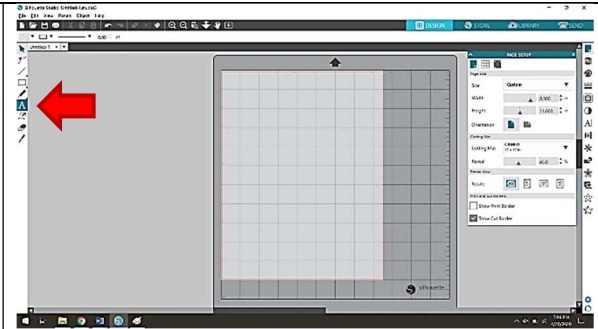


Silhouette Studio – Text Tool

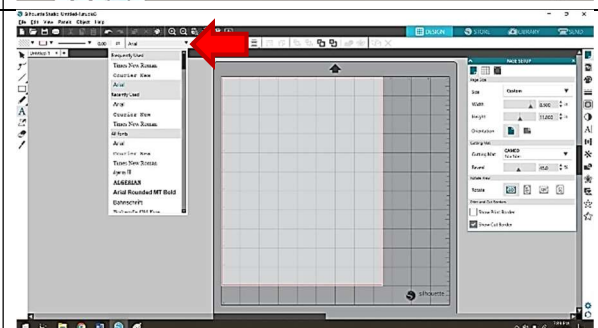
Step 1: Select the Text tool

- On the left-hand sidebar click on the letter “A” to select the Text tool.



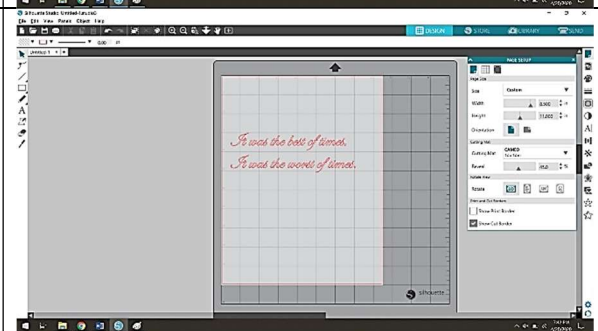
Step 2: Choose a font

- When the Text tool is selected, options appear in one of the upper bars. Click on the down-arrow by the word “Arial” to open the drop-down menu of font options.
- Scroll through the options and select the desired font.



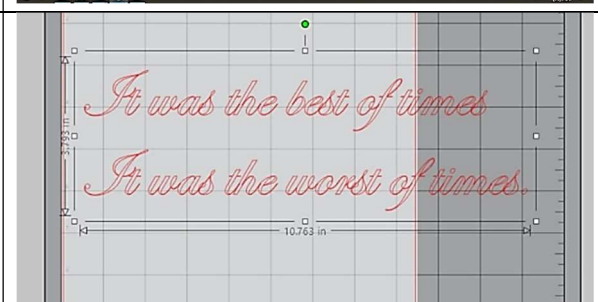
Step 3: Type your text

- After you have selected a font, click somewhere in the design area, and then begin typing your desired text.
- When finished typing, press the “Esc” key on your keyboard (in the upper left-hand corner on most keyboards) to finish using the Text tool.



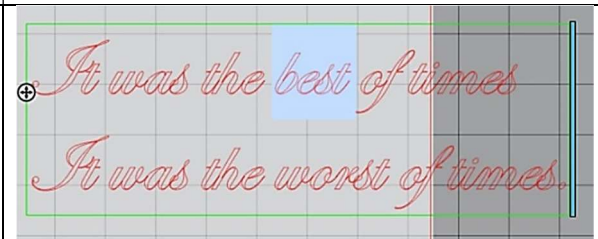
Step 4: Change the text's size

- Click once on the text to select it. Click and drag the tiny boxes on the corners or sides of the selected text to change its size.
- Click somewhere outside the text to deselect it again.




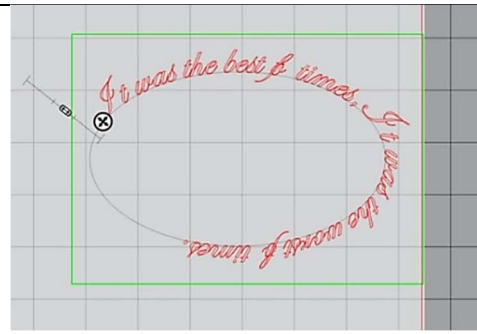
Step 5: Select some or all of the text

- To select individual letters or sections of the text, double-click somewhere in the text to get a blue flashing cursor.
- Use the arrow keys on the keyboard to move the cursor to the letter or letters you wish to select.
- While holding down the “Shift” key on the keyboard, use the arrow keys to move the cursor to highlight sections of the text.
- It is now possible to change the font or size of the highlighted text.



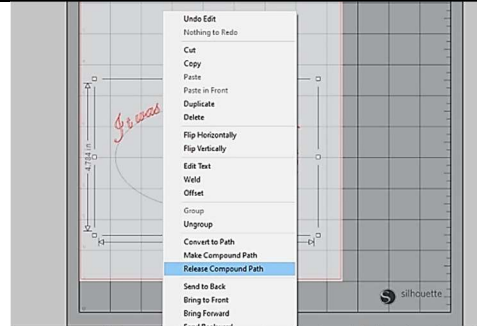
Step 6: Wrap the text to a shape

- See the Silhouette Technique Tutorial on Basic Shapes and Lines to create a shape
- Double click on your text, then click and drag this  image to move the text to the shape until it wraps around it.
- The text can be dragged to the inside or outside of any shape.
- Click somewhere outside the text to deselect it.



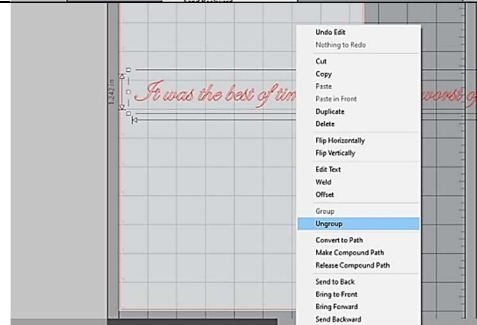
Step 7: Separate the text from the shape

- The shape is currently a grey line, which means it will not be cut in the final design. In order to return the shape to a cut line, it needs to be separated from the text.
- Right-click on the text. From the drop-down menu select "Release Compound Path"
- The text and the shape are now separate objects.
- Click somewhere outside the design to deselect it.



Step 8: Ungroup the text

- To move letters individually, the text block needs to be ungrouped.
- Right-click on the text. From the drop-down menu select "Ungroup."
- Click somewhere outside the design to deselect.
- Each letter is now an individual shape that can be selected, moved, and modified.



Step 9: Re-grouping the text

- To make a line of text a single element again, click and drag to select all the letters in the text passage.
- Right-click on the text. From the drop-down menu select "Group."
- Click somewhere outside the design to deselect.

