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Circular Title Path (Adobe Photoshop)

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Create a type path that will take your title circular.

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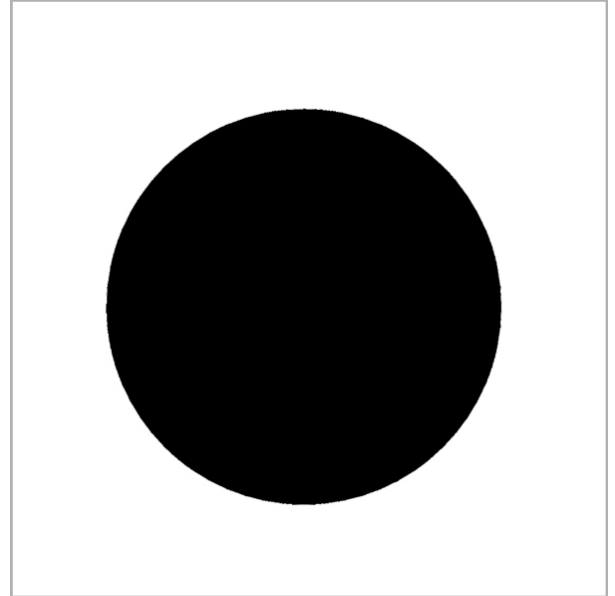


Prepare the Workspace

- Begin in Adobe Photoshop.
- Create a new 12x12 inch document (File > New) at 300 ppi with a white background.
- Press the letter D to reset the Color Chips to the default of black over white.

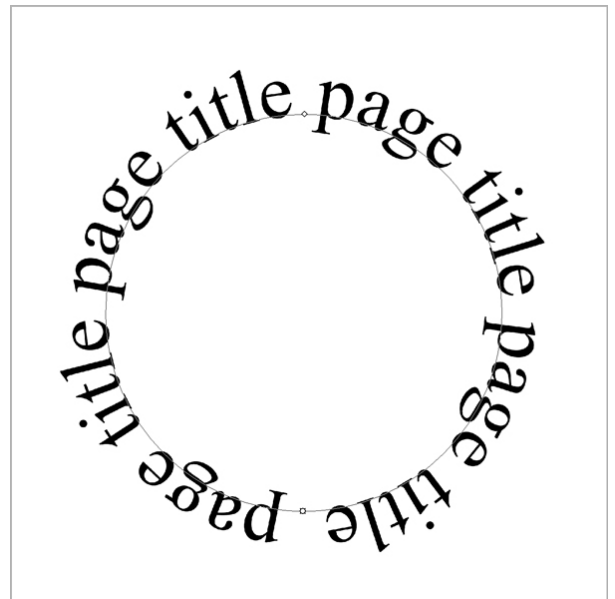
Add a Circle Shape

- Get the Ellipse tool. It's nested with the other shape tools.
- In the Tool Options, set the Tool Mode to Shape. Click on the Fill thumbnail and choose Solid Color. If the Color Chip is not black, click on the Color Picker icon, choose black, and click OK. Click on the Stroke thumbnail and choose None. Open the Path Operations and choose New Layer. Open the Path Options and choose Unconstrained. Check Align Edges.
- On the document, click once in the center.
- In the dialog box, set the Width to 8 in and the Height to 8 in. Check From Center and click OK.



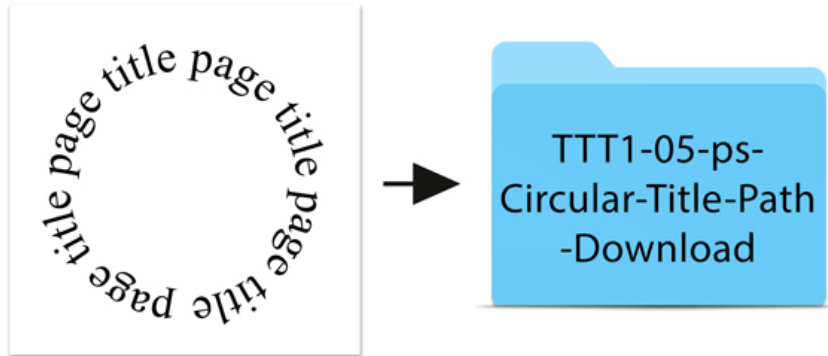
Type On the Path

- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, open the Font Picker and choose Times New Roman Regular. Set the Size to 113. Click on the Align Center icon. If the Color Chip is not black, click on it, choose black, and click OK.
- In the Character panel (Window > Character), set the Leading to Auto and the Tracking to 0.
- On the document, hover your cursor over the top-center edge of the circle until you see the Type On a Path icon (I-beam with a wavy line through it), then click to place the cursor.
- Type "page title" four times with a space between each word. It should completely fill the path around the circle. It's okay if some of the type is not showing or if there's a gap at the bottom. Click the checkmark to commit the change.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Visibility icon of the circle layer to hide it.



