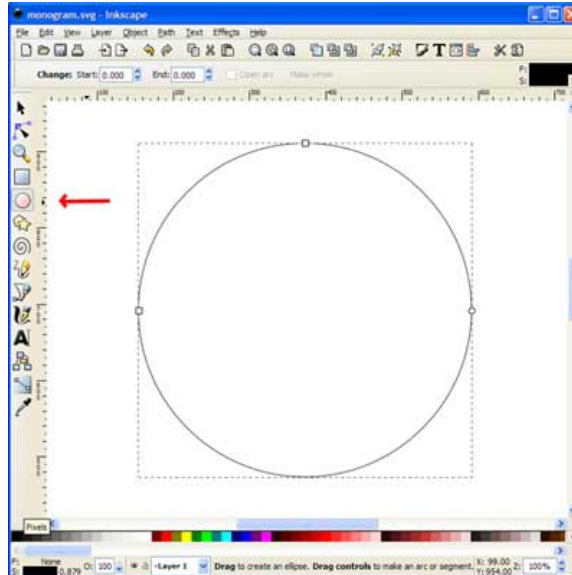


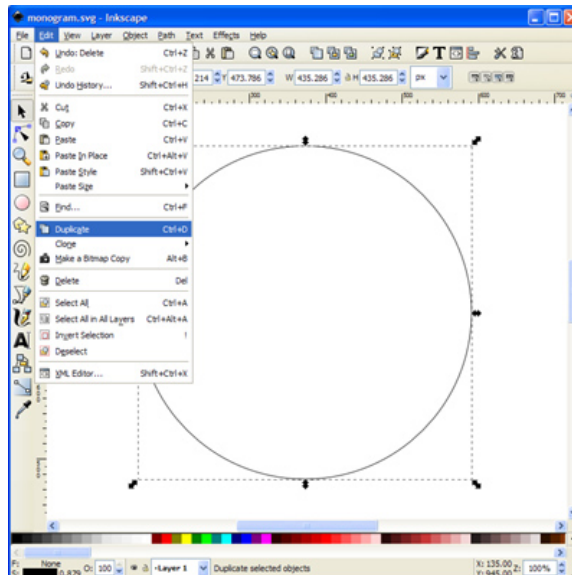
## How to Design a Monogram Christmas Ornament (in Inkscape!)

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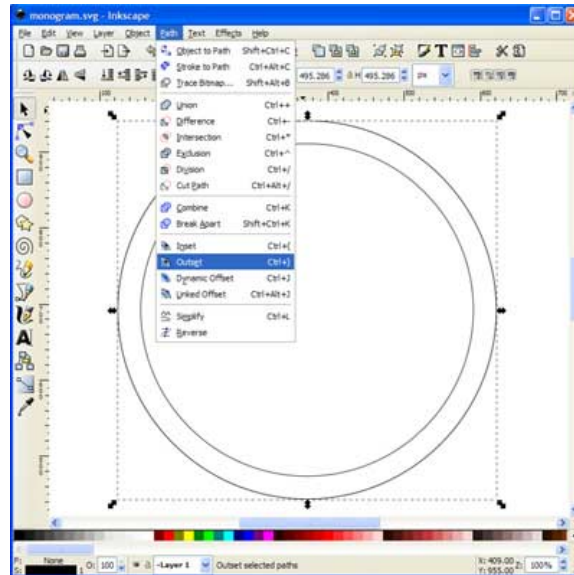
1. First, if you don't already have inkscape, go to: [www.inkscape.org](http://www.inkscape.org) and download the most recent stable version.
2. Create a new Inkscape document and make sure outline mode is on. VIEW > DISPLAY MODE > OUTLINE
3. The next step is to make your frame. Choose the circle/ellipse button on the left hand side. Holding down Ctrl while left clicking and dragging the mouse will "force" the object to be a circle not an ellipse.



