



HOW TO PLACE TEXT ON A CURVED LINE OR CIRCLE IN ADOBE® ILLUSTRATOR®

Text can be attached to a line, curve, spiral, circle or almost any path you can draw. A graphic program such as Adobe® Illustrator® is good to use for this.

CREATE A NEW DOCUMENT

- Select **New** from the File menu.
- Type a name in the **Name** field
- Choose a document size from the **Size** drop-down menu
- From the **Units** menu, choose **Picas** or **Inches**
- Or open a file that has black text already created in it.

SAVE THE FILE

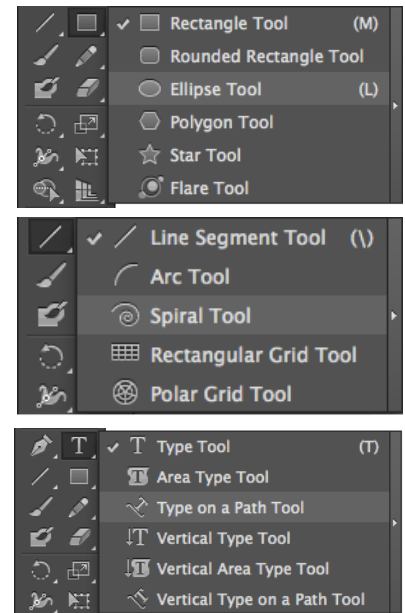
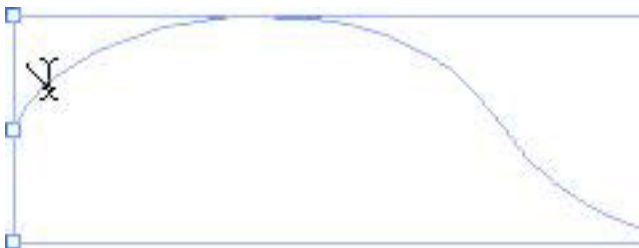
- Select **Save as...** from the File menu.
- Type a name in the **File name:** field or keep the name you chose earlier.
 - Mac: Choose Adobe Illustrator Document from the Format: pop-up menu or
 - Windows: Choose Adobe Illustrator (*.AI) from the Save as type: pop-up menu
- Save it in your **Herff Jones > Artwork & Images** folder.
- Click **Save**.
- In the **Illustrator Options** dialog box, keep the defaults
 - Version drop-down menu: Choose an earlier version only if you will be opening this file in an earlier version of Illustrator
- Click **OK**

CREATE THE PATH

- **Curved line**
 - Use the **Pen** tool or **Pencil** tool to draw a line.
- **Circle**
 - Use the **Ellipse** tool to draw an oval or circle.
 - The **Ellipse** tool is found in the **Rectangle** fly-out menu
 - Hold down the shift key for a perfect circle.
- **Spiral**
 - Use the **Spiral** tool which is in the **Line** tool fly-out menu
- Save the file

TYPE TEXT ON PATH

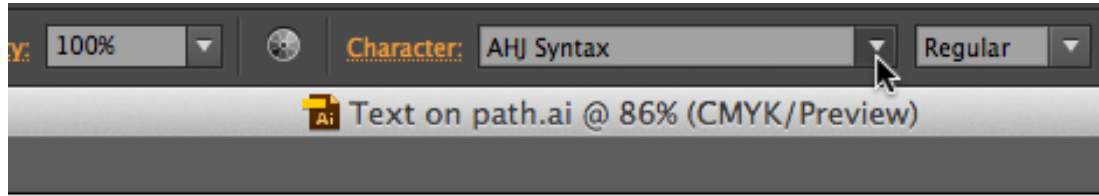
- Click on the path with the **Type on a Path** tool
- Start typing
- Save the file





EDIT TEXT ON PATH

- To change the font or type size:
 - Highlight the text with the **Type** tool
 - In the **Control** palette, choose a Herff Jones font from the **Character** drop-down menu
- To change the type size:
 - Choose a different font size from the **Font size** drop-down menu



