

A quick(ish) guide to choosing the most appropriate custom font tool for your needs from the current release of plug-ins for Gimp 2.10.



Quite a number of the guides or help documents to older versions of the tools were only available as a link to the now defunct GimpLearn website so I have decided to place the guides for this release as downloadable resources on GimpChat.

There are currently no updates for the kerning tools and so I have not included them in this release. You can find these if you need them (and one or two other tools not in this release) in Release 16.

3D Tools

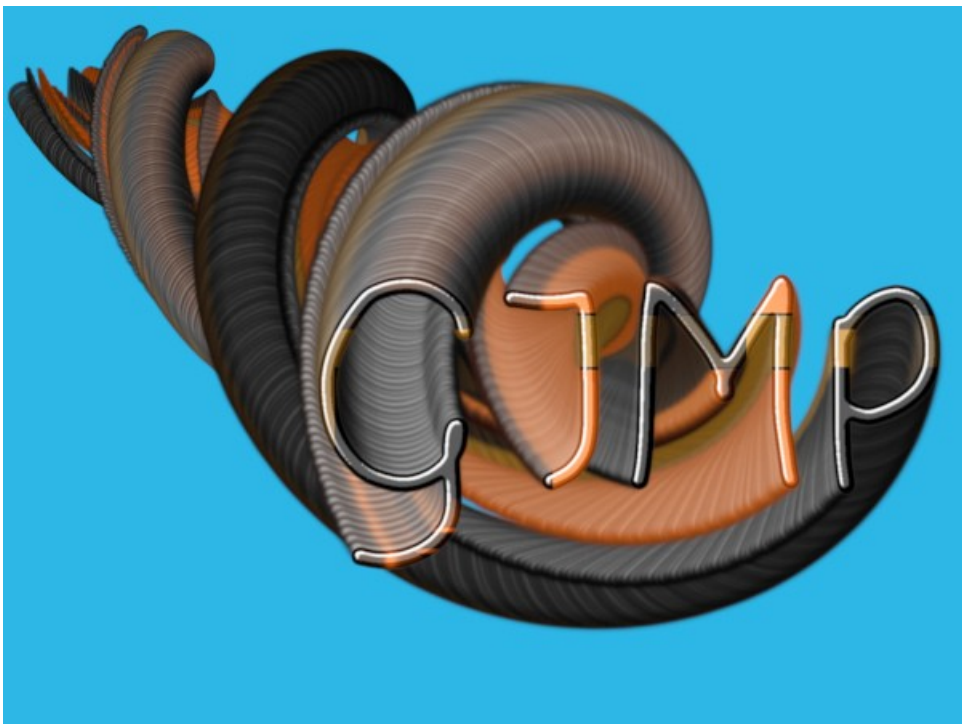
Custom Font Faux 3D Tabbed v0.06

Use this tool to convert decorated custom fonts to 3D style or words.



Custom Font 3D Wordy 6b

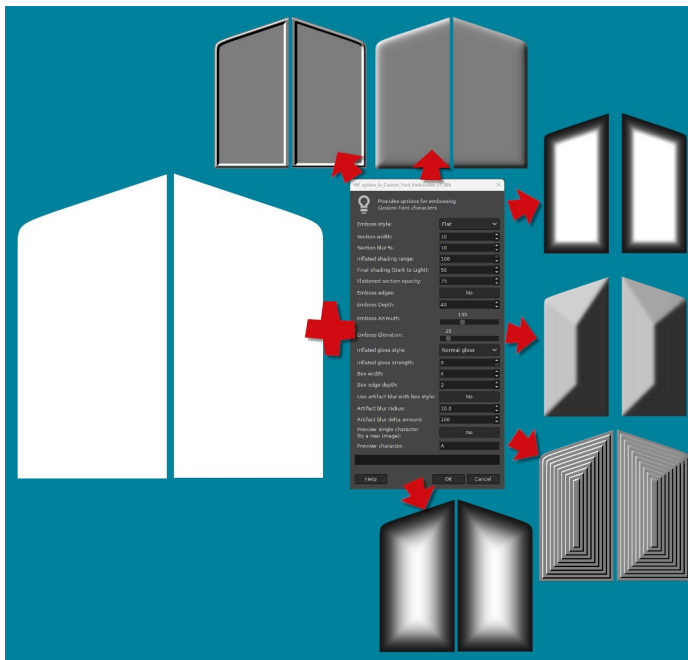
Use this tool to add a 3D effect to a word (or an existing custom font)



