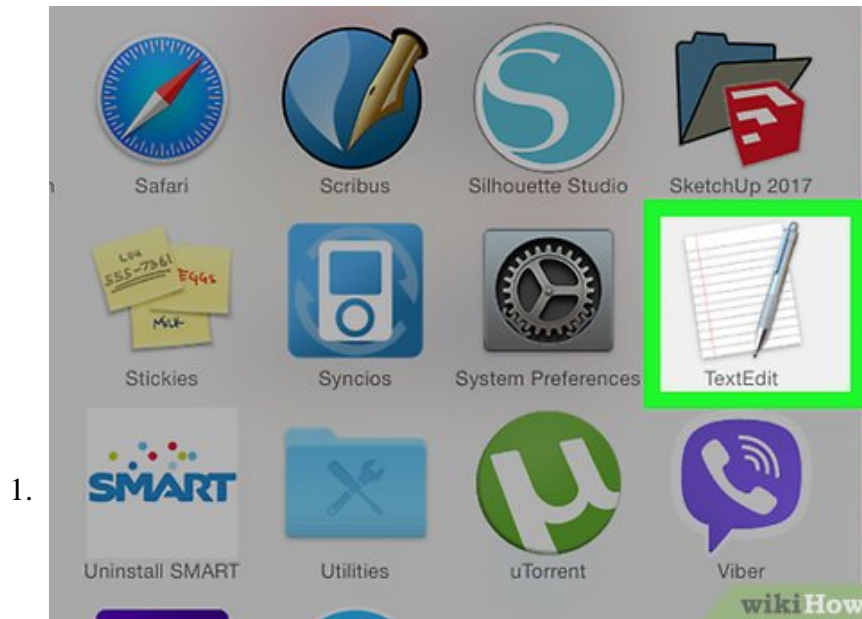


How to Make Pictures Using Keyboard Keys

This wikiHow teaches you how to create basic images using your computer's keyboard and a text editor such as Notepad. Keyboard art is a great way to create simple art which can be copied and pasted into comment boxes, messages, and so on....

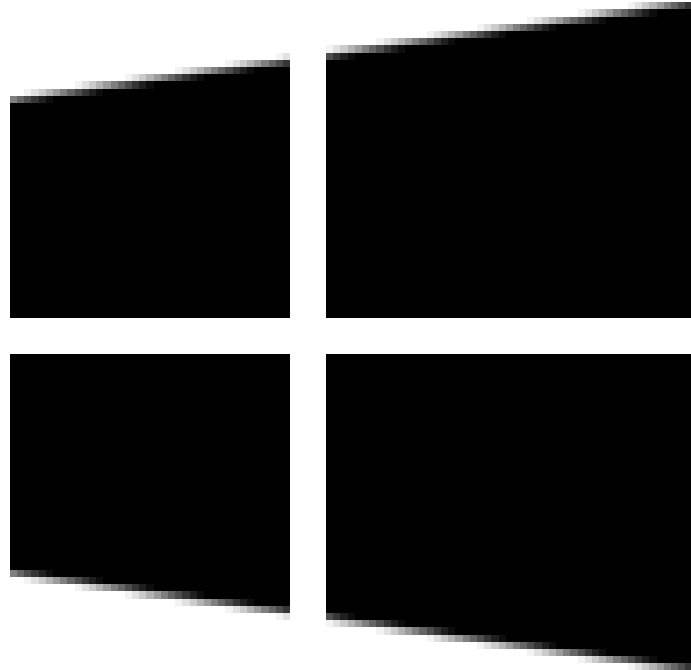
Method 1 of 2:

Creating Keyboard Art



Open a text editor. When creating keyboard art, you'll typically use a plaintext editor, such as Notepad (Windows) or TextEdit (Mac), instead of a more complex editor like Microsoft Word or Pages:

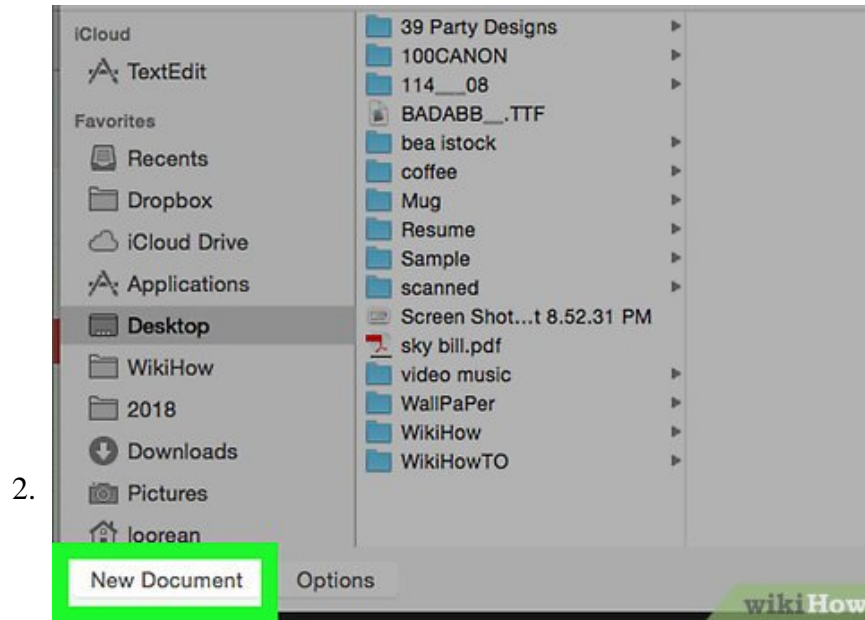
1. *Windows* — Open **Start**



- , type in `notepad`, and click **Notepad** at the top of the Start window.
2. *Mac* — Open **Spotlight**

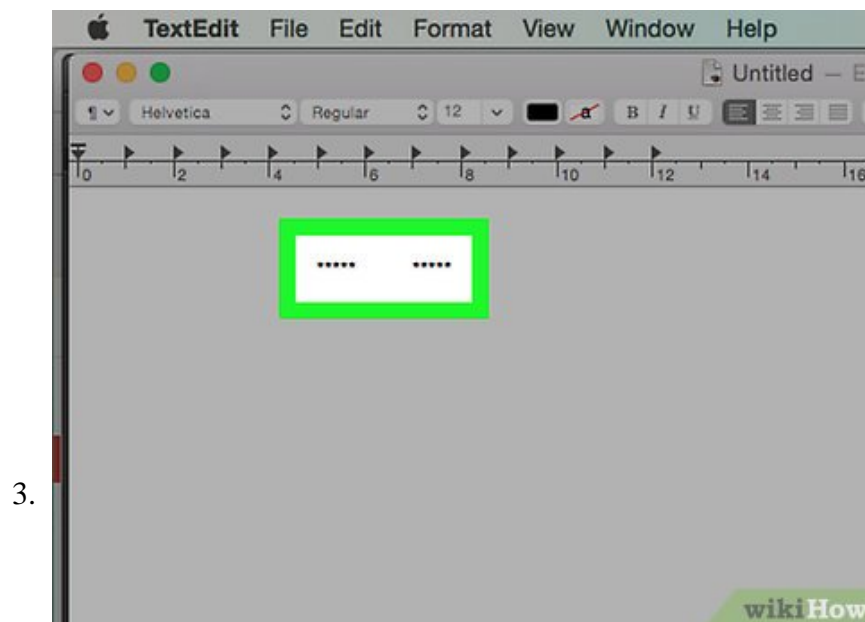


, type in `textedit`, and double-click **TextEdit** at the top of the search results.