MOVE OR



REPOSITION TEXT ON THE PATH

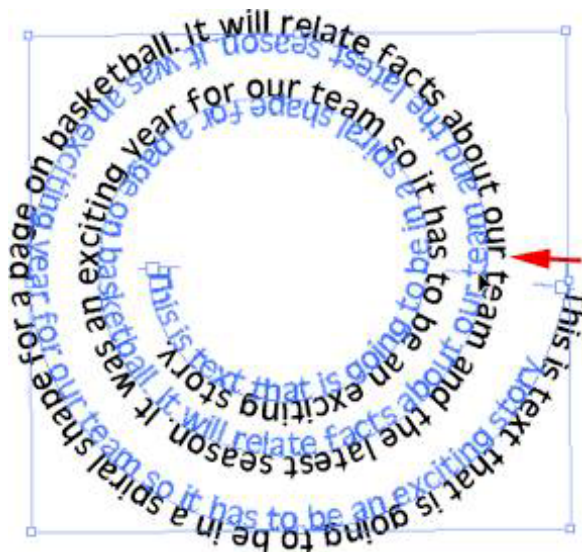
- Click on the **Selection** tool
- Click on the bracket at the beginning of the text and drag
- Hold down **Ctrl** (Windows) or **Command** (Mac) while dragging to prevent the text from flipping



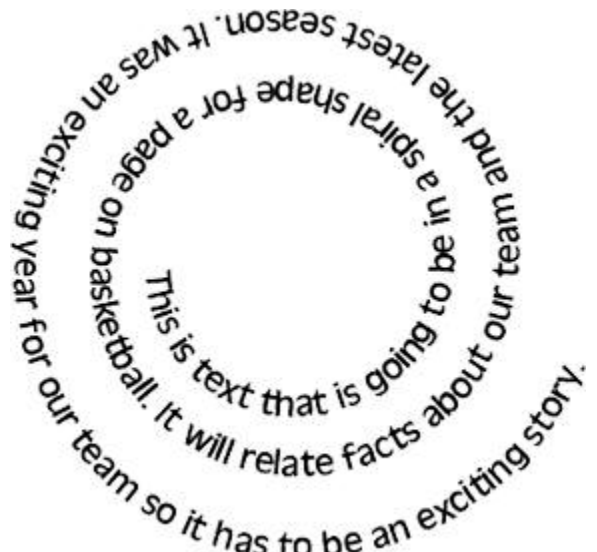
CHANGE TEXT DIRECTION

- Click on the bracket in the middle of the text and drag the text to the other side of the path

Move text

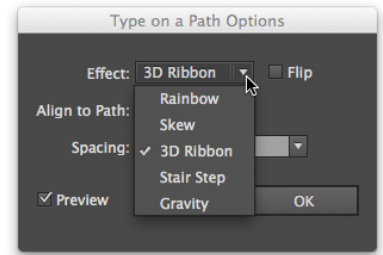


Text reversed





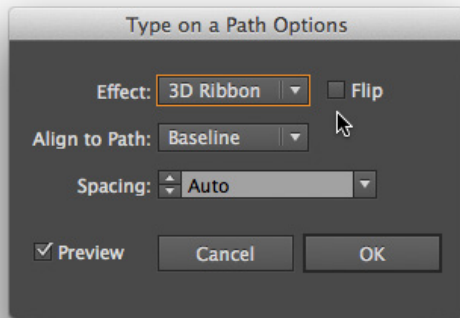
- Or go to **Type > Type on a Path > Type on a Path > Options**
- Check **Flip**
- **Save** the file



TYPE ON A PATH OPTIONS

- Create a path with the **Pen**, **Pencil**, **Spiral** or **Circle** tools
- If you already have a path created, select it with the **Selection** tool
- Go to **Type > Type on a Path > Type on a Path Options**
- Choose one of the **Effects** from the drop-down menu
 - Not every effect will work with every path
- Experiment with different options

Text on a path. Create the path, click on the path with the Text on Path tool and start typing.



- If the path has sharp corners or extreme angles, the spacing of the text may be off
- The spacing can be adjusted in the **Type on a Path Options** dialog box
- Choose an option from the **Spacing** drop-down menu or type an amount in the field
- Experiment with different settings

OVERSET TEXT

- If there is a red box with a + in it at the end of the text, there is extra text that needs to be placed
- Possible solutions
 - Extend the path so the text appears
 - Use a smaller font size
 - Flow the text into another text block

CHANGE TEXT TO OUTLINES

- The font you used does not need to be submitted to your plant if the text is converted to outlines
- Click on the **Selection** tool
- Click on the text to select it
- Go to **Type > Create Outlines**
- **Save** the file

INDESIGN

- The **Illustrator (.ai)** file can be placed in InDesign
- In your Herff Jones InDesign template, choose **Place** from the **File** menu.
- Send the **Illustrator** file along with the **InDesign** file when pages are submitted.

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