Constructing Tools

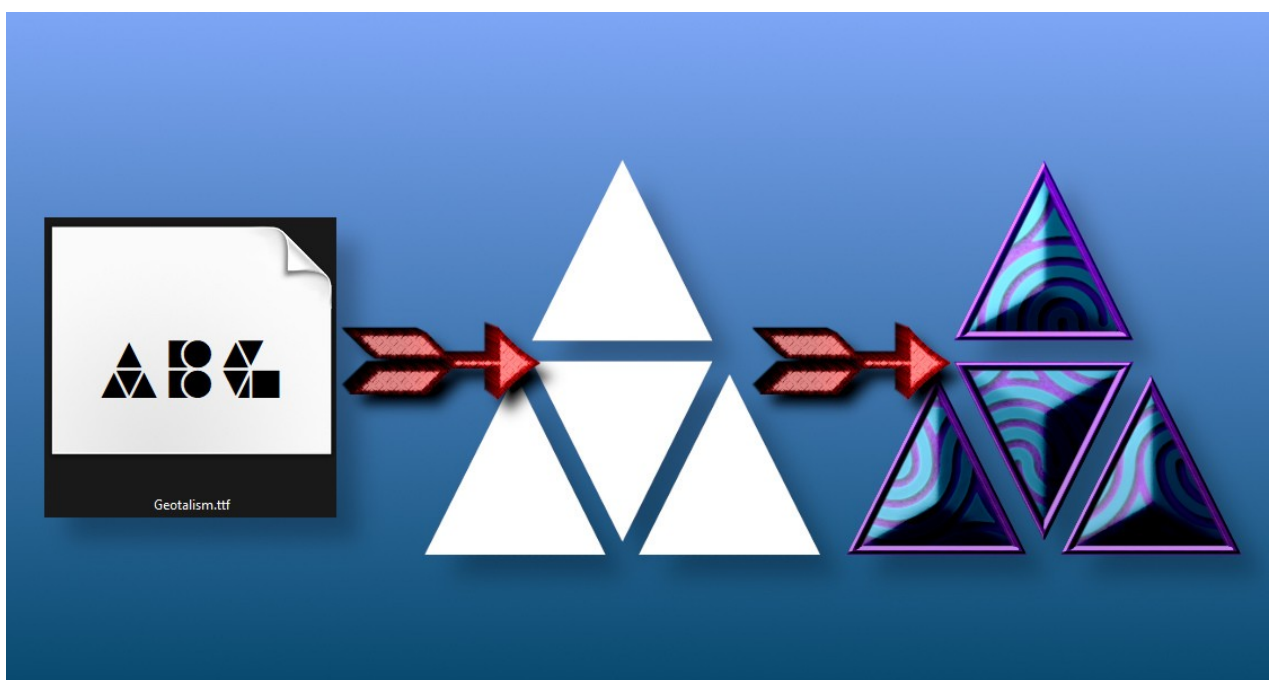
Custom Font Embossible v1.08b

Use this tool to create embossed versions of custom fonts for decoration with other custom font tools.



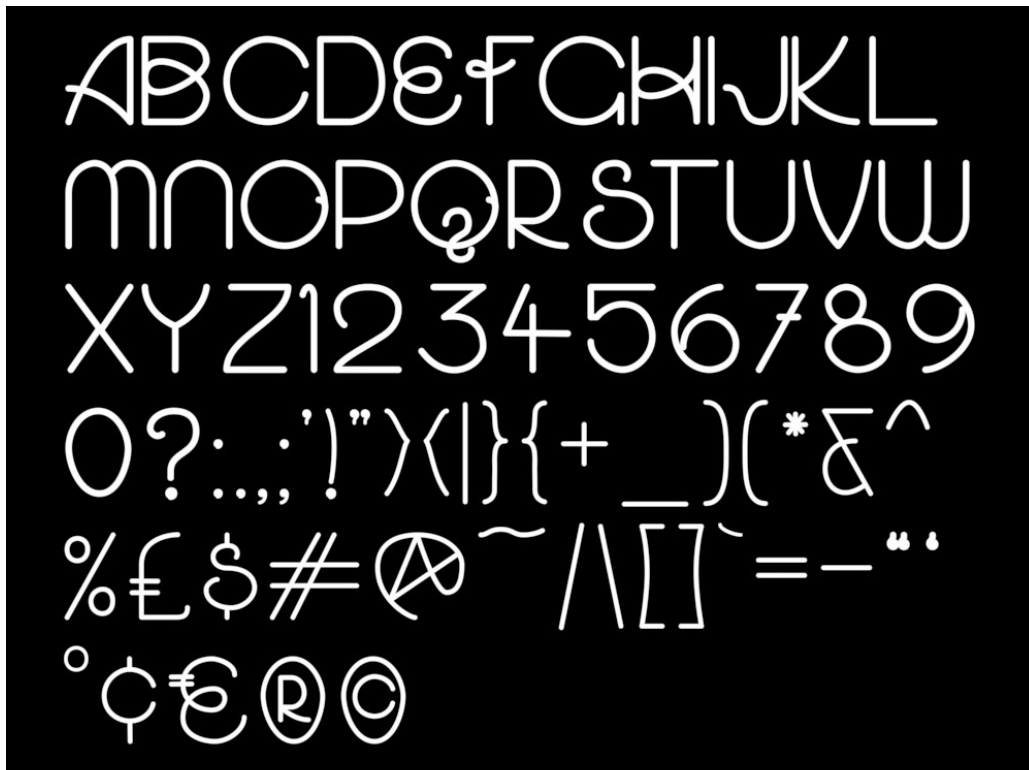
Custom Font Layers with Forced Margins Tabbed v0.06

Use this tool to turn ordinary fonts with an appropriate free to use license into custom fonts.