Save the Layered Document

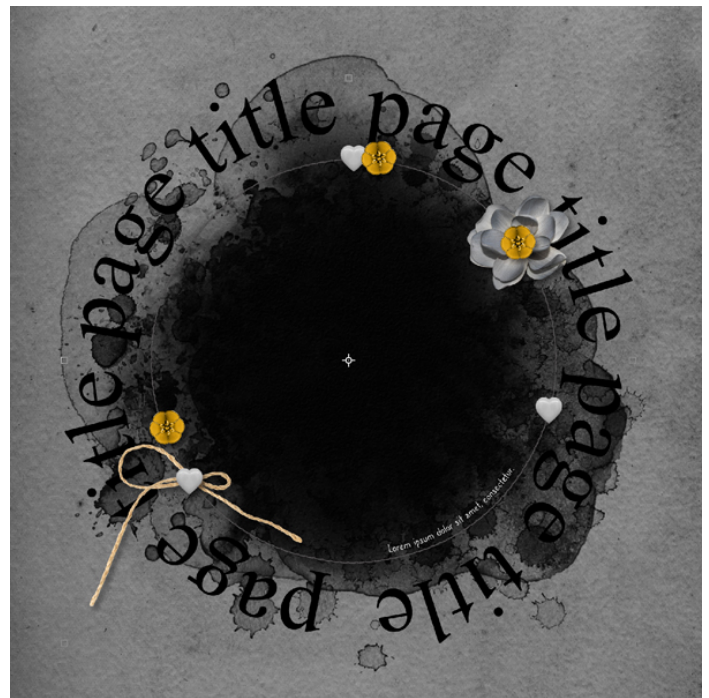
- Save the document (File > Save As) as a layered PSD document in the TTT1-05-ps-Circular-Title-Path-Download folder. Name the document "TTT1-05-Circular-Title-Path.psd".



TTT1-05-Circular-Title-Path.psd

Add the Title Layers to a Project

- Open the TTT1-05-Layered-Quick-Page.psd file (File > Open) from the class download folder. NOTE: If you get a warning dialog box about text layers, place a checkmark next to Don't Show Again and click Update.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Photo Clipping Mask layer to activate it.
- Activate the TTT1-05-Circular-Title-Path.psd document that you saved in the last step.
- In the Layers panel, click on the top layer to activate it.
- Holding down the Shift key, click on the shape layer. The Background layer should not be active.
- Get the Move tool. In the Tool Options, uncheck Auto-Select, but check Show Transform Controls.
- On the document, hold down the Shift key and click and drag the layers onto the layered quick page. Both layers should still be active.
- Use the Arrow keys to nudge your circular title so that it's roughly centered around the circular stitching.



Clip a Photo to the Photo Clipping Mask

- In the Layers panel, click on the Photo Clipping Mask layer to activate it.
- Open a photo (File > Open).
- Get the Move tool.
- Holding down the Shift key, click and drag the photo onto the layered quick page.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Create Clipping Mask.
- To resize the clipped photo so that it fills the clipping mask, click and drag on the corner handles of the bounding box. If you cannot see the bounding box, press Ctrl 0 (Mac: Cmd 0).
- To reposition the photo, click and drag inside the bounding box.
- Click the checkmark to commit the change.



NOTE: The boundaries of the photo need to stay outside the boundaries of the clipping mask.

How To Change the Title

- In the Layers panel, double click on the thumbnail of the title type layer to highlight the title.
- Type in a new word or phrase twice, making sure to add a space at the end.
- Click the checkmark to commit the change.

How To Change the Font

- In the Character panel, open the Font Picker and choose a different font. I'm using Forestelly.

How To Change the Color of the Title

- In the Character panel, click on the Color Chip, choose a different color in the Color Picker, or sample a color from your document. Click OK to close the Color Picker.



(For Script Fonts) How To Adjust the Tracking of the Title

- In the Character panel, click on the Tracking dropdown arrow. Choose a negative number to make the letters move closer together or choose a positive number to make the letters move farther apart. If you need to further refine the value, highlight the number and manually enter it.

How to Add Additional Type

- In the Layers panel, double click on the thumbnail of the title layer to highlight all the type.
- Press Ctrl C (Mac: Cmd C) to copy what you've already typed.
- Press the Right Arrow key to place the cursor at the end of the current title.
- Press Ctrl V (Mac: Cmd V) until the path is filled.
- Click the checkmark to commit the change.



Adjust the Path Using Size

- In the Character panel, change the Size value one point at a time until your word or phrase aligns around the circle and the gap is closed.

(For Non-Script Fonts) Adjust the Path Using Tracking

- In the Character panel, change the Tracking value until your word or phrase aligns around the circle and the gap is closed.

How To Resize or Reposition the Title

- In the Layers panel, click on the title layer to activate it.
- Holding down the Shift key, click on the shape layer.
- Get the Move tool.
- To resize, click and drag on a corner handle of the bounding box.
- To reposition, click and drag inside the bounding box.
- Click the checkmark to commit the change.

A Word of Caution When Using Live Type Paths

Because your type is on a live path, you'll want to avoid highlighting and placing cursors from the document. Instead, I'd recommend highlighting from the layers panel and then placing your cursor using the Arrow keys. It's very easy to get things all tangled up.

How To Replace the Journaling of the Layered Quick Page

- In the Layers panel, double click on the thumbnail of the journaling layer to highlight all the type.
- Type your journaling and click the checkmark to commit the change.
- To change the font, in the Character panel, open the Font Picker and choose a different font.

Save the Page

- Save the page (File > Save As) as a PSD file with a unique name.



Page & Photo: You Are Adorable To Me by Jen White

Class: 10 Timeless Titles Vol 1, Circular Title Path

Quick Page: Digital Scrapper

Fonts: Forestelly, Caroni



Page & Photo: You Are My Favorite Thing Ever by Jen White
 Class: 10 Timeless Titles Vol 1, Circular Title Path
 Kit: The Little Things by Vicki Robinson
 Fonts: Chainprinter, Boucherie Cursive, Caroni



Card: Happy Birthday To You
 by Jen White
 Class: 10 Timeless Titles Vol 1,
 Circular Title Path
 Kit: Live a Good Story by
 KimB Designs, Road Trip by
 KimB Designs and Dunia
 Designs, Lucky Ducky by
 Miss Mint, Stories: 365 by
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