

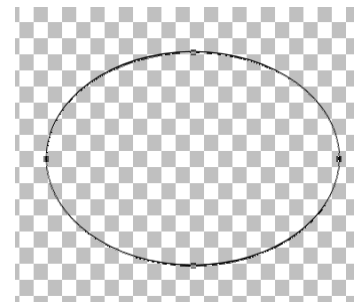
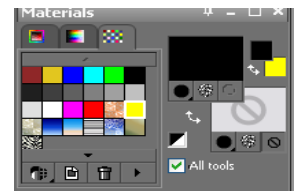
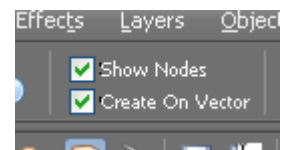
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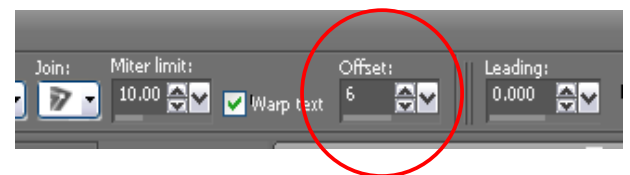
Curving Text

PSP X2 For Beginners

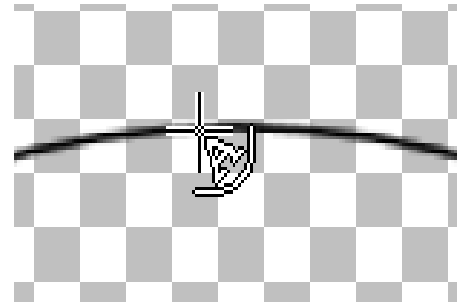
1. Open transparent canvas 400x400
2. Go to the Preset and select ellipse.
3. Ensure Show Nodes and Create on Vector are both ticked.
4. Foreground colour of your choice I chose black as I'm deleting it later.
5. Background colour null.
6. Select a Solid Line in Line Style width 2. Draw an ellipse.
7. Center the ellipse by right click, align centre or Menu bar, Objects, Align.



8. On the Standard Tool bar go to Offset and change the setting to 6. This setting enables the text to fit on the curve of the ellipse; directly on the line, floating above it or under the line, ie: inside the ellipse. Set the number to -20 and the text will move under the top curve. To place text on the lower part of the curve will be covered further on. Just decide for now whether you want text over or under the line. In essence, to place text above add to place text under subtract.



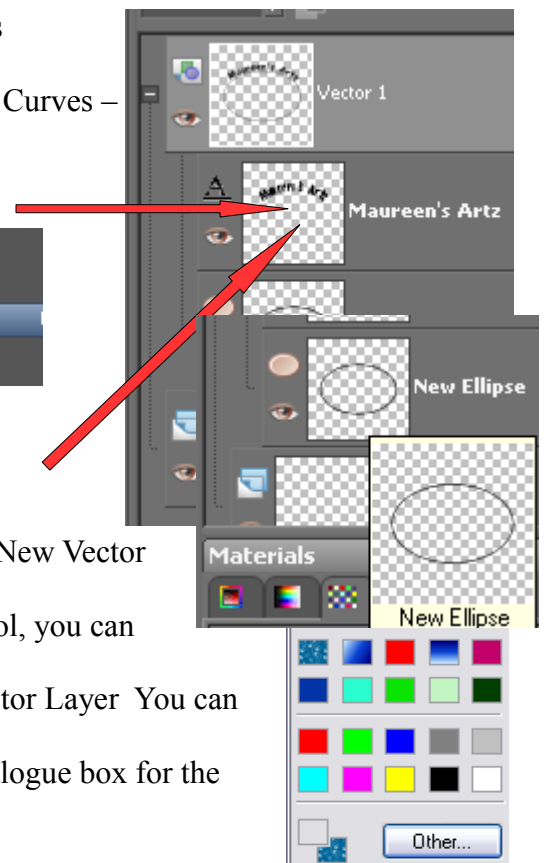
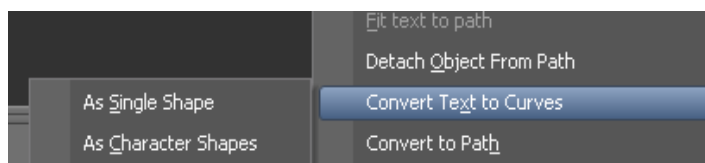
9. Okay, so now you are ready to apply text to the ellipse. Go to the top centre of the ellipse, hover the mouse and you will see the Text Tool change to a letter A on a curve. Tap the curve this will open the Text Entry dialogue box. Enter your text, as you enter text it will be applied around the edge or just above the curve of the



ellipse. You can adjust the text up or down by changing the number in the Offset. Don't close the Text Entry whilst doing the editing. When your text is how you want it, click Apply.