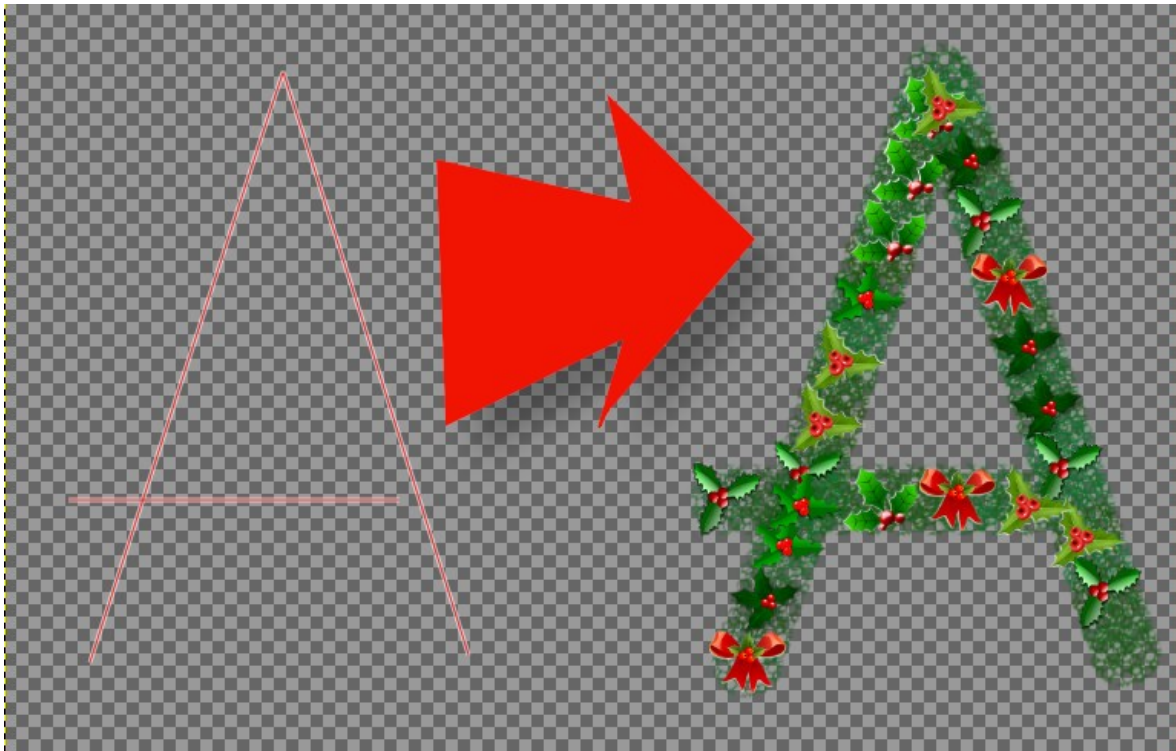


Custom Font Paths to Layers v0.15b

Use this filter to create a base custom font for modifying with other custom font tools...

