

Change kerf-offset in Inkscape for lasercutting, v0.2 by A Koene.

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Thx to 'ragistan' on <https://alpha.inkscape.org/vectors/www.inkscapeforum.com/viewtopic8101.html?t=18634>

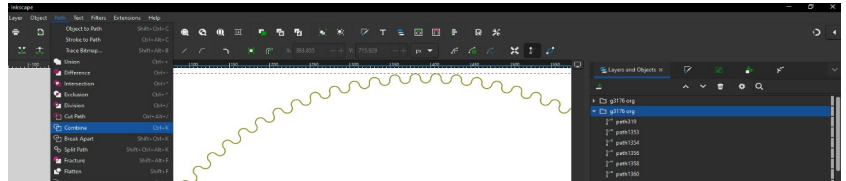
Preparation

-From Freecad 1.0, use my github “github.com/gitAjjk/ajOffset.FCMacro.py”, or export e.g. Shape2DView’s as ‘Autodesk 2D .dxf’.

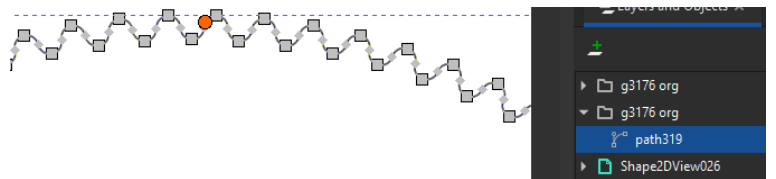
-Open in Inkscape 1.3.

-Set Stroke style > Width to 1.0 px. (Hairline can be double!!)

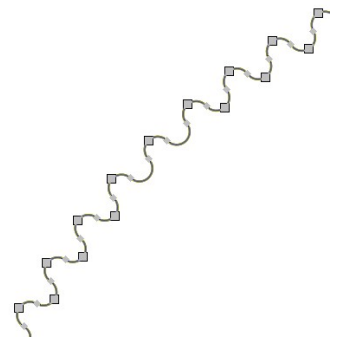
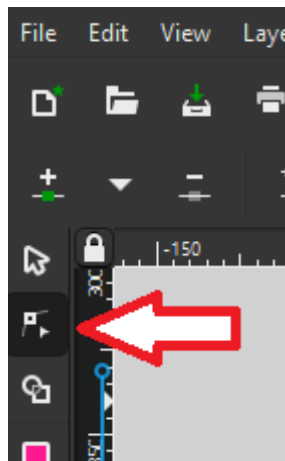
-**menu > Path > Combine [ctrl][k]**
to get one path for each item.



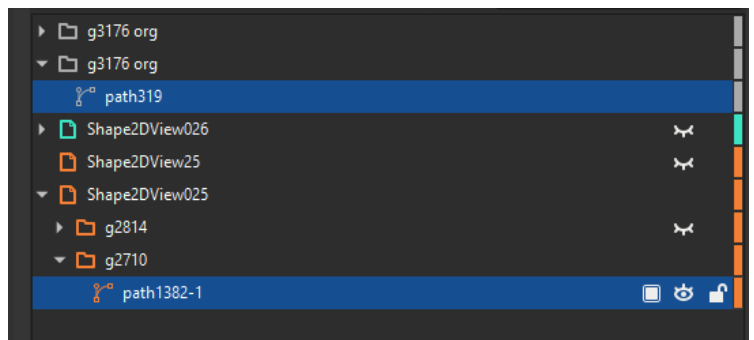
Result is a combined path:
(Afterwards, you can ‘Break apart’ if you want)



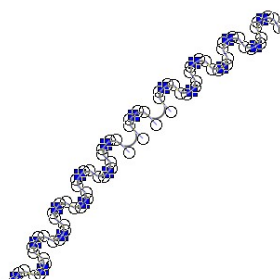
-**Node Tools > Edit path by nodes [n] or [F2]**
You see:



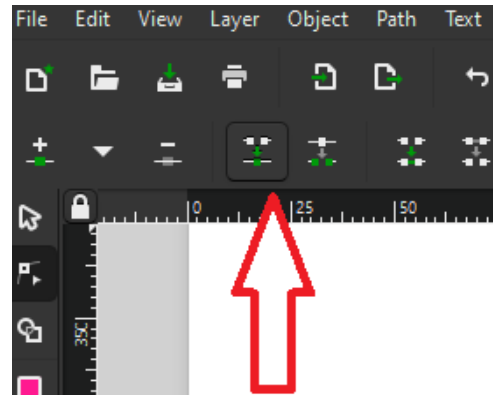
-In tree, select all combined items to be given an offset



-Select all nodes (!!) with [ctrl][a]
You see blue indicators:



-Join selected nodes [shift][j]

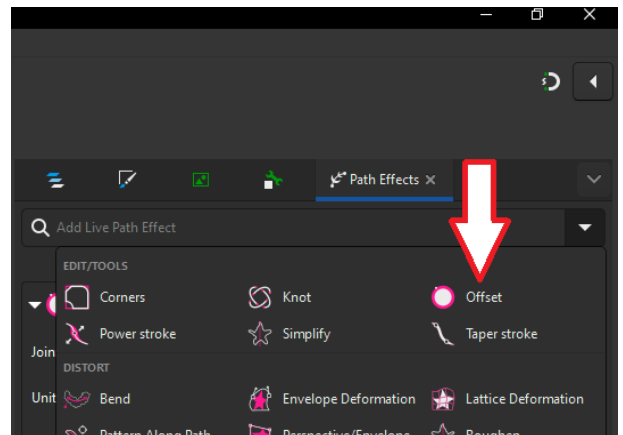


(An invisible? change is applied to the selected items!)

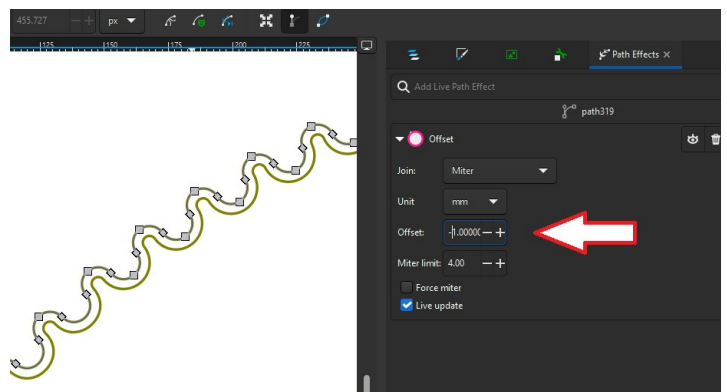
Apply Kerf Offset

-For offsetting, selection of only 1 path, shape, clone or Group is permitted.

-menu > Path > Path Effects... [ctrl][&],
'Add live path effect': **Offset**



-Change **Offset** as you wish.
Negative for other side.
For lasercut: $\text{kerf} / 2$?



-Change colors of the result-paths, etc.
-Save as .dxf R14.

-If you get this, then you didn't select all nodes with [ctrl][a] before
'Join selected nodes'.