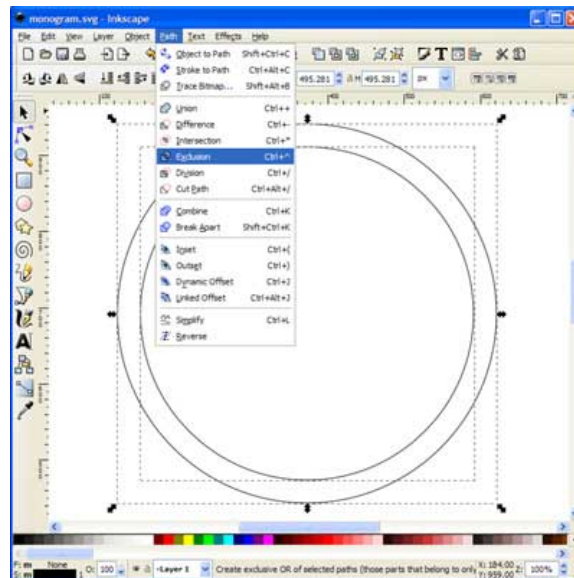
4. Make sure your circle is selected and then copy it. The two ways of doing so are to: Ctrl + D or by using EDIT > DUPLICATE in the drop down menus.



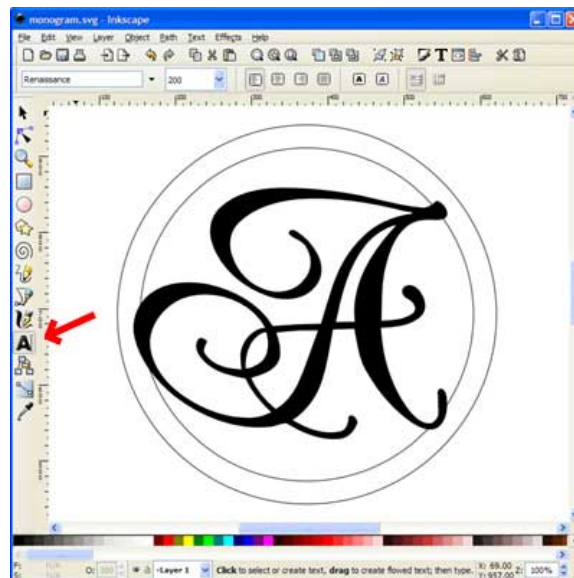
5. Use Ctrl + ) or PATH > OUTSET repeatedly to outset one of your circles until you have a nice frame.



6. Select both circles and select PATH > EXCLUSION. You won't see much difference but there is only one dashed selection box now and the two circles are one frame.

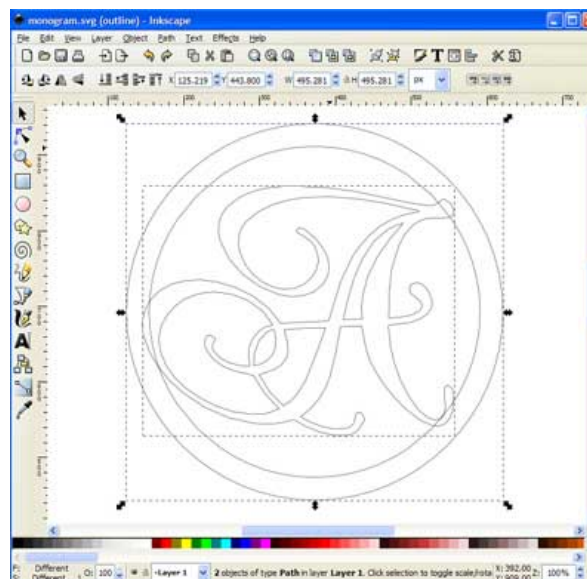


7. Choose the “A” or text button and go to the top to select the font and size you wish. Type the character for your monogram.

