



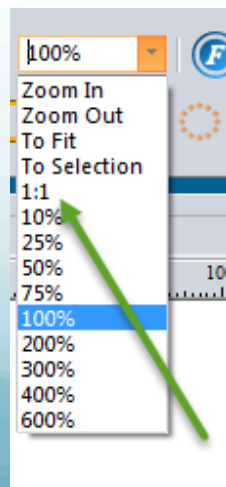
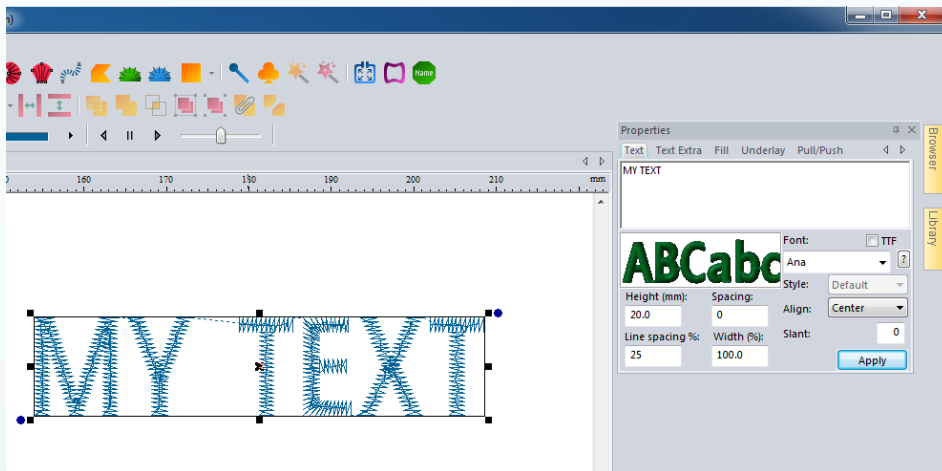
# LETTERING MAGIC IN FTCU

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Did you know that over 60 percent of embroidery machine owners buy embroidery software just so they can have more fonts and lettering types to play with? FTCU offers us some amazing opportunities to enhance our lettering. Not only do we have over 100 specially digitized fonts that are designed to give us precision perfect stitching, but we also can convert ANY True Type font in the world into beautiful embroidery with just a few simple clicks. The ability to quickly change the standard satin fill to any plain or fancy fill type also means “The Sky is the Limit” when it comes to applying lettering in this awesome software. In this little lesson, I’m going to focus on a very cool function that I know you will want to try using your favorite saying!

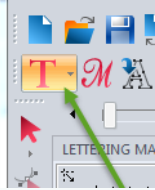


Let's begin by selecting the TEXT icon by left clicking on it. Then immediately Left click in the middle of your workspace. "MY TEXT" will appear. Left click your Red Selection arrow and then left click directly on the words MY TEXT. Black selection boxes will now surround your words and you will now have your Properties box displayed. Now, let's change the words to something else. In my example, I chose Ana as the text type and put my CAPS LOCK on to type out IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. Next, I changed the Height of the font to 12.5 mm (or .5 inches) and then clicked Apply. Zoom out to 1:1  
NOW- For the magic!



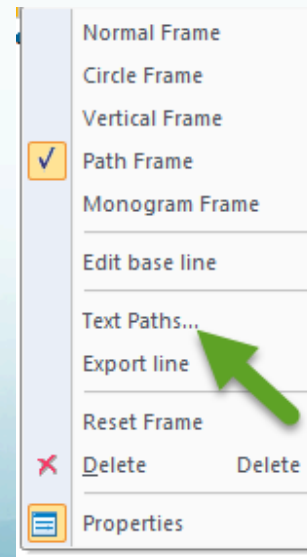
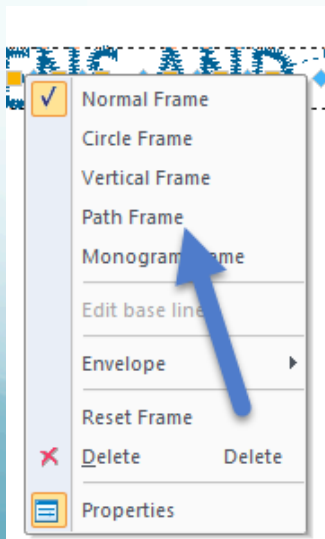
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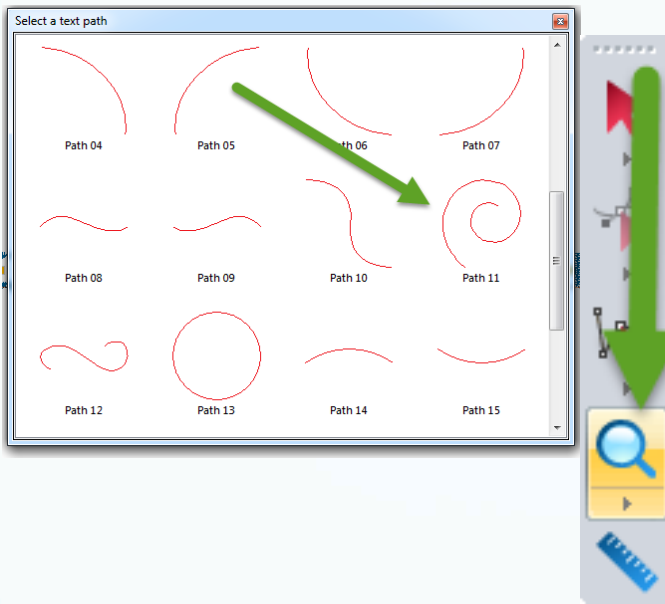
Select your phrase so your sizing boxes surround it. Because we decided to zoom out to see all of our lettering on our workspace our editing points disappeared and we need to see those for our next step. In order to return the editing points simply LEFT CLICK again on the TEXT icon. As soon as you do, your phrase will now look like this.



