

DesignerPlus Lettering

With Designer Plus, individual letters may be manipulated along a baseline without breaking the letters apart. The advantage? Lettering is still recognized as lettering and the alphabet type can be changed after selecting the lettering.

File Set Up

- Select File > New.
- Select File > Save As. Name the file DesignerPlus Lettering.
- Click Save.
- Press “A” on the keyboard.
- Type “SPEEDY” in capital letters in the box. Click OK.
- Click on the screen to activate the letters.
- While the lettering is selected, right click to open Lettering Properties.
- Click on the drop down arrow by Alphabet and choose Speedy from the list.
- Right click and drag to clone two other groups of lettering.

Reposition Individual Letters

- Switch to Design View by selecting “T” on the keyboard.
- Select the first clone and select color C2 from the Color bar.
- Click *Reshape Object*.
- Zoom in on the lettering using mouse scroll button or by selecting the Zoom Box and left clicking on the screen.
- Click the diamond control point in the center of the letter S.
- Drag along the baseline to position the letter horizontally; release mouse to set position.
- Click on the diamond control point in the center of the letter P.
- Hold down the Shift key and drag to position the letter vertically; release mouse to set position.
- Click on the diamond control point in the center of the letter E.
- Hold down the Ctrl key and drag to move the letter freely; release mouse to set position.
- Reposition remaining letters as desired.

Transforming Individual Letters

- Select the second clone.
- The *Reshape Tool* should still be activated; click the center diamond control point of the letter S— another set of reshape points appear around the letter.

Skewing

- Click and drag the diamond-shaped handle (upper left hand corner) to the left to skew the letter horizontally to the left; release the mouse to set position.

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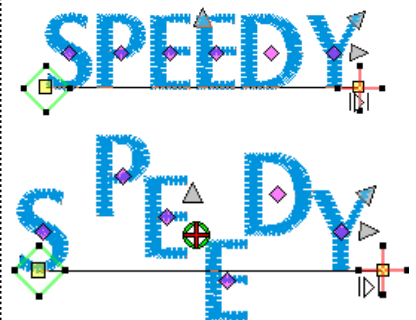
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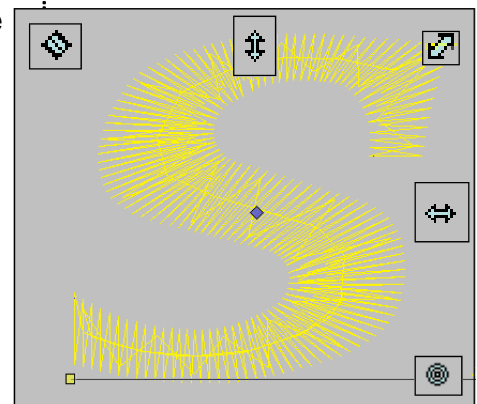
Tip: To select several letters, hold down the Ctrl key as the letters are selected. To select a range of letters, hold down the Shift key, select the first then last letter in the range.

Individual letters can be moved above or below the baseline or positioned randomly.



Reshape Object tool is also used to manipulate individual letters. You may scale, rotate and skew them.

There are five control points around the letter when selected.



Rescaling individual letters

- Click the diamond control point of the letter P.
- Click and drag the top center arrow to scale letter height; release the mouse to set position.
- Click the diamond control point of the first E.
- Click and drag on the corner arrow to resize the letter proportionately. Release the mouse to set.
- Click the diamond control point of the next E.
- Click and drag the horizontal arrow to resize the width of the letter; release the mouse to set.

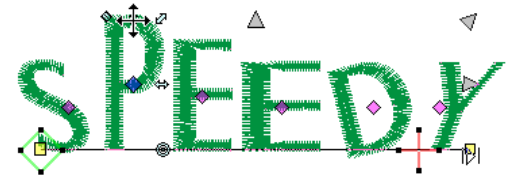
Rotating individual letters

- Click the diamond control point of the letter D.
- Click and drag the lower right corner circle to rotate.
- Release the mouse to set position.
- Click the diamond control point of the letter Y.
- Click and drag the diamond-shaped handle to the right to skew the letter horizontally to the right.
- Release the mouse to set position.
- Press ESC to deactivate the tool.

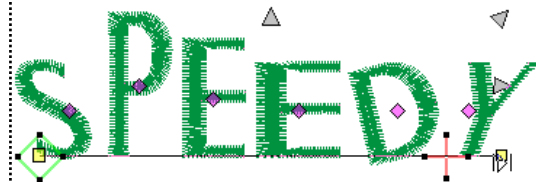


Saving the Design

- Click on the Save icon to save the file.



Notice how the lettering automatically moves to maintain the letter spacing.



Note: Individual letter repositioning and reshaping is also accessible in monogram letters.