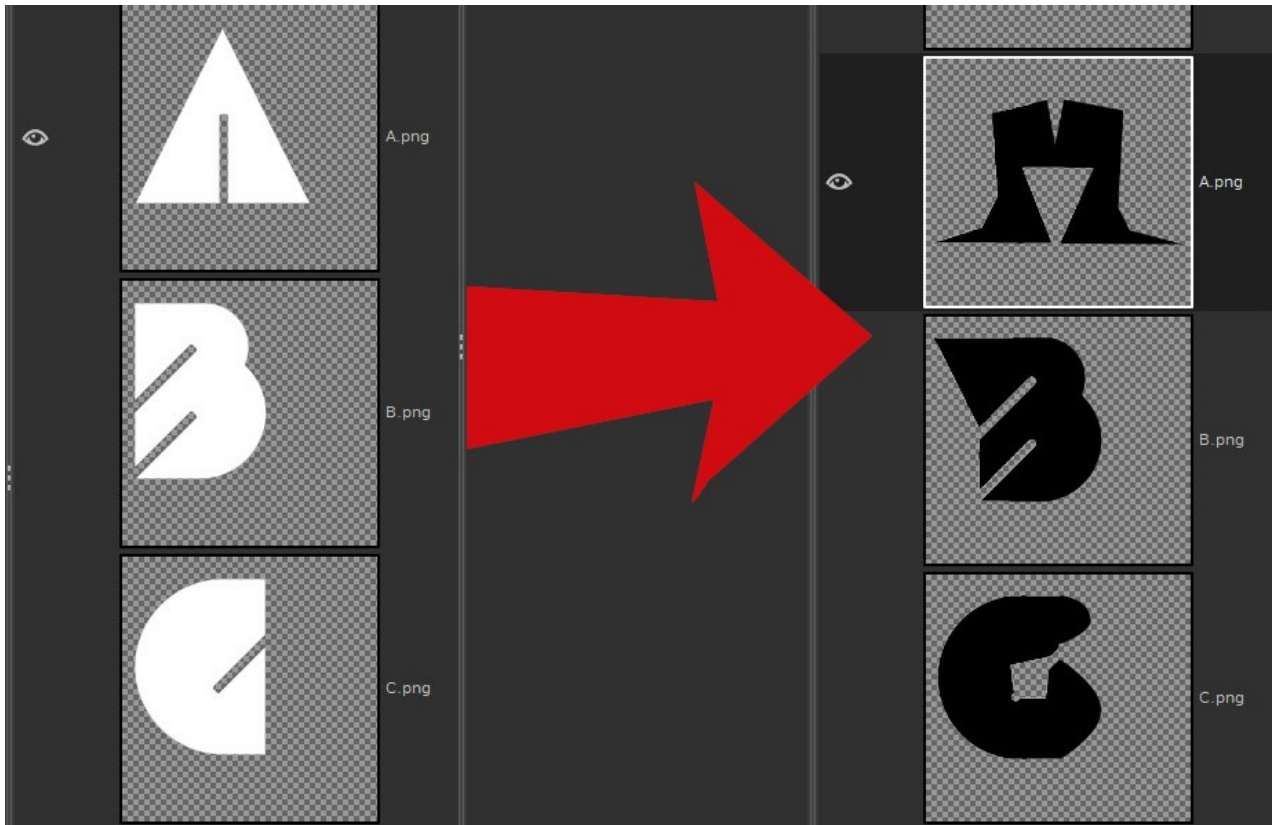


...or for making characters with a more natural, open look, such as those that use plant based images using animated (or pipe) brushes.



Custom Font PixPaths v0.3

Use this custom font tool if you want to tweak the shape of the characters as shown in the rather extreme example below. It works by generating paths from existing custom font characters.

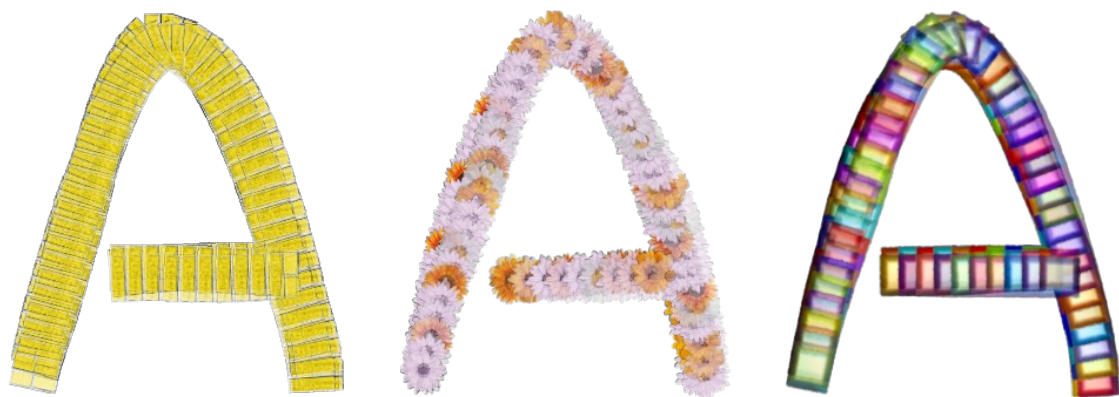


Custom Font Path Wobbler v0.2

This filter uses a version of the wobble plug-in by Tim and super-imposes a number of slightly different layers over each other – adding interest to the character edges.



Use animated brushes with the filter to add even more variation.



