

## Guide to Creating Custom Fonts with Randomised Backgrounds

### Filters/Plugins you will need:

**Font to Layers** by MareroQ

**Custom Font Labels v103** by Skinnyhouse

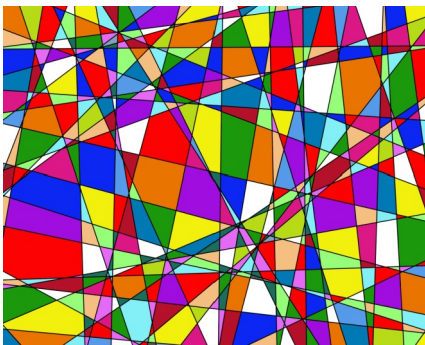
**Custom Font Outlines v001** by Skinnyhouse

**Shine-001b** by Graechan (modified by Skinnyhouse)

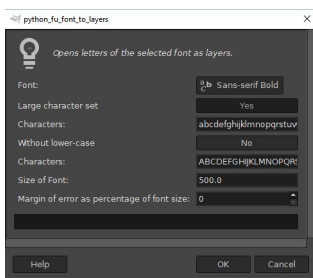
**Chisel for 2-10-0** Original by Rob Antonishen (modified by Skinnyhouse)

Before you begin you should make your abstract background layer/layers. The size should be larger than the layers that make up the letters of the custom font – I would suggest at least twice as large. So for a size of 500 I would make the background 1000 by 1000 or 1500 by 1500 pixels.

This is the really creative part of the process so let your imagination run riot. You could use an existing image or a canvas filled with random lines, brush strokes, shapes etc. I used the Path tool to stroke randomly drawn points with a black line, before using the Fill tool to colour in the different regions of the canvas. (This part takes the longest to do.)



In **Font to Layers** (Filters>>Text>>Font to Layers...) choose the font you need and set your required size. Hit 'Ok' and let the filter do its work and create the set of layers for your custom font. The colour you use has no bearing on the final result.



I used Sans serif Bold with a size of 500.

I took the opportunity to alter the width of the space layer to make it narrower – my usual preference with custom fonts.

The next step is to add your background, as a new layer, to your custom font file.

Open the image in Gimp and then copy and paste the layer into the font file using Edit>>Copy (Ctrl + C in Windows) with the background image active and then Edit>>Paste as>>New Layer in Place with the custom font image active.

Alternatively you can use File>>Open as Layers... (Ctrl+Alt+O in Windows) to open the background image as a layer to the custom font image.

Once done, resize your view of the image in Gimp with Image>>Fit Canvas to Layers followed by View>>Zoom>>Fit Image in Window (Ctrl + O in Windows).