

CREATING TEXT ON AN ARC

DRAW A CIRCLE FOR THE SIZE OF YOUR PIECE

Click on the Ellipse tool on the left side of the screen. Move your cursor over the page and hold down the left mouse button and drag a circle. Bring up the Transformation menu by clicking on the word Arrange and Transform. Click on Size icon. Double click in the H box and type in the horizontal size of your plate (for our example 1"). Double click in the V box and type in the vertical size of your plate (for our example 1"). Click on the word Apply. Get your cursor over the X in the center of the circle, hold down your left mouse button and drag to the top left corner of the page (if your piece is position in the top left corner. Now in the Transform box for size, type in .85 for H and .85 for V and click on Apply to Duplicate. Now you have two circles.

PLACE YOUR TEXT

Click on the text tool on the left side of the screen. Move your cursor over the plate and click the left mouse button. Start typing your text. You can change the font style or size for some or all of the text by moving the cursor in front of the first letter of the line, hold down and swipe across the line. Now it is highlighted in gray. You can change the font style and/or size on the tool bar at the top. (For example change text to 10 point).

ARCING THE TEXT

Change to the Pick Tool. Click on your text. Hold Shift key down. Click on the inside circle and release Shift key. Click on the word Text at top of screen. Click on Fit Text to Path. It will snap your text to the inside circle.

LASERING YOUR PLATE

Turn on the laser. Click on File--Print. Make sure that the laser is the selected printer driver. Click on Properties. Look in the Laser manual to select the correct power and speed settings for the material you are lasering. Since your text was displayed in black, click on the black line. Now that it is selected, double click in the Power box and type in the Power Setting. Double click in the Speed box and type in the Speed Setting. Click in the box to the left of the red line. Click 3 times until SKIP appears. Click OK. Click Print. Your job has been sent to the laser.

PREPARING THE LASER

Put your plate into the laser. With AutoFocus ON, press the Z button. The table will move to focus on your material. Click Z button again to get rid of the Z menu. Close the lid. Turn on the exhaust. Press the start button. If this is not the first job of the day, press the Next File button to the job you want to laser. Press START.