Drop caps are used to emphasize the beginning of a paragraph of text. A drop cap bolds and enlarges the first character of the first word in the paragraph, providing a nice design element to begin a text block. This is one way to achieve a formal and creative look in a publication. The font of the drop cap may change depending on the style chosen. It is also possible to choose from several preset formats or the drop cap can be customized to fit individual needs.

Create a Dropped Capital Letter

† Place the insertion point in the paragraph in which the dropped capital letter is to be created.
† Click the Text Box Tools Format Tab.
† In the Typography Group, click the Drop Cap button (see illustration).
† A gallery of different Drop Cap styles will display (see illustration below).

† Click one of the styles to apply it to the paragraph.

Remove a Dropped Capital Letter

† Place the insertion point in the paragraph from which the dropped capital letter is to be removed.
† Click the Text Box Tools Format Tab.
† In the Typography Group, click the Drop Cap button.
† Click the style in the top row, first column of the Drop Cap Styles Gallery.

Customize a Dropped Capital Letter

† Place the insertion point in the paragraph in which the dropped capital letter is to be customized.
† Click the Text Box Tools Format Tab.
† In the Typography Group, click the Drop Cap button (see illustration below).

† Click the Custom Drop Cap link (see illustration on next page).
The **Custom Drop Cap** dialog box will display (see illustration below).

![Custom Drop Cap dialog box](image)

**Click the position for the drop cap.** The three options are: Dropped, Up, Lines

**Click the **Lines** spinner arrows** to adjust the position of the drop cap.

**Click the **Size of Letters** spinner arrows** to adjust the height of the drop cap.

**Click the **Number of Letters** spinner arrows** to specify the number of letters to be formatted as a drop cap.

**Before changes to font attributes are made,** the following options must not contain check marks.

- Use current font
- Use current font style
- Use current color

**Once the check marks are removed,** select a font by clicking the **Font** list arrow.

**Select a font style** by clicking the **Font Style** list arrow.

**Select a different color for the drop cap** by clicking the **Color** list arrow.

**Click one of the following options** to return to the original text formatting in the regular paragraph.

- Use current font
- Use current font style
- Use current color

**Click **Apply** to make changes without exiting from the dialog box.**

**When all the changes have been made,** click **OK**.