



## Perfectly Personal Word Art Paper Strip Template 11 – Photoshop Elements

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### Step One: Prepare the Workspace

- Create a new document (File > New > Blank File) that is 3.25 inches wide by 0.6 inches high at 300ppi with a white background.
- Press the letter D to reset the color chips.

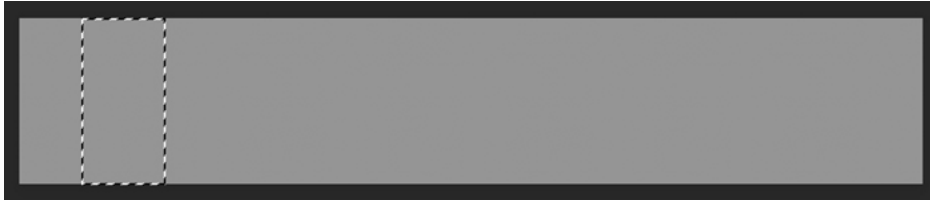
### Step Two: Create the Main Rectangle

- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker and choose a medium gray color. I'm using Hex #: 959595. Click OK.
- Press Alt Backspace (Mac: Opt Delete) to fill the Background layer with the foreground color.



### Step Three: Add the Stripe Accents

- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- Get the Rectangular Marquee tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the New Selection icon, set the Feather to 0 and the Aspect to Fixed Size. Enter a Width of 0.3 inches and a Height of 0.6 inches.
- On the document, click and drag to create the selection. Before you let go, move the selection towards the left side of the document.



- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker and choose a light gray color. I'm using Hex #: cccccc. Click OK.
- Press Alt Backspace (Mac: Opt Delete) to fill the selection with the foreground color.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.



- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- In the Tool Options, leave all the settings the same except for the following. Change the Width to 0.1 inches.
- On the document, click and drag to create the selection. Place this to the right of the first stripe, leaving a small space between them.
- Press Alt Backspace (Mac: Opt Delete) to fill the selection with the foreground color.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.
- In the Layers panel, Shift click on the other stripe layer so that both stripe layers are active.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Group Layers.
- In the Layers panel, double click on the name of the grouped layer and change it so Stripes. Press Enter to commit the name change.



#### **Step Four: Add the Type**

- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, use the same settings as the other templates.
- Press the letter X to switch the foreground color to white.

- On the document, click once and type the phrase TEXT HERE in all caps. Click the checkmark to commit.
- Get the Rectangular Marquee tool.
- In the Tool Options, change the Aspect to Normal. Leave everything else the same.
- On the document, click and drag to create a selection that goes from the top edge to the bottom edge of the document, as well as from the right edge of the right stripe to the right edge of the document.



- Get the Move tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the Align Vertical Centers icon and the Align Horizontal Centers icon.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.



### **Step Five: Save As**

Save your template (File > Save As) as Paper-Strip-Template-11.psd with your other paper strip templates.