Decorating Tools

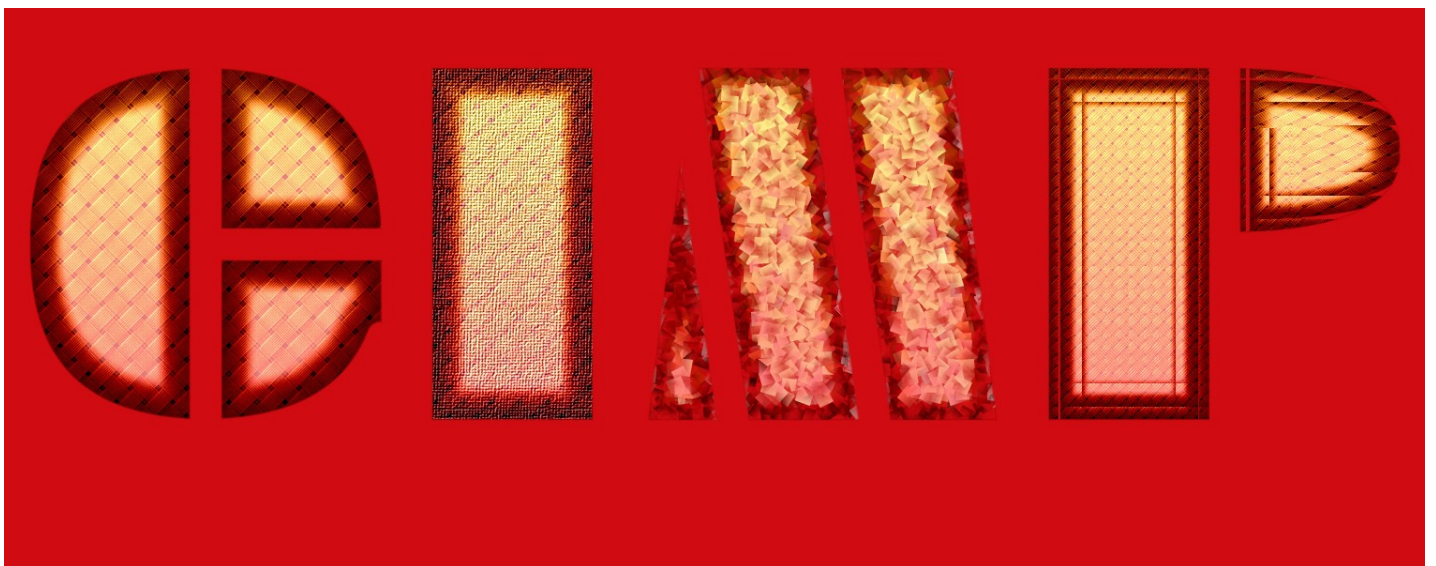
Custom Font Apply Selection v0.1...

Use this to apply a user selection to decorative layers in a custom font file.



Custom Font Artistic Pack v.04...

Use this to apply a range of Gimp's artistic filters to a file of custom font characters.



Custom Font Bevel Reflect 1.13

Use this tool to add highlights to custom font characters.



Custom Font Colorizer v 0.02...

Use this simple plug-in to add colour to custom fonts.

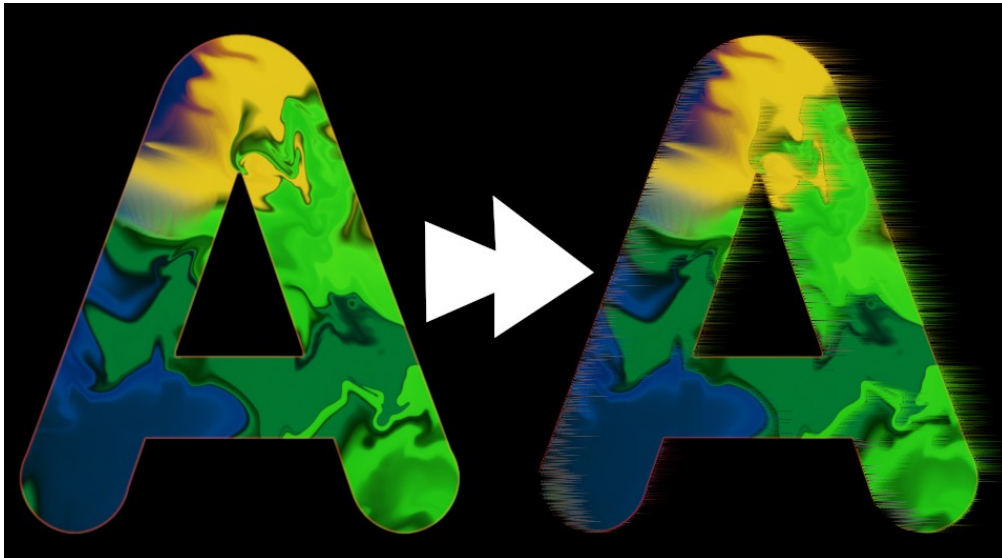
Before and after...



