

HOW TO: OFFSET A PATH

1. Start with your joined-up text ('Join up text in Inkscape' worksheet)
2. Go to the **Path** menu and click **Linked Offset**
3. You should see a white diamond appear at the top of your text
4. Click on the diamond and drag outwards to enlarge the text like in the image. Don't pull too far.
5. Click the black arrow - this is your selection tool.
6. Click on the new larger shape and move below the Hello text.
7. Go to the **Path** menu and click **Object to Path**
8. Go to the **Path** menu and click **Break Apart**

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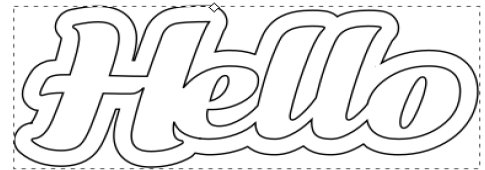
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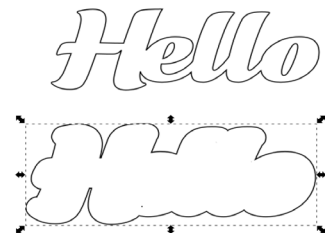
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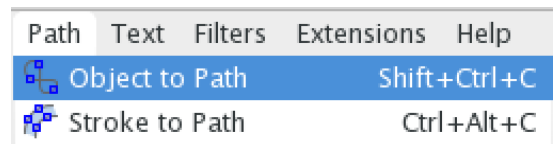
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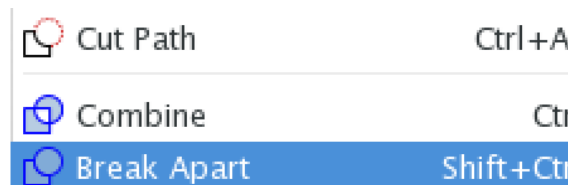
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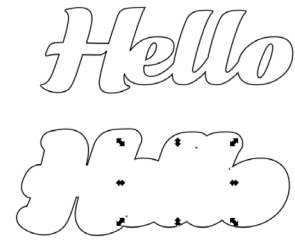



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9. Hold shift  on your keyboard and click once on the outline of the new shape.

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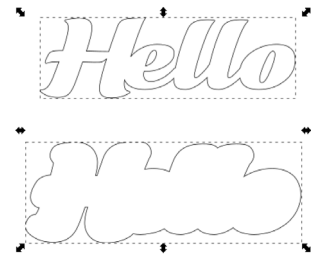
10. Press backspace  on your keyboard to delete the stray inner points

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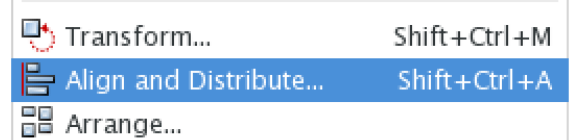
11. Click the black arrow and draw a box around the Hello text and new shape to select them both

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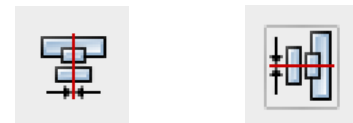
12. Go to the **Object** menu and click **Align and Distribute**

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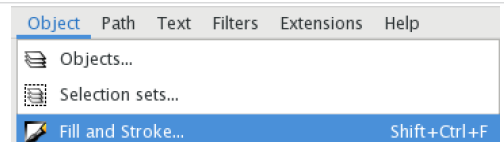
13. Click the **Centre on vertical axis** and **Centre on horizontal axis** buttons

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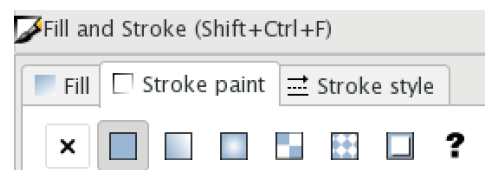
14. Go to the Object menu and click **Fill & Stroke**

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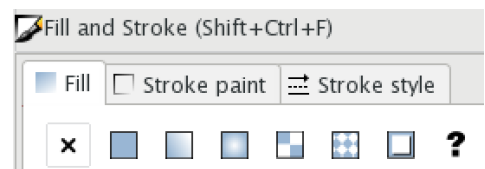
15. In the **Stroke** tab click **Flat Colour**

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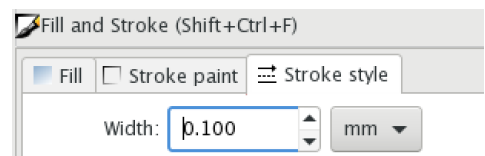
16. In the **Fill** tab, click **No Paint**

16.



17. In the **Stroke style** tab type in 0.1mm.

17.



Now your path is offset and ready to laser cut or use as part of another design!

