

Segmented Project Planner – A Short History

The program was born out of a need to reduce errors encountered when designing segmented rings using a simple CAD program. When a search of the Internet failed to come up with a viable design tool, the decision was made to create one. This activity began in June of 2001 and culminated in a working tool in November of the same year. It worked so well, the program was put up on the WEB to see if anyone else would be interested. The first sale occurred on Christmas Eve, 2001.

That first program was rather simple with a file size of only 284kb. The program has been continuously improved with added functionality and has now become the most complete design tool available for segmented projects with a current main program size of 1.48mb. The users of the program, now numbering in excess of 2,280 in 32 countries, have been a significant driving force and source of ideas for program enhancements.

The following briefly recounts the significant additions and changes that have been made through the course of releases made since 2001:

Version	Release Date	Changes
1.03	03/2002	Zooming of side & top views added. Solid layer defined.
1.04	05/2002	Created "Named Colors" & "Segment Designs/Mosaics"
1.05	06/2002	Added "AutoBowl" and project export
1.06	09/2002	Layer numbers, more zoom levels, metric units
1.07	10/2002	Local rings, staggered layers, "Sketch-A-Bowl"
1.08	12/2002	Undo, paint functions expanded
2.00	03/2003	Redesigned primary dialog, "Gallery View", intelligent inserts, painting with pictures, open segments, vertical spacers, incline angle calculator
2.01	01/2004	"Layer Tuner", create shape from project, project document
2.02	07/2004	"Sketch Pad", Ring Master support
2.03	09/2005	"ZigZag" & "Diamond" designers, variable stagger
2.04	09/2006	Bezier curves, expanded sample shapes, "Combine Layers", "Current Layer Details"
2.05	03/2007	Support for Vista OS, improved segment painting
2.06	01/2008	Automatic software updates, project design efficiency improvements
2.07	01/2009	Improved Vista support, "Design Assistant", "Shape Report"
3.00	06/2010	"Shape-A-Bowl", Plug-In environment, new help system