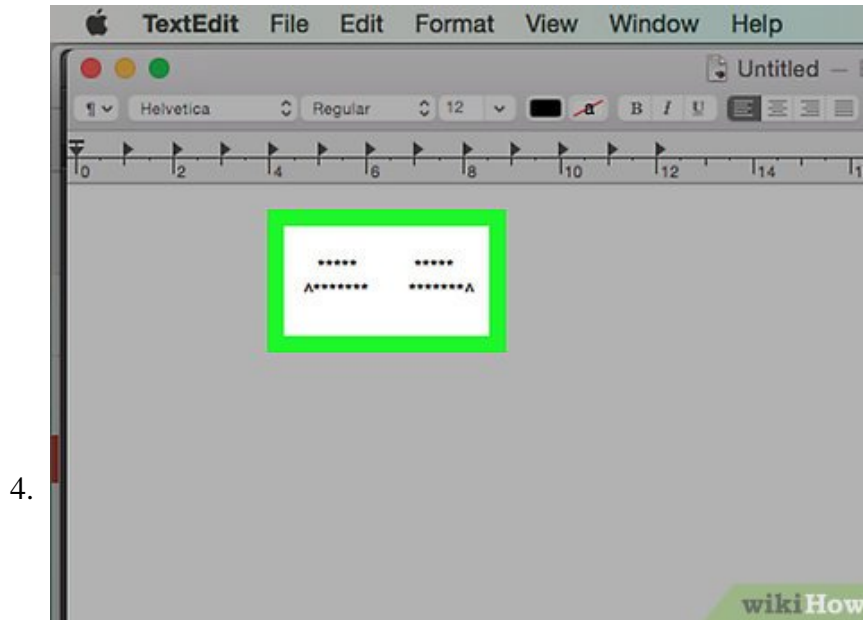
Determine what you want to make a picture of. Before you start typing random letters and symbols into your text editor, consider the subject you want to create.

1. Even just knowing the outline shape of the subject should be enough to get you started.
2. Having a rough sketch of your subject may help you envision better the shapes you'll need to use.



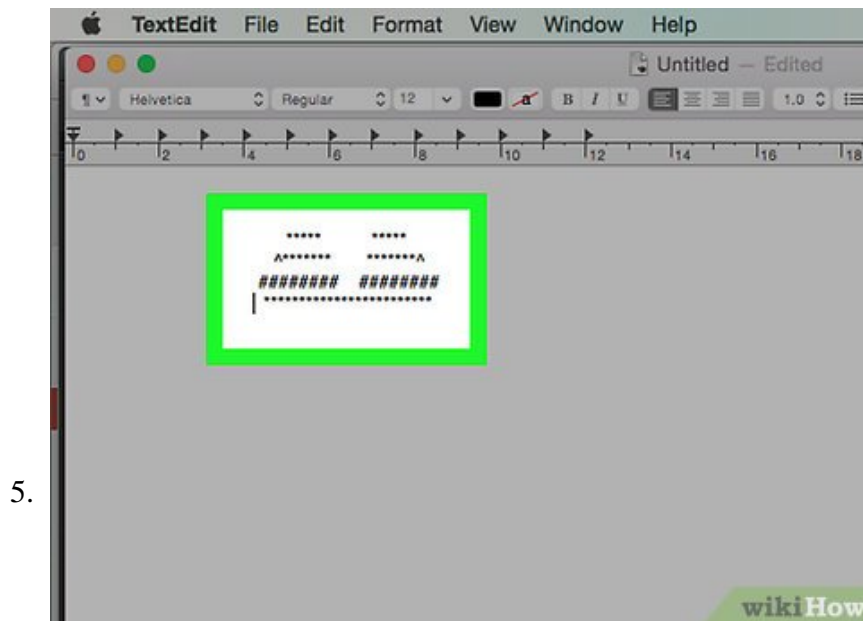
Start from the top of your subject. It may be tempting to attempt to create the outline for your shape and then fill it in, but creating keyboard art is much easier when you go line-by-line.