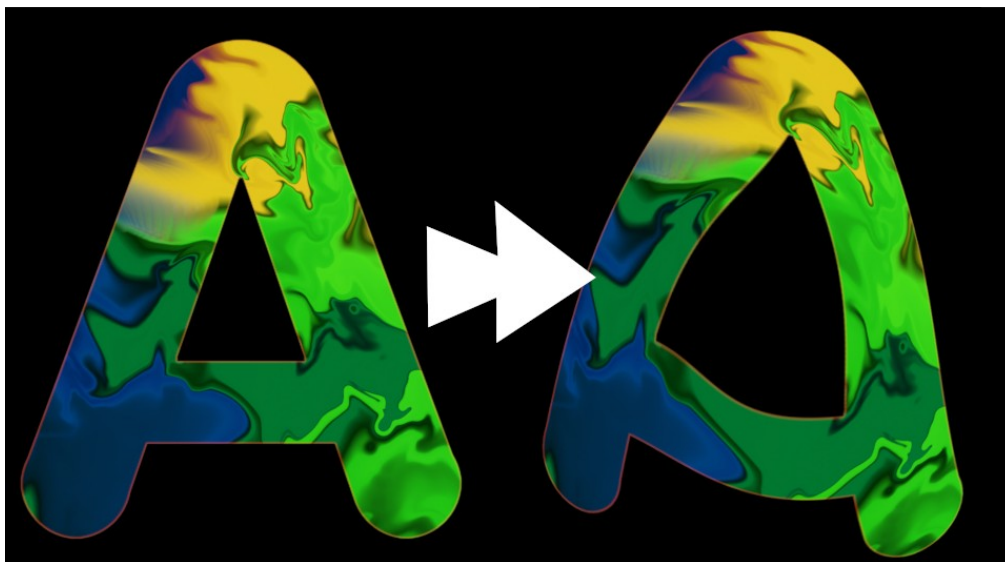
Custom Font Distortion Packs 1 & 2 v0.03...

Use these tools to add a range of Gimp's distortion filters to entire custom fonts.

Pack 1 adds options for applying ripples, waves, shifts and wind distortion effects to each character.



Pack 2 adds options for applying mosaic, video degradation and whirl and pinch effects to custom fonts.



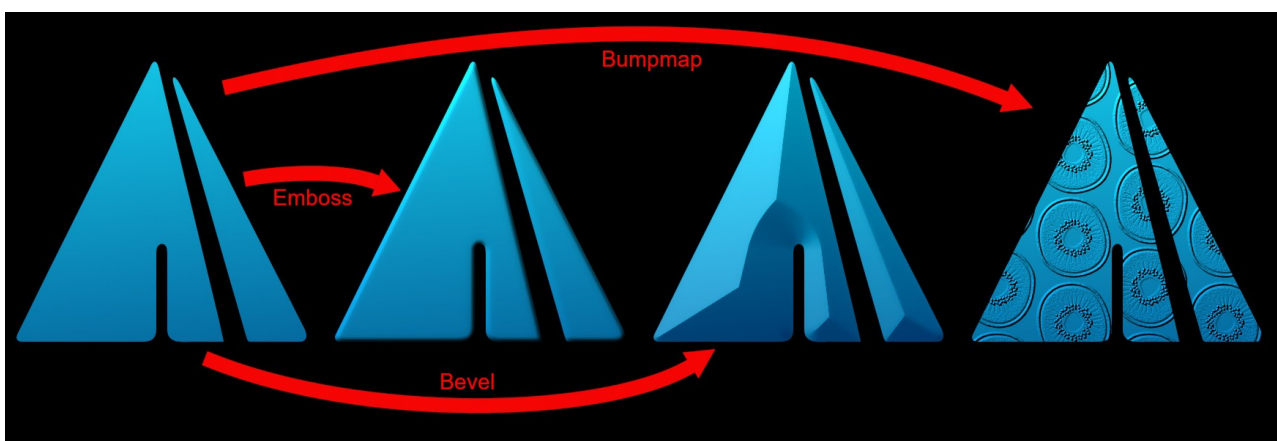
Custom Font Edger v0.3...

Use this tool to remove sections of characters with the currently selected brush.



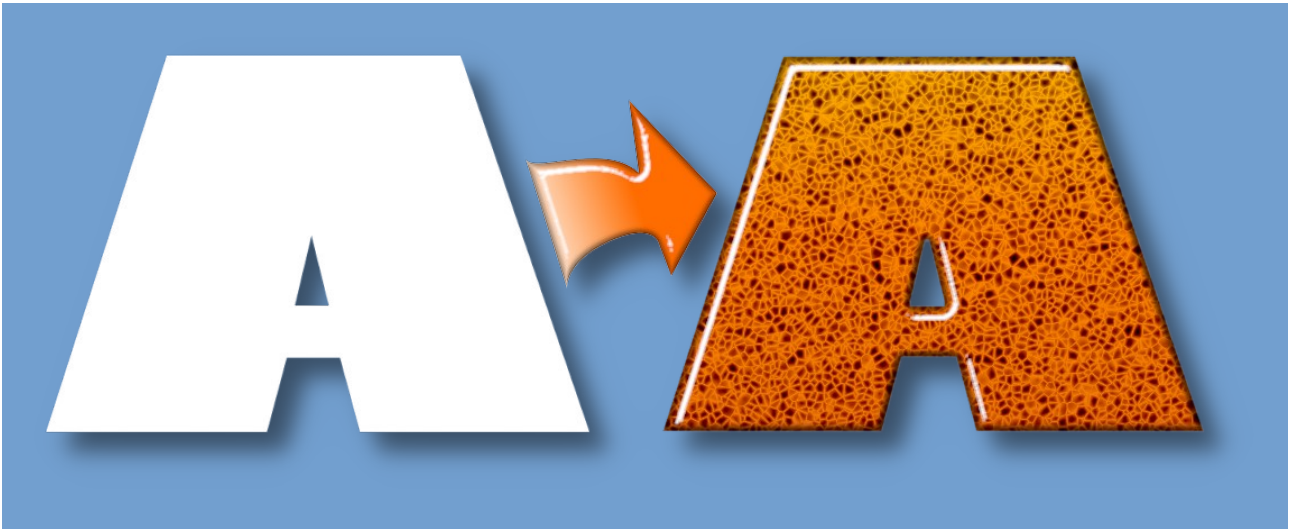
Custom Font Effects Only v0.11...

