence View** tab and then clicking the **Design Library** tab.