10. Moving over to the Layers Palette, click on the + to open layers underneath. Right click on this layer and apply Convert Text to Curves – As Single Shape.

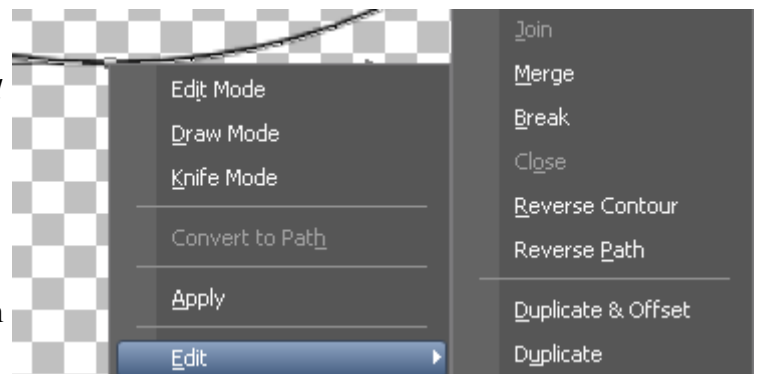


11. With the same layer highlighted go to Edit, cut, Edit, paste as a New Vector Layer. The text is now on its own layer. Change to the Pick Tool, you can now move or resize the text but not edit it even though it's a Vector Layer. You can change the colour by opening the Vector Property right click dialogue box for the colour, fill and stroke, stroke width and Line Style.

12. By right clicking on the Materials Background Fill Properties, a small Recent Materials window opens.

From here can select a colour, or click Other where the larger Materials palette opens and you can choose a gradient and or a texture. However this is going to be a watermark so we best stick with black.

13. To add text to the lower edge, inside. Select the layer with the ellipse. Now select the Pen tool in Edit Mode. Click on the ellipse, right click and convert to Path. Right click on the lower node on the ellipse, Edit, Reverse Contour. (*you must click the node, not the line of the ellipse otherwise it will not work*)



14. Select the Text Tool, again look for the lett A on the curve and click. Enter the text you require

in the Text Entry. I used the same size text for the top text but changed the Offset to -32 so that the text sits below the line. If you want the text inside then increase the numbers in the Offset. You can only edit with the Offset with the Text Entry box open showing text.

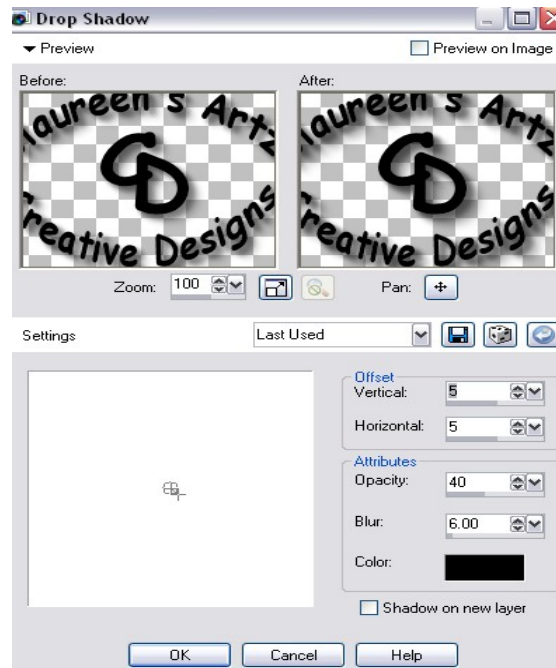


15. Click the Layer you have just added the lower text. Right click and Convert Text to Curves As Single Shape. The same as you did for the top text.

16. Change to the Pick Tool, go to Edit, Cut, Edit Paste as a New Vector Layer. Again, as you did for the top text.

17. Move the text into the position.

18. Click the ellipse layer and delete..
19. You may have to fudge the text a little, ie: resizing, unless it's okay.
20. Select the Pick tool if you are not already using it. Go to Effects, 3d Shadow. Change the settings to: 5, 5, 40 and 6 with colour black. Ok.



21. With the Crop Tool, crop in close to the text but be careful not to chop any off. Save this image as a pspimage to make a watermark.



22. Pick the Pen Tool, Draw Freehand and make a flowing curvy line.

Size and colour does not matter as this line will be removed.

Activate the Text Tool and touch the curve line until you see the curve with the letter A. The Text Entry box opens, add text. It will appear on the curve line.

Highlight the text, go to Objects and Convert Text to Curves,

As a Single Object. With the text still highlighted, go to Edit, Cut, Edit Paste as a New Layer.

To remove the line, click on it and delete or go to the Layer and delete the layer.

The text is now able to be moved around where-ever you want it as it on its own Vector layer.

You can have lots of fun adding text to various shapes. Place the text outside or inside just by adjusting the Offset number up or down.



The next tutorial will show you how to use the above effect and make a watermark.