Use this plug-in to apply an emboss, a bumpmap (taken from an additional layer) or a bevel to the characters in custom fonts.



Custom Font FaceMaker v0.16b Tabbed...

Use this to add décor to base custom fonts or to combine custom fonts.



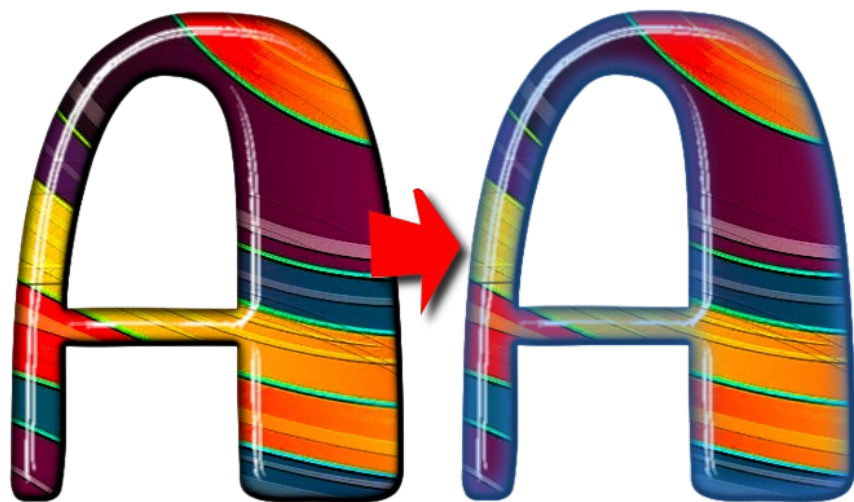
Custom Font Highlights v0.3...

A filter for adding (subtle) highlights to existing custom fonts.



Custom Font Inner Glow v0.4...

Adds an inner glow to the edge or to the centre of characters.



Custom Font Light Effects GT v0.6 Tabbed

Use this filter together with an extra décor layer to use the lighting plug-in with custom fonts.



Custom Font Metallic Effects v0.11 Tabbed...

Use this filter to add metallic effects to your custom fonts.



Custom Font Noise Pack v0.03...

Applies a range of noise plug-ins to your custom fonts.



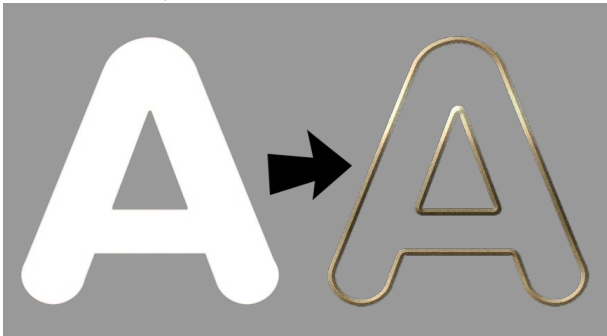
Custom Font Outer Glow v0.03...

Use this if you need to add a glow to the outer edges of a custom font.



Custom Font Outlines Only v0.6...

Use this if you need to create an outline style custom font



or add an outline to an existing custom font.



Custom Font Perspex Effects v.0.2...

Use this filter to produce characters with translucent panels.



Custom Font Selection Highlight v0.1...

Adds a highlight to custom font characters.



Custom Font Sheen N Shine v0.9b Tabbed...

