Microsoft Word 2013: Using WordArt & WordArt Tools

*Let’s add some cool formatting to words on your documents!!*

First select your words that you want to apply Word Art to.

Then go under the **Insert** tab.

Click on a **WordArt** & select a style, don’t worry if you not quite sure which one you want. You screen will appear as shown below if you have the document saved as a .docx.

If you are editing an older version or .doc a **Edit WordArt Text** dialog box will appear.

Once **WordArt** is applied to words you will notice the text box around the selected words.

Notice the **WordArt Tools** tab appears when saved as .doc and if saved as docx the **Drawing Tools** tab appears. Both have lots of tools to change your selected words but the rest of this tutorial will be focused on the newest version of Word 2013 or saved as docx.
Now you can put your mouse over the different **Shape Styles** to see what they look like immediately. Click on the drop down arrow to find even more.

Notice the **Other Theme Fills** located at the bottom.

In the **Shape Styles** grouping, you have the ability to change **Shadow, Reflections, Glow** and more under the **Shape Effects**. These can all be found in the **Drawing Tools** tab which appears when the text is selected.
The **WordArt Style** grouping has even more. Show below is **Quick Styles**. Just hold your mouse over and watch your text change.

![Quick Styles](image)

Under **Shape Effects** is **Soft Edges** for yet another style as shown below is for 50 point.

![Soft Edges](image)

On to the **WordArt Styles** grouping, under **Text Effects** you will find **Transform** which has some very interesting styles to choose from too.

![Transform](image)
In the **WordArt Styles**, under **Text Effects** is **3-D Rotation** and even more **3-D Rotation Options** which gives you more **Format Shape** pane opens. Click on the arrow to open the various choices within each type of formatting. Select to change any options to see changes immediately to your text. Click **Close** when finished.

**Text** grouping has options for **Text Directions** Horozontal, Rotate all text 90 degrees or Rotate all text 270 degrees. Notice at the very bottom is **Text Direction Options**.

**Text** grouping also has options for **Align Text**. Top, Middle or Bottom.
Also in the **Drawing Tools** tab is the **Arrange** grouping. **Position** and **Wrap Text** can help you format your text to suit your needs.

**Size** grouping tools is making a size to suit a specific size. Otherwise you can also just drag your text box to enlarge or make smaller.

On the Drawing Toolbar in the various groupings is several icons that when clicked provide dialog boxes with yet another way to find your various options.