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Triangle Template 04 – Homework Part 1B
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Okay guys, in this lesson we're going to make another triangle template and we're going to do it just like the last lesson where I'll give you a visual and the main steps to be completed as well as tips and pointers to help you create the template.

But don't forget, if you get lost or need extra help, the step by step instructions are available in the downloads for this lesson. So let's jump on in and get started. First, here is a visual of the template we are going to create. Note the two main parts, the light and medium gray shows them. This template isn't quite as straightforward as you think. So here are the steps and the hints to help you.

The first main step is to create a new document. Make sure it is 2.25 inches by 2.25 inches at 300 pixels per inch with a transparent background. Next we need to create the main triangle. Use the custom shape tool with the triangle shape. Set a fixed size of two inches wide by 1.727 inches high. Also once the triangle is on the document, make sure to center it.

For step three, we need to create the light gray accent layer. The first thing we'll need to do is to create a rectangle using the rectangular marquee tool. Use a fixed size of 2.25 inches high by 1.9 inches wide. Also, you'll need to fill the selection with the foreground color by using the shortcut of alt backspace in windows or option delete on a Mac. Next we'll need to rotate the rectangle 30 degrees and move it down until the left edge of the main triangle is completely covered. Here is a visual of what your document will look like if you're following along. It doesn't make much sense right now, but it will in a second.

After this, we'll need to remove all of the pixels that extend beyond the edges of the main triangle. To do this, we'll need to get a selection of the main triangle layer and then do a select, inverse in the menu bar. Then press backspace in windows or delete on a Mac to remove the unwanted pixels. But even after doing that, there are still some pixels hanging out outside of the document boundaries. So to remove those, select all and choose image, crop.

The next main step is to add the type. Use a basic font with a size of 18 points. Center the type across the horizontal, and use a horizontal guide at the position of 1.6 to place the bottom of the text against.

Now you can save your template as triangle template zero four dot PSD in the same place as the other triangle templates.

So here is a zoomed in visual of the template we just created. Using a rotated rectangle to create the accent layer is not the most straightforward thing. So if you got stuck, don't feel bad, just use the manual to help you get it right. Next up, we're going to tackle part two of the triangle homework. This is where we will challenge ourselves to use the triangles we just created in a project. I can't wait to see you there. This is Jenifer Juris with perfectly personal word art.