

INKSCAPE TEXTS ON CIRCLE

- In order to have vertical text on both top and bottom of a circle, type two short texts, for instance two names.
- Draw one circle
- Give it a stroke and X the fill
- Edit > duplicate the circle
- Leave the duplicate right on top of the first one
- Resize it to approximate the height of the tallest letter, in other words, to make room for insertion of the text between the outer and inner curves
- To do so, Object > transform > scale
- Both circles should be center-aligned
- Select small circle and text
- Text > Put on path (it will go on outside of circle)
- Select large circle
- Path > Object to path
- Path > reverse
- Select large circle and text
- Text > Put on path (it will go on inside of circle)
- To center the names, with text tool click on beginning letter of each text. **An elusive dotted box must enclose the text for it to work.** It may be difficult to find; move the cursor in various way to detect it.
- Hit the space bar repeatedly until text is properly placed; cursor and text will only go CCW (counter-clockwise)
- For a minute way to move along the curve, going CW or CCW, hold ALT and use arrow keys
- To make circles disappear, select each, then go to stroke paint X, or change stroke width to zero