

Corel TUTOR™



Working with Text

Welcome to Corel PHOTO-PAINT® 10, a powerful tool for editing photos and creating bitmapped images. In this tutorial, you will learn how to work with text in an image by creating a poster for an ice-skating event. In the process, you will learn how to

- ! add text to an image
- ! format text
- ! create a path
- ! fit text to a path
- ! apply special effects to text

This is what the finished poster will look like:



Before you start

You will need to download the sample file found on first page of the online tutorial, or substitute your own file.


Open an image

You'll start by opening the sample file used in this tutorial.

1. Click **File** menu ► **Open**.
2. From the **Look in** list box, choose the drive and the folder where you saved the image.
3. Double-click the filename.

Add text to the image

You will add text to the picture so that the poster for the ice-skating event contains the necessary information. Don't worry about how the text looks when you type now; you'll format it later.

1. In the toolbox, click the **Text** tool .
2. Click near the top-left corner of the image. A vertical line shows where the text will start.
3. Type the letter **T**. It will be part of the word **The**, but you will format it separately.
4. With the **Text** tool, click the image to the right of the letter **T**, but not too close to it. Type **he**.
5. Click near the bottom-left corner of the image, to the left of the snowman's skates. Type **at the**.
6. Click in the space under the snowman's skates.
7. Type **Winter Dome**.



*The image on the right shows how the cursor looks when you click the **Text** tool.*

This is what the image should look like:



Format the font

Now you will format the text to give it more emphasis and make it look more interesting. First, you will adjust the font and size of the various text elements.

1. With the **Text** tool, point to the letter **T** at the top of the image. When you see the cursor change to a single vertical line, click the letter.

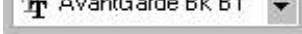



2. Drag the cursor across the letter **T** to select it.



*The highlighted text has been selected using the **Text** tool.*

*Once your cursor is positioned inside the text box, you can also select text by holding down the **SHIFT** key and pressing one of the **Arrow** keys until you've selected all the text you want.*

3. On the property bar, open the **Font** list box  by clicking the arrow. Scroll down, and click **Swiss911 XCm BT**. If this font is not available, choose another font from the list.

4. With the letter **T** still selected, click in the **Font size** list box . Type **93**, and press **ENTER**. Don't worry if the letter goes off the page. You'll move it later.

- Using the **Text** tool, select the letters **h** and **e** together. From the **Font** list box, choose **Swiss911 Xcm BT**.
- In the **Font size** list box, type **35**, and press **ENTER**.
- Select the words **at the**. From the **Font** list box, choose **Staccato222 BT**. If this font is not available, choose another font from the list.
- Select the words **Winter Dome**. From the **Font** list box, choose **Staccato222 BT**.
- Click in the **Font size** list box, type **42**, and press **ENTER**.

Edit the color

Now you will change the color of your text, using the color palette. In the color palette, you can see the name of a color swatch by pointing to it with the cursor.

- Make sure the words **Winter Dome** are still selected. Using the down arrow button beneath the color palette, scroll down to see more colors and click the crimson color swatch.
- Select the words **at the**. Click the black color swatch.
- Select the letter **T**. Click the crimson color swatch.
- Select the letters **h** and **e**. Because the crimson color has already been selected, you won't be able to select it again, unless you de-select it first by clicking another color swatch on the color palette. Click another color swatch, and then click the crimson color swatch.


The color palette is located along the right side of the screen by default. You can choose a color by clicking a square color swatch.

You can also scroll up and down the palette to see more colors. Clicking a color and holding down the mouse button lets you choose among different shades of that color.

Move text and add texture

You can add texture to the text. First, you will move the letter **T** to bring it closer to the letters **h** and **e**, and then you will add the **Plastic** effect to the text.

Move text

- In the toolbox, click the **Object picker** tool .
- Click the letter **T** to select it as an object. Note that selecting the text as an object is different from selecting text with the **Text** tool. Now the text is enclosed in eight square selection handles.



3. Drag the letter **T** into position next to the letters **h** and **e**.

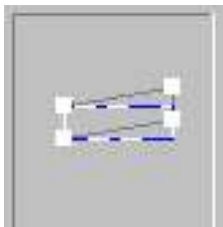
Add texture

1. On the menu bar, click **Effects** menu ▶ **Texture** ▶ **Plastic**.
2. In the **Plastic** dialog box, click **OK** to add texture to the text.
3. Using the **Object picker** tool, select the letters **h** and **e**.
4. Repeat steps 1 and 2.
5. Select **Winter Dome**.
6. Repeat steps 1 and 2.

Apply more effects

Now you will position the text more effectively on the image.

1. Using the **Object picker** tool, select **Winter Dome**.
2. Click **Effects** menu ▶ **3D effects** ▶ **Perspective**.
3. In the **Perspective** dialog box, enable the **Shear** option, and disable the **Best fit** check box.
4. In the **Perspective** dialog box, click inside the preview box and drag the right nodes slightly upward.



