



Doodley Fonts

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First I want to wish a very happy birthday from me to both Digital Scrapper and Linda Sattgast!

Speaking of birthdays, I decided to make a fun birthday card for my little granddaughter, inspired by a magazine cover. I wanted to keep my fonts somewhat clean and simple to go along with the magazine theme, but I wanted the title to pop a bit and bring out the playful nature of the card.

I put on my thinking cap and decided that if I doodled a bit inside of a font, I could get the look I was going for. It looks a bit like it was colored in by a four-year-old because I used my mouse to draw the doodles, but I just figured that was a plus since this is a card for a four-year-old!

I would love to share with you how I did it. Let's go.

Step One: Type the Text

- Open a nearly finished scrapbook page (File > Open).
- In the Layers panel, activate the layer on which you want the text to appear.
- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, open the Font Picker and choose an outlined font.

Note: I used Agent Orange, which is available for free on the Internet.

- Choose a Size and Color for your font.
- On the scrapbook page, click once and type the text.
- Click on the checkmark to commit the changes.



Note: The size of my card is 5 X 7 inches. My font size is 46 pt, and the color of my font is white. For a 12 X 12 inch layout, I would use a size of 72 pt for my font.

Step Two: Make a Selection

- Get the Magic Wand tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the Add to Selection icon, set the Tolerance to 30, and check Contiguous.
- On the document, click inside the letters to select the area in which you want to doodle. You will have to click on each letter one at a time.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.



Step Three: Doodle in the Font

- Get the Brush tool.
- In the Tool Options, open the Brush Preset Picker, open the drop-down menu, and choose Dry Media Brushes. (Photoshop: Open the fly-out menu, choose Dry Media Brushes, and click OK.)
- Choose the Wax Pencil brush.
- Set the Size to around 7 px for a card or 9 px for a layout.

Note: You can adjust the brush size to what seems right for you. You can also try some of the other brushes in this set. They each give a different fun look.

- Choose a color that goes with your layout.
- In the Layers panel, make sure the new blank layer is active.
- On the scrapbook page, click and drag to doodle inside the text.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.



Here are a few other fonts that would work well with this technique: DK Kwark , Action Jackson, Denne Freakshow, Pointy, Threed, DK Nanuk, and Gizems Sketch.

Here is my finished card. You should have seen the big smile on my granddaughter's face when she opened it. She was so surprised to see herself on a birthday card.



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