

HOW TO: Join up text in Inkscape

1. Open up Inkscape from the bar at the bottom of your screen
2. To start, click on the **Text Tool** in sidebar
3. Click on your blank page and type a word
4. Go to the Text menu and select **Text and Font**

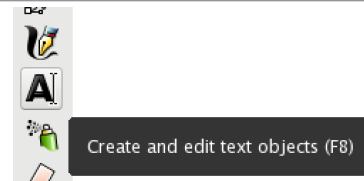
The font menu will appear on the right hand side.

5. Scroll through the fonts and pick '**Tartine Script**' click **Apply**.
6. Click the black arrow - this is your selection tool. Click on your word to select it.
7. In the menu, click **Path** and then **Object to Path**.
8. Click **Object => Fill and Stroke**.
9. Click on **Stroke Paint** and click **Flat Colour** - this puts an outline on your text.
10. Click on **Stroke Style** and set the width to 0.1 mm - this sets up your word to be cut out on the lasercutter.

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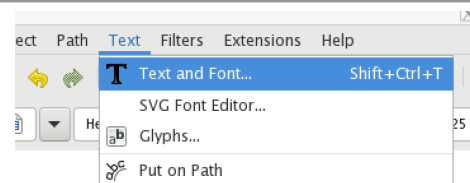
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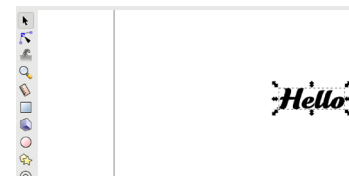
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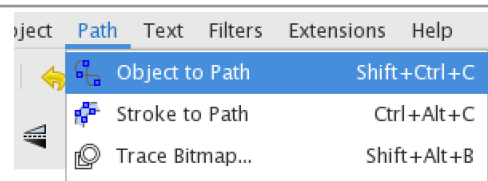
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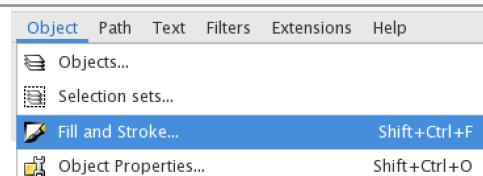
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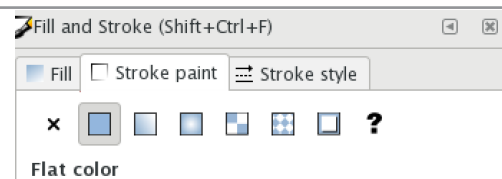
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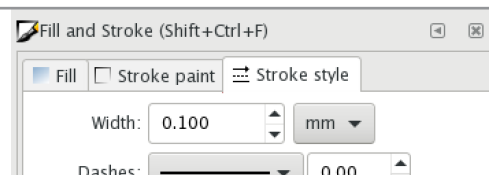
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11. Then click on the Fill tab, and select **No Paint**.

12. Making sure your word is still selected, click **Object** then **Ungroup**.

13. Click anywhere on the page so your whole word is deselected.

14. Now click on a letter and move it so it overlaps the letter next to it.

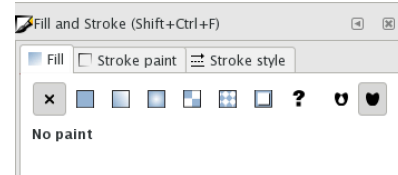
15. Do this with all the letters until they all overlap slightly.

16. Using the **selection tool**, click and drag over your whole word to select all the letters.

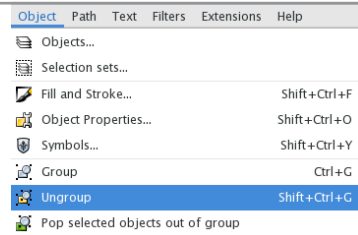
17. Click **Path and Union** to join all the shapes together.

Now your word is ready to cut or use in as part of another design!

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