



## Perfectly Personal Word Art Paper Strip 03 – PSE Transcript

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Playing with the shape tool is such a fun way to add wonderful accents to our paper strip templates. In this template, we'll be focusing on the ellipse shape tool. So I've already created a new document that is 3.25 inches wide by 0.6 inches high at 300 pixels per inch with a white background. Click on the foreground color chip to open the color picker and choose a medium gray color. I'm using hex number nine five nine five nine five and then click okay. Now press alt backspace in windows or option delete on a Mac to fill the background layer with the foreground color. And then click on the foreground color chip to open the color picker and choose a light gray color. I'm using hex number, CCCCCC, and then click okay. Now get the ellipse shape tool. It's nestled with the other shape tools and then in the tool options, set the style to none and the geometry options to fixed size. Enter a width and height of one inch and then click on the create a new shape layer icon. On the document, click and drag to create the shape. And as you can see, some of the circle's going to be hanging off of the edges of the document and that's okay. Now get the move tool and press control A in windows or command a on a Mac to select all. Then in the tool options, click on the align vertical centers icon. Now press control D in windows or command D on a Mac to de-select.

Now on the document while holding down the shift key, click and drag the circle to the left until just a small part of it is showing on the left hand side, so about there. Then in the layers panel, double click on the name of this layer and change it to circle accent one and then press enter to commit the name change. Now press control J in windows or command J on a Mac to duplicate the circle layer. Then on the document while holding down the shift key, click and drag the duplicated circle to the right until it's showing the exact same amount as on the left side. Then in the layers panel, double click on the name of this layer and change the name to circle accent two, and then press enter to commit the name change.

Now it's time to add some type, so get the horizontal type tool and then press the letter D to reset the color chips. In the tool options, set the font to something simple like myriad pro. Set the size to 24 points and set the alignment to center. On the document, click once and type the words type here in all caps, and then click the checkmark to commit. Then get the move tool and press control A in windows or command A on a Mac to select all. Then in the tool options, click on the align vertical centers icon and the align horizontal centers icon. Then press control D in windows or command D on a Mac to de-select. Our last step is to remove the excess pixels from our template. To do that in the layers panel, right click in windows or control click on a Mac on the name of the circle accent one layer and choose simplify

layer. And then repeat that for the circle accent two layer. Then press control A in windows or command A on a Mac to select all. Then in the menu bar, choose image, crop. Now press control D in windows or command D on a Mac to de-select.

Now in the layers panel, click on the circle accent one layer so that it's the active layer. Then in the layers panel, shift click on the circle accent two layer so that both ellipse layers are active. In the menu bar, choose layer, group layers. And then in the layers panel, double click on the name of this group and change it to circle accents and then press enter to commit the name change. Now our template is ready to be saved. In the menu bar, choose file, save as and remember to save this template in the same folder as before. Use the name paper strip template zero three dot PST.

Now it's time for some inspiration and tips on how to use these paper strip templates. Let's do a quick review. So far, I've shown you that you can use paper strips as part of a photo frame cluster and as a main feature of a greeting card. But a third way you can use your paper strips is to create a simple cluster. For this simple cluster, all I used was some paint, a stitch, a flower, and of course the customized version of the paper strip we just created. You don't need a lot of stuff in order to create something that is visually pleasing. Here are some tips on how to use a paper strip cluster like this. Number one, paper strips look great when you place them against the edge of your document. In this example, I used my paper strip cluster up against the lower right edge of my scrapbook page. I also used it as the focal point for the title and the journaling.

Number two paper strip clusters also look great when they overlap the edge of a frame, just like the edge of a document. Paper strips are perfect for overlapping the edges of frames, journal cards or other paper pieces. Just remember that if you have something like paint as part of your cluster to place the paint below the frame or journal card you're using. So to recap, edges can be your paper strip clusters best friend. Such a simple cluster can really add a lot to your overall design. And if you find yourself struggling to create a simple cluster like this, I highly recommend taking the Cluster Queen class by Jen White. It really helped me better understand how to put clusters together. In our next video, we're going to create a paper strip template that utilizes the line tool. Get excited. The fun is just beginning. This is Jenifer Juris with perfectly personal word art.