



CREATE YOUR OWN FONT



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TASK: Create your own font. 5 points

YOU WILL NEED TO:

- Using what you have learned about fonts so far, and construct an alphabet out of a font you create.
- Create 3 thumbnail sketches of font ideas. First 3 letters of alphabet only!
- Create a rough sketch of the final of the 1st three letters. Rule in guidelines
- Make revisions on your rough.
- Create a final. Black and white. Show your guidelines.
- Use pencil, newsprint, white drawing paper, fine-line black marker, Illustrator

OUTCOME:

Students learn freehand sketching techniques of lettering used in all facets of graphic design. They use their originality to construct a font of their own. Designer also is exposed to and learns to identify the plethora of existing fonts available.

RESOURCES:

WEB: <http://www.fonts.com>

STEP BY STEP: [Designing Custom Fonts Using Adobe Illustrator](#)

YOU WILL NEED TO # 1:

Research as many different styles and types of fonts available

1. Look through the various online font banks (www.Dafont.com www.1001fonts.com)
2. Decide what kind of font it is you want to create. Decorative? Traditional? Script?

YOU WILL NEED TO # 2:

Create three thumbnail sketches of a font you would like to create

1. Once you've looked at many fonts, start to brainstorm on what you would like to do.
2. Remember to SKETCH...
3. Create three thumbnail sketches according to the guidelines you received in week two of class.
4. Make sure they're numbered and show lights and darks
5. Once you have your thumbnails finished, see me to discuss your ideas.
6. **ONLY DO A, B & C upper and lower**

YOU WILL NEED TO # 3:

Create a Final of your font

1. Outline your image in pencil first, then complete the final stage using black fine line markers.
2. Scan your artwork.
3. Isolate each letter, leaving no background (white). Crop each letter as close as possible.
4. Open Adobe Illustrator and start converting your scanned work using Image Trace
5. Isolate each letter, leaving no background (white). Crop each letter as close as possible.

YOU WILL NEED TO # 4:

Create the True Type font

1. Depending on what final software is used to create the font, get with Mr. Juul on how to upload and retrieve the TrueType font.
2. Watch the website for software updates

This website is very comprehensive about the process fontforge.com