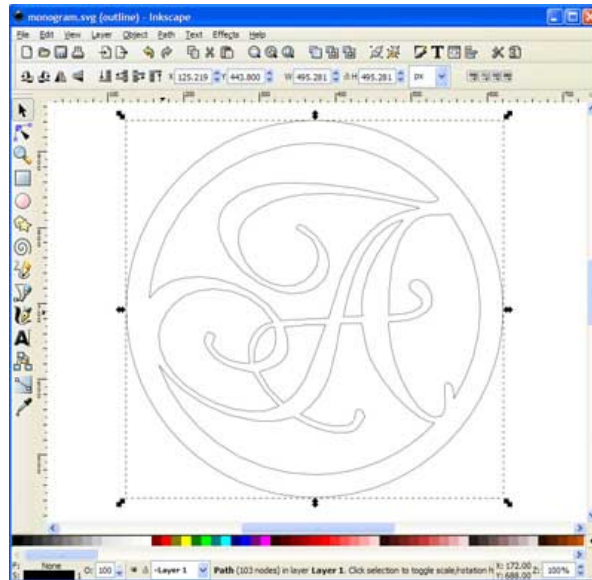


Then while the letter is selected go to PATH > OBJECT TO PATH.

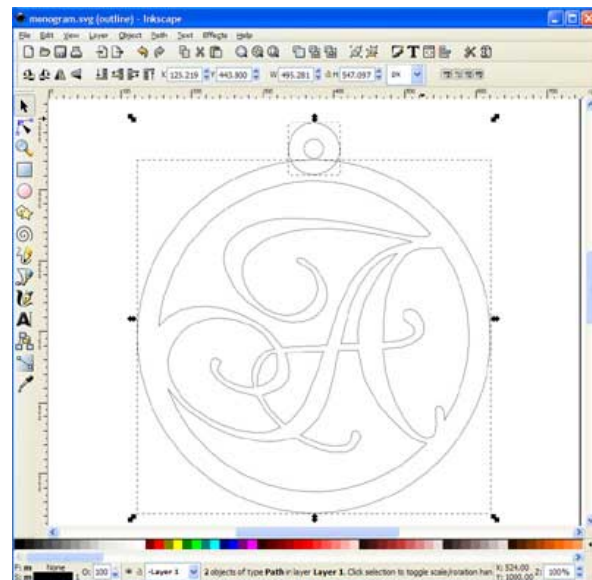
8. Move your letter over the circular frame and adjust the size so that it overlaps some with the inner circle (but doesn't stick out beyond the outer circle).



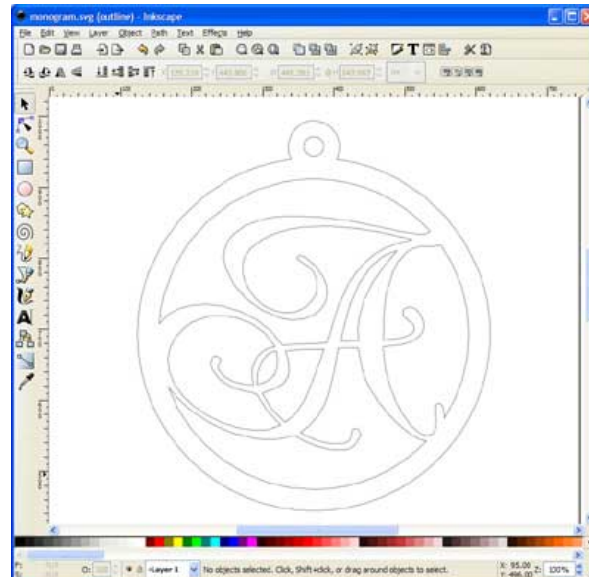
9. Select both the circular frame and the letter and then go to: **PATH > UNION**  
You should now have a monogram contained within a circular frame. This would make a beautiful accent for a heritage album.



10. If you wish to make your monogram easier to hang you can make an “ornament hanger” at the top. Just make another set of much smaller circles. Once you have drawn the two circles, again select both and go to: **PATH > EXCLUSION**.
11. Now place this at the top of your monogram and overlap the two a little bit.



Select both the monogram/frame and the ornament hanger and go to: PATH > UNION. Your monogram now has a spot up top to place a metal ornament hanger through.



12. Save as a .dxf so that you can load into Robomaster or Silhouette or Wishblade 3.0.



ENJOY!  
And  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
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