

DO YOU HATE THIS DOT TOO?

If you do, or if there's something about a font that doesn't sit right with you, I've got great news: you can change it!

Here's how to do it in just a few simple steps →

Step 1
Make sure the font is open source

But what does open source mean?

Before getting started, check that the font you want to modify is covered by an open-source license, specifically the SIL Open Font License (OFL).

A font licensed under OFL is free to use, modify, and share — but if you want to share your modified version, you need to follow a few important rules:

1. **Stick to the license**
The modified font must keep the same OFL license, meaning your version will also remain free for others to use and modify.
2. **Rename it**
You can't always keep the original name of the font for your version. If the first part of the license includes a "Reserved Font Name," you must choose a new one to avoid confusion.
3. **Include the license**
Every copy or distribution of the font (modified or not) must include the original license.
4. **Don't alter the license**
The SIL Open Font License can't be changed or removed from the font. However, at the beginning of the license, you must include your name for the copyright notice, along with the relevant details for your version.

If you have any doubts about how to share your modified version of a font, visit the page at this link: <https://openfontlicense.org/how-to-modify-ofl-fonts/>.

A tip for you

Most fonts on Google Fonts are open source. To verify, look for the License section of your chosen font: if it says "SIL Open Font License," you're good to go!



Step 2

Download the font and open it in FontForge

Download the font you want to modify and open the *.glyphs* or *.ufo* file (you should always use the source file) with FontForge, one of the best open source tools for creating and editing fonts. You can download it directly from their website.

Why FontForge?

It's great for adjusting every detail of a font: shapes, spacing, weight, and much more. You'll have all the control you need to fine-tune the details that matter to you.

Step 3

Time to edit the font!

Now the fun begins! With the font open in FontForge, you can:

- Kill the dots and make them squares. OFF WITH THEIR HEADS!
- Adjust the shapes of letters, like widening the a.
- Straighten out letters that feel too "quirky" for your taste.

In short... do whatever you want.

Step 4

Save and use your custom "Frankenfont"

Useful links where you can find fonts licensed under Open Font Licenses

Once you've cut off all the *is* heads and you're happy with your changes, save the font. Don't forget to give it a new name if you plan to share it.

Now you've got a unique font, tailored exactly to your taste!

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