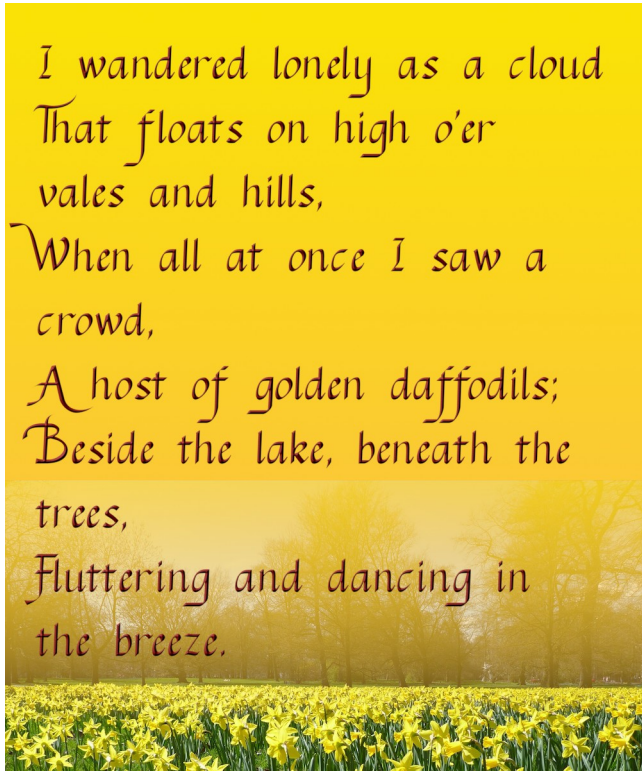
Adds a shine and/or sheen effect to custom font characters.



Using Tools

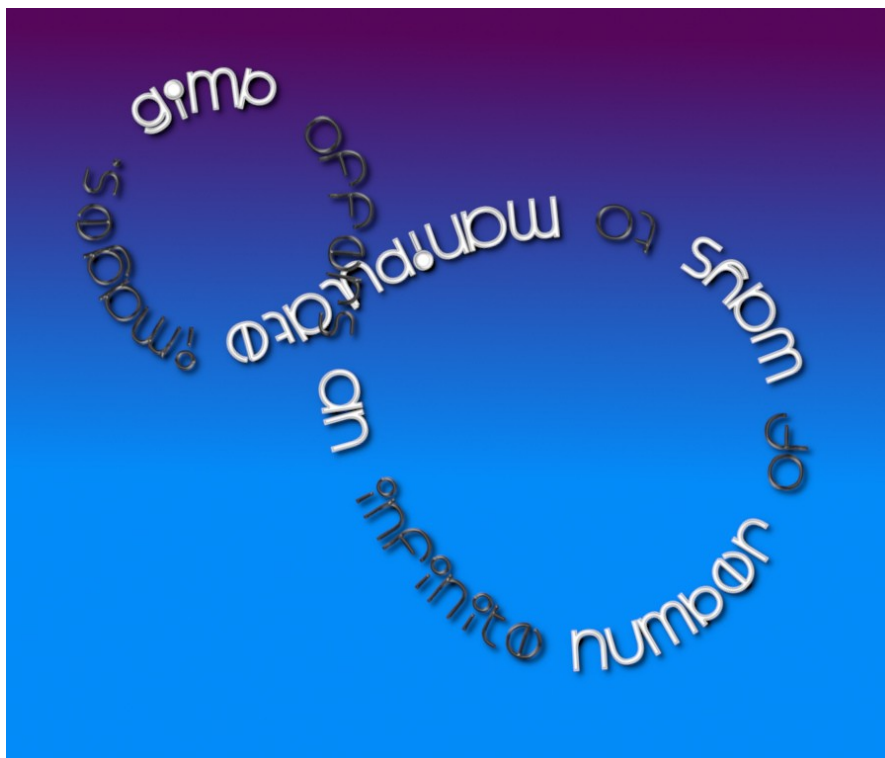
There is no point in having custom fonts unless you have a way of using them.

Custom Font Paragrapher v2.4 Tabbed...



Use this to add lines or short paragraphs of custom font text to an image in Gimp.

Custom Font Trailing v0.4 Tabbed...



Use this tool if you want a quick way of manipulating custom fonts along a path.

FontSlab Tabbed v0.17...

Use this if you need to apply a full range of effects when manipulating custom fonts or normal fonts along a path.



Utility Tools

Custom Font Splitting Utilities

These are plug-ins for splitting up custom fonts into smaller files so that they can be uploaded to any website that imposes filesize restrictions. There is a partner utility for fixing the custom font files back together again.

Use Spitter for breaking up custom fonts into a designated number of files. Stitcher will fit them back together.

Use De-assembler for breaking up custom fonts into various character sets such as upper and lower case, numbers etc. Re-assembler will fit the files back together.

Use Filesize Reducer to view information about custom font characters and to decide which characters to remove from a custom font file.

Other Utility Plug-ins

To help with some of the less glamorous tasks in custom font creation.

Use Folder Thumbnails to generate a png file to use as a thumbnail showing basic information as well as a view of a custom font in its file folder.

Use Layer Utilities for a range of custom font layer tasks including ordering, positioning, naming, trimming etc etc.

Use Path Utilities for a range of custom font path tasks including renaming and removing character and kerning paths from custom font files. (No guide for this one – if you need it you’ll know it.)

Use PreGiffer to create different styles of gifs based around custom font characters.