Brushability: Making Masks - BONUS
Lesson 3: Word Art Brush Manual (Adobe Photoshop & Photoshop Elements)
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In this bonus lesson we'll create a pretty word art brush to add the perfect finishing touch to a layout or card.
This lesson was filmed in Photoshop Elements, but the instructions are the same for Adobe Photoshop unless where noted.

Step One: Prepare Your Workspace

- Begin in Expert Mode of Photoshop Elements or Adobe Photoshop by creating a 6 x 4 Inch document (File > New > Blank File) at 300 ppi with a white background. (**PS:** File > New.)

- Get the Move tool
- In the Tool Options, uncheck Auto-Select layer.
- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker and choose a light color, I'm using Hex Code #f2bdab. Then click OK.

Step Two: Create the Block Love

**NOTE: Photoshop Elements versions 18 and earlier do not have a Tracking Setting. Use the BRM-04-03-LoveWA-Bonus-Elements15Users.png from the Class Downloads (BRM-Download).

- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options open the Font Picker and choose a block style font, I'm using Bebas Regular. Set the Size to 183 pts, and the Tracking to -210. Click on the Left Align Text icon, and check Anti-aliasing. (**PS**: Set the Size to 183 pts, the Anti-aliasing to Crisp, and click on the Left Align Text icon. Click on the Character panel icon and in the Character panel set the Tracking to -210.)
- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker and choose a light color, I'm using Hex Code #f2bdab. Then click OK.
- On the document, click on the left side of your document and type the word Love. Click the checkmark to commit.

- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Simplify Layer. (**PS**: In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Rasterize > Type.)

Step Three: Blur the Text

- In the Menu Bar, choose Filter > Blur > Gaussian Blur. And In the dialog box set the Radius to 6 pixels, then click OK. (Adding the Gaussian Blur is optional).
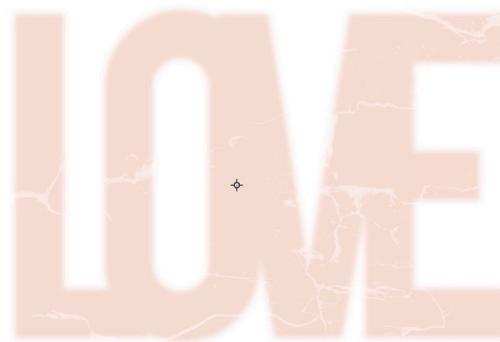
- In the Layers panel, lower the Opacity to 55%.

Step Four: Add Cracks

- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- Get the Brush tool.
- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker and choose white. Then click OK.
- In the Tool Options, open the Brush Picker and choose the BRM-SR-Cracked2 from the class brushes (BRM-ClassBrushes-SyndeeRogers). Set the Size to 1400 px, the Opacity to 100%, and the mode to Normal. Open the Brush Settings and set the Angle to 90 degrees. (**PS**: Set the Size to 1400 px, the Mode to Normal, the Opacity and Flow to 100% the Smoothing to 0%, and the Angle to 90 degrees.)
- On the document, right on top of the love word layer, click and stamp once to add cracks to the word.
- Press Alt Ctrl G or Opt Cmd G on a Mac to clip the layers together.

- In the Layers panel, change the Blend Mode to Soft Light

- Get the Move tool.
- In the Layers panel hold down the shift key and activate both the love and cracks layers.
- On the document, click and move roughly to the center of your document.

Step Five: Define the Brush Base

- In the Menu Bar, Choose Edit > Define Brush. Give it a name, I've named mine BRM-04-BlockLove. Click OK. (**PS:** In the Menu Bar, Choose Edit > Define Brush Preset.)
  You will end up with two brushes at the end of this lesson for twice the fun!

Step Six: Add Script Love

- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open up the Color Picker. Enter Hex Code #414141. Then click OK.
- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options open the Font Picker and choose a script style font, I'm using Great Vibes Regular. Set the Size to189, click on the Left Align icon, leave Leading as is, set the Tracking to 0, and check Anti-aliasing. (**PS:** Set the Size 189 pts, the Anti-aliasing to Crisp, and click on the Left Align Text icon. Click on the Character panel icon and in the Character panel set the Tracking to 0.)
- On the document, right on top of the love layer, click and type the word Love again.
- Get the Move tool.
- Click and move the script love so that it's roughly centered on top of the block love layer.

Step Seven: Save the Document

- Save the document (File > Save As) as a layered PSD. Give it a name, I've named mine BRM-04-03-LoveWordArt. Navigate to the class folder for this lesson and click Save.

Step Eight: Define the Brush

- In the Menu Bar and choose Edit > Define Brush. Give it a name, I've named mine BRM-04-LoveWordArt. Click OK. (**PS:** In the Menu Bar, Choose Edit > Define Brush Preset.)

When you stamp your brush it will be greyscale (or the color you have chosen for your Foreground Color) just like our Heart Mask Brush in Section 2.

If you want the two tone look. Stamp the Love Base brush first from Step 5.

Then follow Step Six above to add the Love script on top in black or your desired color.