

Script Weld

This lesson is designed to show you how use Drawmate 's Script Weld.

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Select the **text tool** from the tool bar on the left of the screen and then click on the page.



After clicking on the page **type** in the word "Stahls"

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Now select the **Pick tool** from the tool bar on the left side of the screen.



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Select the **text** that you typed in.

For the word to be selected, you must click on one of the letters in the word. When the word is selected, the Eight sizing icons will be displayed around the word.



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At the top of the screen, in the Property Bar you can change the font and size used.



Select the **down arrow** next to the current font name in the font list and **select** the new font. For this lesson select a script style font. Next set the size, **select** the **down arrow** next to the Font Size List and select a larger size. The larger the number the larger the size. Set the size large enough so the word fills the page.

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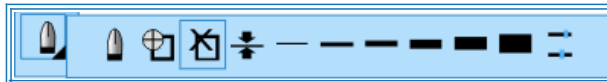
With the word still selected, look at the Status line at the bottom of the screen.

It should show you that you have Artistic Text (the font name you selected) on Layer .

The fill can be any color, but there should be no outline on the text.

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If the word has an outline, **select** the **Outline Pen tool** from the tool bar on the left. Then **select** the **X** (third icon from the left).



This icon removes any outline from the selected shape. The status line will then read outline None.

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Now, so that you can see how the script lettering is placed on the screen, **select View** from the top of the screen. From the pull down menu **select Wireframe**.

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The script lettering will be displayed in an outline form. As you look at the lettering, you can see that each letter is outlined. If you were to send this to a cutter, it would cut **each letter**.

The letters need to be connected. To achieve this, you will need to use Drawmate's Script Weld function.



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With the script lettering selected, **select Drawmate** from the top of the screen.

From the drop down menu **select Script Weld**.

Drawmate will process the information and weld the letters together. Once complete, you will see that the letters are now connected and ready to cut or print.



Note: Once Script lettering has been welded, the font can not be changed. When lettering is welded, it is converted into an object and no longer contains the font attributes. So if you need to make a font change, you will need to make that change before welding. Also, when outputting to some printers, you may need to weld the lettering if an outline has been added. When outputting to some printers the outline is placed on top of the lettering. This outline will be placed around each letter. If the outline is only needed around the entire word you will need to weld before printing.