1. For example, if you're creating a cat face, you'll want to start with the ears.



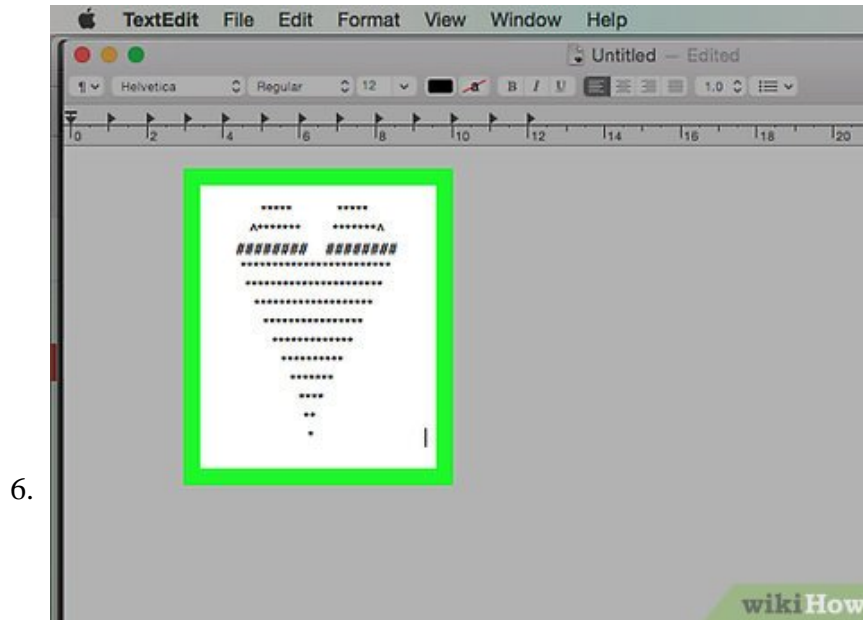
Experiment with different keyboard combinations. Certain keys may look like obvious choices for your keyboard art, but using different keys, lowercase letters, and combinations of symbols may achieve better results.

1. For a cat's ears, for example, your first instinct might be to use the carrot (^) key for the ears; however, using a slash (/) next to a back slash (\) will create a larger, more "ear-like" shape (/).

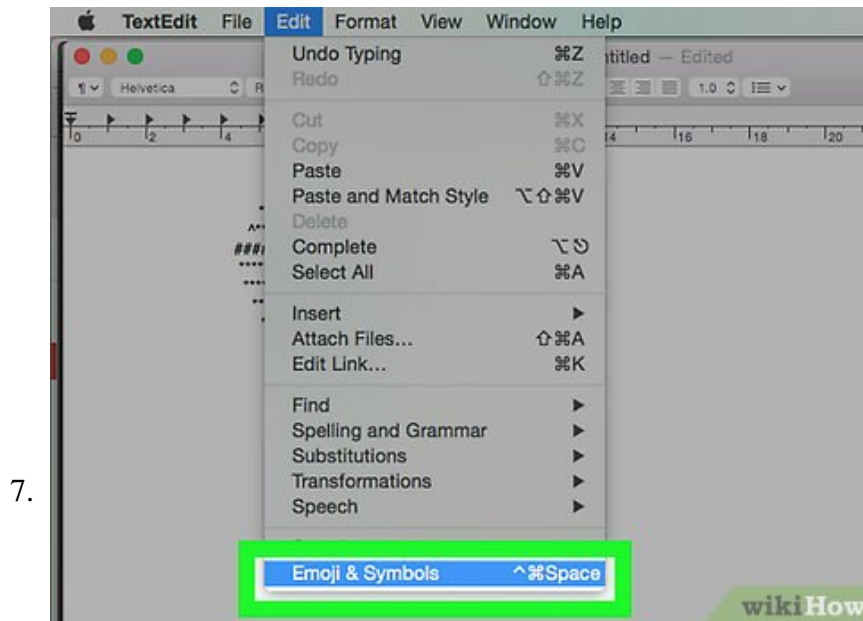


Adjust each line's spacing as needed. As your keyboard art begins to take shape, you may need to go back and change a line's spacing to fit a lower layer.

1. For example, you may have to move an entire line forward or backward. You might also need to add an extra space between two characters to extend the line.



Don't feel limited by symmetry. As with any art, your keyboard image's perspective will determine whether or not the image should be symmetrical; often, one side of the image will have more spaces or characters than the other.

