How Do I Curve Text in Design Space?

Use the Curve tool in Design Space to easily bend your text into a circular shape. The Curve tool can be found in the Text Edit bar at the top of the Canvas, between the Alignment and Advanced tools.

Let's Start

1. Click the Text tool in the Design panel to the left of the Canvas.

2. Enter text into the text box, choose your font and font style, and use the Letter Space tool to adjust letter spacing as needed. If you have multiple lines of text to curve, enter each line of text in a separate text box, or use the “Ungroup to Lines” tool to separate your lines of text into separate text boxes.

Note: The Curve tool is currently available for the desktop computer version of Design Space. It is not yet available for mobile.
3. Click on the *Curve* tool. Design Space will take a few moments to analyze your text for size and spacing, then display a slider and a number field.

4. Drag the slider to the right to curve the text downward. Note the number in the Diameter field as you drag the slider. Design Space uses an imaginary circle to determine the curvature of the text. The size of that circle decreases the further the slider is moved to the right. The number in the Diameter field will change to reflect this as the slider is moved.

Note: The Curve tool will only enable for text boxes with a single line of text; if you have multiple lines of text to curve, enter each line in its own text box, or use the “Ungroup to Lines” tool to move your lines of text into separate text boxes. Additionally, the Curve tool cannot be used on text that has been ungrouped to individual letters, then re-grouped, so if additional manual letter spacing adjustments are needed after you have used the Letter Spacing tool, wait until you have curved the text to do this.

Note: The smallest diameter possible will change based on the size, length, and spacing of your text. Smaller font sizes and shorter words or phrases can achieve a smaller circumference than larger font sizes and longer words or phrases.
5. Drag the slider to the left to curve the text upward. You will notice that a “-” is added to the number in the Diameter field as an indication of the upward curve.

6. When curving multiples lines of text, quickly match the curvature of previously curved text by manually entering the same number in the Diameter field. If you wish to curve the text in the opposite direction, add or remove a dash (-) in front of the number as needed to tell Design Space which way to curve the text.
Tips:

- Curved text remains completely editable unless welded or flattened. You can continue to adjust letter spacing, rotate, edit the actual text, and change the font type and style after curving your text.
- Currently available only in desktop computer version of Design Space.
- Curve tool will not enable if there are multiple lines of text in the same text box. Insert separate text boxes for each line or use the “Ungroup to Lines” tool to move your lines of text into separate text boxes. Then curve each line separately.
- At this time, projects containing curved text will not open in iOS. However, if your text has been welded, sliced, isolated or ungrouped, so that it is functioning as an image rather than as a text box, the project can be opened.
- On Android devices, projects with curved text will open, but attempts to update the curved text will remove the curve.

Additional Resources

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