5. Click **OK** in the **Perspective** dialog box.




6. The text now overlaps with the snowman's skates. Select the text using the **Object picker** tool. Click the text and drag it further down and to the right until it no longer covers the image of the snowman.



Draw a path

In addition to simply typing words in a straight line, Corel PHOTO-PAINT® 10 lets you type text that follows a curved or irregular line. This line is called a path. You can draw a path with the shape you want and then type the text on it.

Now you will draw and edit a path, and in the next lessons you will add text to the path and complete the poster.

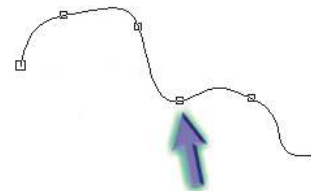
1. Click the **Path** tool  in the toolbox.
2. On the property bar, click the **Bezier** tool .
3. Click on the image, below the word **The** and to the left of the snowman's waist.
4. Click near the upper right corner of the image and, without releasing the mouse button, drag downward to create a curved path.
5. Click the **Shape** tool  on the property bar.
6. Click and drag either of the two path nodes to create an arch over the snowman's head.
7. With the **Shape** tool, you can also edit the shape of the path by clicking and dragging a path segment as necessary.

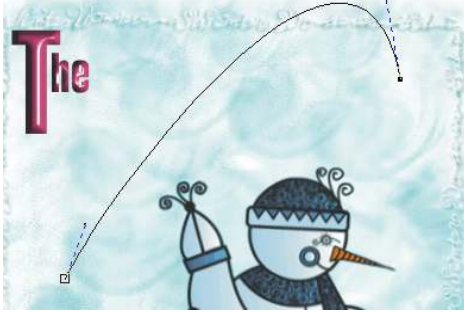


When you click the **Bezier** tool, your cursor looks like this.



When you click the **Shape** tool, your cursor looks like this. Now you can edit and move the path.






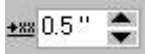
Nodes are created at the places where you click to make a path. You can add or remove a node by double-clicking it using the **Shape** tool. You can also change the shape of the path by dragging a node using the **Shape** tool.

A segment is the section of the path between any two nodes. You can change the shape of a curve segment by clicking it using the **Shape** tool and dragging the segment in the direction you want.

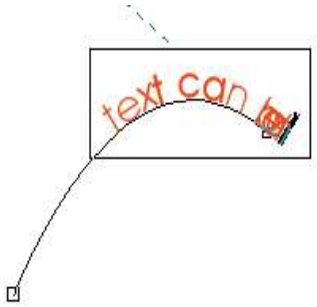
Fit text to the path

Now that you've created a path, you can type text on the path. After typing the text, you can move it sideways along the path to the position you want. You can also hide the path from view.

1. In the toolbox, click the **Text** tool .
2. From the **Font** list box on the property bar, choose **Swiss911 XCM BT**.
3. From the **Font size** list box, choose **48**.
4. Move the cursor over the path, until the **A** in the cursor changes shape.
5. Click the path, and type **Waiters' Race on Ice**. If the text doesn't fit the length of your path, you can either choose a smaller font or extend the path by dragging one of the path nodes using the **Shape** tool.
6. On the property bar, find the **Horizontal offset** box






As the cursor moves over the path, it changes its shape. Now you can click and write on the path.



To expand the application window to see the whole property bar, the



Maximize button  in the upper-right corner of the application window. When you want to return to this tutorial, click the

Restore button  in the upper-right corner.

7. Click the arrows to increase or decrease the horizontal offset values as necessary to move your text along the path. Lower values will move the text toward the beginning of the path.
8. In the toolbox, click the **Path** tool .
9. Click **Window** menu ▶ **Dockers** ▶ **Path**.
10. In the **Path** Docker window, click the **Show/hide path** button  to hide the path.

Complete the poster

Now you will add the final touches and special effects to your poster.

1. Using the **Text** tool, select **Waiters' Race on Ice**.
2. From the color palette, choose the crimson color swatch.
3. In the toolbox, click the **Object picker** tool .
4. On the **Menu** bar, click **Effects** ▶ **Texture** ▶ **Plastic**. In the **Plastic** dialog box, click **OK**.
5. In the toolbox, click the **Dropshadow** tool .
6. From the **Dropshadow presets** list box on the property bar, choose **Flat bottom left**.
7. Click the **Object picker** tool, and click the letter **T** in the upper-left corner of the image.

8. Hold down **SHIFT**, and click the letters **h** and **e**. Without releasing **SHIFT**, click **Winter Dome** to add it to the selected objects.

The **SHIFT** key lets you select multiple objects.

9. Repeat steps 5 and 6.

The skating event poster is now complete.

From here . . .

In this tutorial, you've learned how to add text to an image, format text, create a path, fit text to a path, and apply special effects to the text.

For more information on the tools you just used, you can access the Corel PHOTO-PAINT online Help by clicking **Help** menu ► **Help topics**.

For more information about:

Text tool

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