

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/](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 Licesce

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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