

Creative Word Art

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Word Art has become a very popular technique. What makes the technique even more exciting is the fact that you can "shape" the words to fit the background image.

Use Premier+[™] Embroidery Extra to pick a shape, find words that create synonyms about that shape, and fill the shape. I chose a heart and words that relate to love. Practice with the heart, then pick other shapes and fill in the shape with appropriate words. Save the picture Heart.png to Documents/Premier+/My Pictures.



Reset All Modules

- 1. Double click to open the Premier+[™] Embroidery System.
- 2. Double Click to open Premier+[™] Configure.
- 3. Click the Reset All Modules button.
- 4. Click **OK** through the prompts to return all modules to their original configuration.
- 5. Click OK to close Premier+[™] Configure.

Create the Shape

- 1. Double click on **Premier+™ Embroidery**
- 2. Click Change Hoop.
- 3. Set the hoop size to Universal, 200mm x 200mm Universal Square Hoop 3, Natural Orientation, and click OK.
- 4. Click the Wizards tab.
- 5. Select ExpressDesign. From the drop down menu, select ExpressDesign into Rectangle.
- 6. Click, hold, and drag a box to within one grid square of the edges of the hoop all the way around.
- 7. In the Choose Design Type window, choose Create Express Trace, and click Next.
- 8. In the Choose Picture window, click Load a Picture.
- 9. Browse to Documents/Premier+/My Pictures.
- 10. Click on Heart.png, and click OK, and then click Next.
- 11. In the Rotate and Crop window, click Next.
- 12. In the Outline Finder and Expander window, click Next.
- 13. In the Monochrome Threshold window, click Next.
- 14. In the Express Trace Options window, select **Double Trace**. Leave all other settings at default, and click **Finish**.
 - a. This gives you the base shape to use in creating the word art.





Create the Design

- 1. Click on the Letter tab in the Ribbon Toolbar.
- 2. Click the show-all arrow to view all fonts. Select Georgia 08-20mm from the Traditional category.
- 3. Click inside the Letters box, and enter the word "infatuation".
- 4. Set the Line Type to Circle Clockwise.
- 5. Click Apply.
- 6. Move the word into the upper arch of the heart on the right.
- 7. Click and hold on the green handle to make the circle smaller or larger to fit the shape of the heart arch.
- 8. Right click inside the letter circle and then select Properties. Change the Size to 10 and the Gap to 3.
- 9. Click OK.
- 10. Hold the Ctrl key while moving the green square to change the position of the word along the line to make it better fit the shape.
 - a. Holding down the Ctrl key before clicking on the green square makes the size of the circle 'freeze' and remain the same so you can focus on the placement of the word along the line.
- 11. Click the show-all arrow to view all fonts again. Select Adina 12-40mm from the Script category.
- 12. Replace the word "infatuation" in the Letters box with the word "passion".
- 13. Set the Size to 18mm.
- 14. Leave the Line Type at Circle Clockwise.
- 15. Set the Connection to **Running**.
 - a. Running as a connection type eliminates the tie off and trim command after each letter.
- 16. Click Apply.
- 17. Move the word into the upper arch of the heart on the left.
- 18. Change the size of the circle and the letters along the line until the words fit the shape nicely.
 - a. Keep in mind that fine movements of a word can be made using the arrow keys on the keyboard of your computer.
- 19. Click the Font show-all arrow and select Nimbus 15-45mm from the Script category.
- 20. Change the word to "devotion".
- 21. Leave the size at 15mm.
- 22. Set the Line Type to Arch Over.
- 23. Change the Connection back to Trim.
- 24. Click Apply.
- 25. Move the word to the left side of the heart.
- 26. If necessary, zoom in on the word until you can see the round rotation handle.
- 27. Rotate the word, and then adjust the corner handles to fit the shape of the side.







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- Page 3 28. Click the Font show-all arrow and select Palace 12-24mm from the Script category. 29. Change the word to "enchantment". 30. Leave the size at 12mm. 31. Set the Line Type to Fit to Wavy Line. 32. Change the Connection to Running. 33. Click Apply. 34. Move the word to the lower left side of the heart shape and then adjust the handles so that it fits the shape. a. Moving the green circle by the first letter of the word changes the start point of the word on the line. 35. Click the Font show-all arrow T and select Chateau 12-20mm from the Script category. 36. Change the word to "amorous". 37. Set the size to 18mm. 38. Set the Line Type to Fit to Wavy Line. 39. Leave the Connection as Running. 40. Click Apply. 41. Move the word to the right side of the heart shape and then adjust the handles so that it fits the shape. 42. Click the Font show-all arrow and select Clarendon 12-30mm from the Traditional category. 43. Change the word to "smitten". 44. Leave the size at 12mm. 45. Set the Width to 90 %. 46. Set the Line Type to **Fit to Wavy Line**. 47. Set the Connection to Trim. 48. Click Apply. 49. Move the word to the lower right side of the heart shape and then adjust the handles so that it fits the shape. 50. Click away from the design so that nothing is selected. 51. Click the lower tip of the heart to select the outline shape. 52. Right click and select Delete. a. Now that the outside of the shape is filled, you can delete the shape. This will make it easier to choose the individual words to make any adjustments. 53. Click the Font show-all arrow 🗐 and select Fine Corsiva 6-10mm from the Traditional category. 54. Change the word to "rapture". 55. Set the size to 10mm. 56. Set the Line Type to Circle Clockwise. 57. Leave the Connection at Trim. 🔀 iensn
- 58. Click Apply.
- 59. Move the word to just below the word "passion", and then adjust it so that it fits the shape.





- 60. Click the Font show-all arrow and select Romano 14-35mm from the Traditional category.
- 61. Change the word to "crush". 62. Set the size to **15mm**.
- 63. Set the Line Type to **Bridge Convex Up**.
- 64. Leave the Connection at Trim.
- 65. Click Apply.
- 66. Right click on the word and choose Properties. Rotate to about 310°.
- 67. Move the word to the left of the word "rapture", and then adjust it so that it fits under the word "devotion".

TIP

To select specific words on the screen, try one of these methods:

- METHOD 1-Go to the Home tab and rotate through the words/designs on the screen (based on the order they were brought in) by clicking Previous Design or Next Design.
- METHOD 2-Touch the Tab key on the keyboard to go to the next design or hold down the Shift key while touching the Tab key to go to the previous design.

Use your imagination to add additional words and design elements to finish filling the shape. Save and then export the design.

Now that you have the basics, create other shapes with corresponding words.







