

NAT 4/5 DESIGN UNIT
Lettering Development sheet

To put text on a path, you first need a path, obviously. You should try out several ideas for lettering layouts and this should have been considered before you work on this task. Your lettering layout may follow a shape of a leaf, flower or group of foliage or could simply be an angled line you wish your lettering to follow which fits your box or iPad.

Choose the Pen tool, shape tool, or line tool. Next go to the **options bar** and **Type**, then **create work to path**, then draw a path.

Once your path is created, switch to the horizontal type tool.



Bring your cursor close to the path, and your cursor will change slightly, Click, then type...that's all there is to it!

To manipulate the type on a path, switch to the direct selection tool or the path selection tool. You can drag the type to move it along the path, or drag across the path to flip type to the other side.

You can use the path selection tool or the move tool to move the whole path with type attached.

Use the direct selection tool to change the shape of the path.

If you have created a closed shape, you can also have your type wrap inside the shape to conform to its path. The process is essentially the same as creating type on a path but instead of clicking the cursor on the outside of the path, you will move the cursor inside the path and click when it changes to an I-beam with a dotted circle around it.

All of the type tools work with type on a path or type in a shape. Your text is fully editable and though it may appear jagged on-screen, it will print just fine. To edit your text, double click the **T** icon for the type layer in the layers palette, and use any of the editing functions in the option bar. You can even warp text on a path or in a shape, but both the type and the path will be warped.

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