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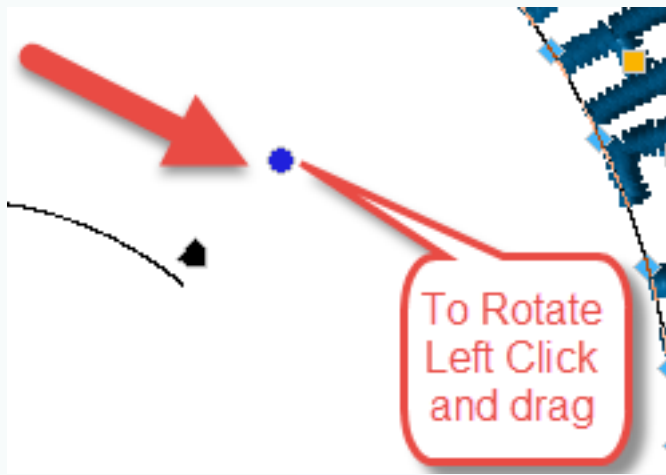
Now, RIGHT CLICK directly on top of your phrase and you will have many options to pick from. Left click on Path Frame. Now RIGHT CLICK again and then Left click on Text Paths





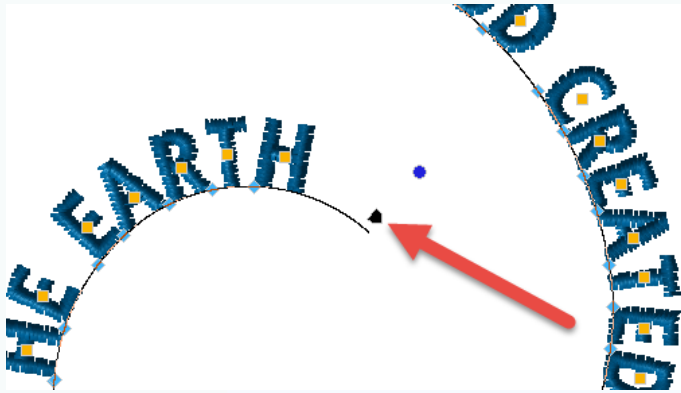
Scroll down to Path 11 and left click it and then Double left click on your ZOOM icon to see your new design!



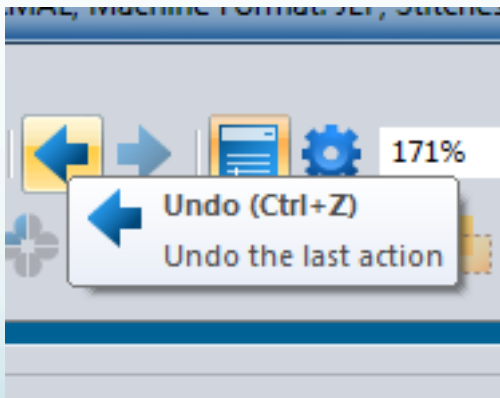


We can now make some additional changes to the shape of our phrase by rotating the lettering or making the circle tighter.

Left click , hold and drag on the blue circle to rotate.



Left click, Hold and drag the black triangular shape forward or backward to move your text along the curved path until you are happy with the result. If you go too far and it does something weird, just click UNDO\_ Our very best friend in the program!!!





Once you are pleased with your lettering design shape, save it until you are ready to stitch. Add a complimentary embroidery design and you will be so pleased.(My Earth design was from Pixels2Threads embroidery company.)

Wasn't this a fun exercise? I love playing with lettering in our FTCU software, and I know that once you start exploring you can forget cooking and cleaning for the day!! Have FUN!