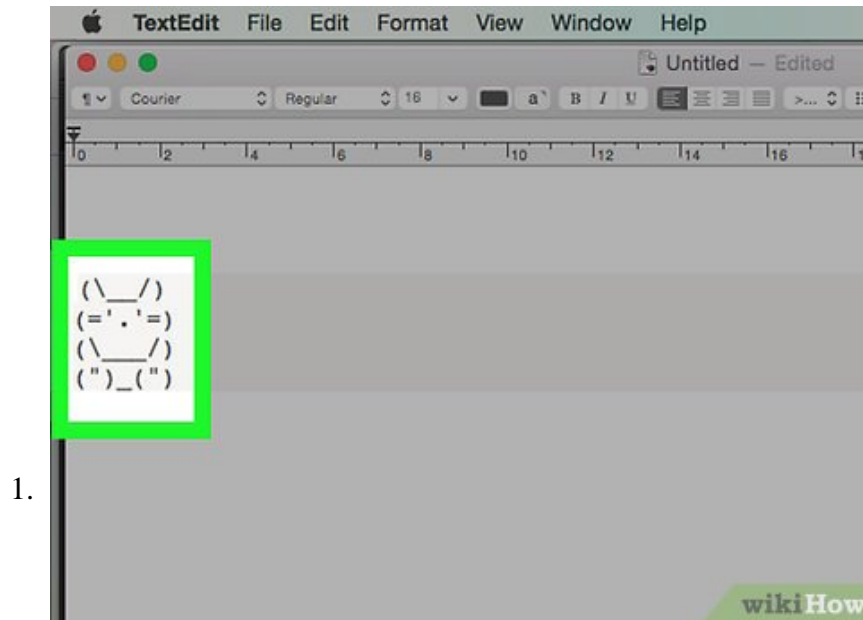


Consider using your computer's special symbols. Keyboard keys contain a wide variety of symbols and variations, but you may want to use advanced symbols (e.g., the degree symbol) for an extra layer of detail. Both Windows and Mac computers have dedicated symbol menus:

1. *Windows* — Character Map. You can open Character Map by typing `character map` into the **Start** window and then clicking **Character Map** at the top of the window.
2. *Mac* — Emoji & Symbols. You can open this menu by ensuring that your mouse cursor is in TextEdit, clicking **Edit** at the top of the screen, and clicking **Emoji & Symbols** in the drop-down menu.

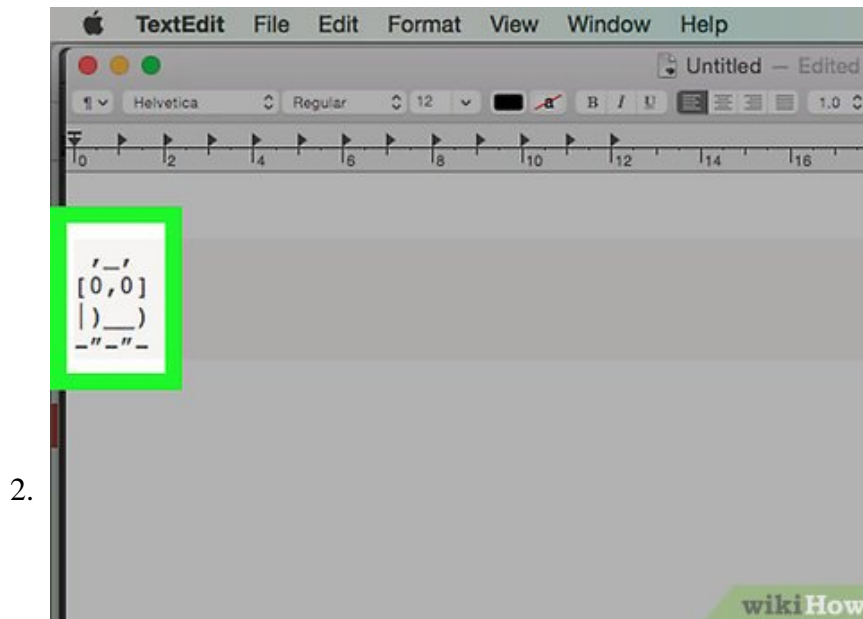
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Creating Common Shapes



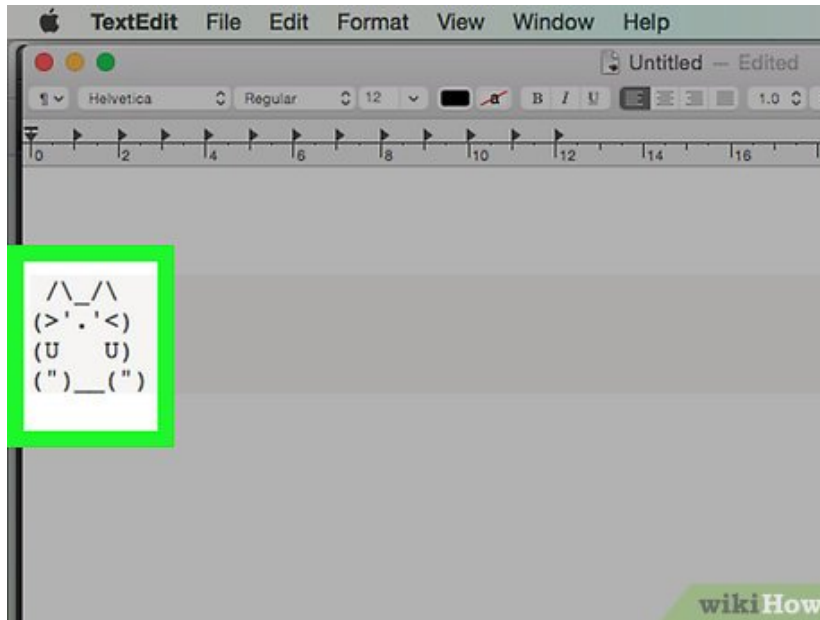
Make a bunny. You can create a bunny using basic keyboard symbols:

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(__/\) (='.'=) (__/\) (")_(")
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Create an owl. Unlike bunny keyboard art, an owl is defined by straighter lines, so you'll use brackets ([]) and the "pipe" keys here:

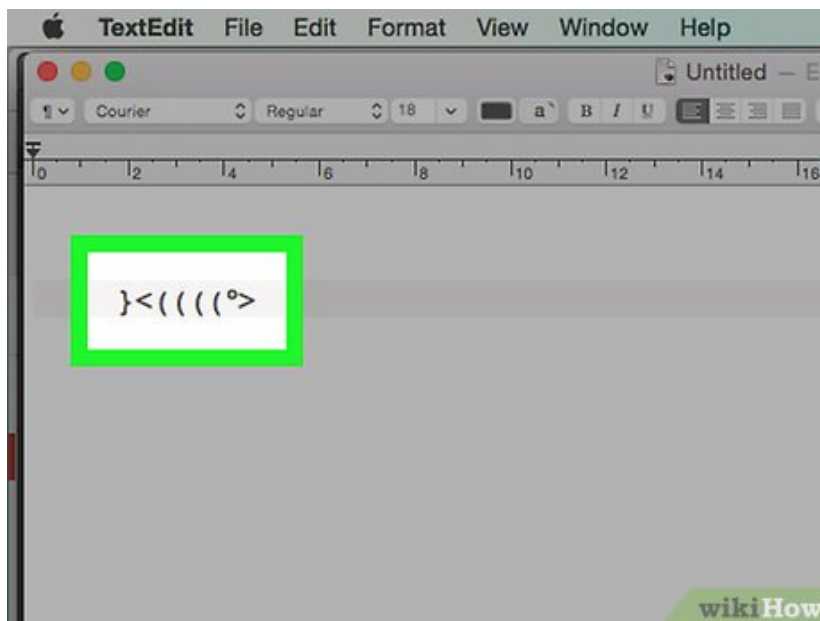
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'_-, [0,0] |)_)-''--
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3.

Design a cat. The cat keyboard art template is similar to a bunny:

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4.

Make a fish. You'll need to find the degree symbol on your computer in order to create this keyboard art:

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Sample ASCII Images

Picture 14 of How to Make Pictures Using Keyboard Keys

ASCII Art Pictures

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