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Add volume to any title in just a few steps by adjusting the options within the Type Tool.

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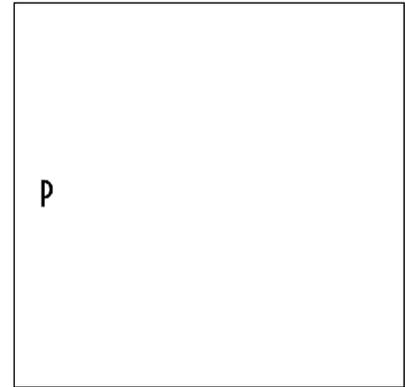


Prepare the Workspace

- Create a new 12X12 inch document (File > New > Blank File) at 300 ppi with a white background.
- Press the letter D to reset the Color Chips to the default of black over white.

Create the Type Layers

- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, open the Font Picker and choose Voltaire.
- Set the Size to 50, the Leading to Auto, and the Tracking to 0. Click on the Center Align icon. Click on the Color Chip and choose black.
- On the document, click once inside the left edge of the document, about halfway up, to place the cursor.
- Type a capital letter P.
- Click the checkmark to commit the type.
- In the Layers panel, hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click on the Create a New Layer icon.



NOTE: Holding down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) while clicking the Create a New Layer icon ensures the new layer is added below the current layer in the Layers panel.

- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, set the Size to 75 and leave the other settings as is.
- On the document, hold down the Shift key and click slightly to the right of the letter P to place the cursor.
- Type a capital A.
- Click the checkmark to commit the type.
- In the Layers panel, hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click on the Create a New Layer icon.



NOTE: The letters don't have to line up perfectly, that will be taken care of after we get all the type layers on the document.

- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, set the Size to 100 and leave the other settings as is.
- On the document, hold down the Shift key and click slightly to the right of the letter A to place the cursor.
- Type a capital G.
- Click the checkmark to commit the type.



- In the Layers panel, hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click on the Create a New Layer icon.

NOTE: Holding down the Shift key while using the Horizontal Type tool will prevent the new letter from landing on the same layer as the previous one.

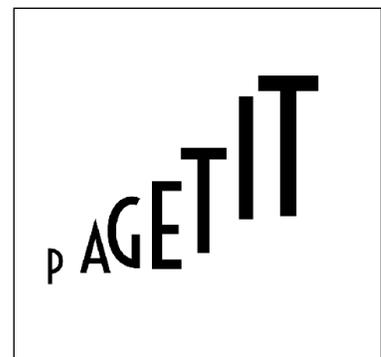
- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, set the Size to 125 and leave the other settings as is.
- On the document, hold down the Shift key and click slightly to the right of the letter G to place the cursor.
- Type a capital E.
- Click the checkmark to commit the type.
- In the Layers panel, hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click on the Create a New Layer icon.



- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, set the Size to 150 and leave the other settings as is.
- On the document, hold down the Shift key and click slightly to the right of the letter E to place the cursor.
- Type a capital T.
- Click the checkmark to commit the type.
- In the Layers panel, hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click on the Create a New Layer icon.

- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, set the Size to 175 and leave the other settings as is.
- On the document, hold down the Shift key and click slightly to the right of the letter T to place the cursor.
- Type a capital I.
- Click the checkmark to commit the type.
- In the Layers panel, hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click on the Create a New Layer icon.

- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, set the Size to 200 and leave the other settings as is.
- On the document, hold down the Shift key and click slightly to the right of the letter I to place the cursor.
- Type a capital T.



- Click the checkmark to commit the type.
 - In the Layers panel, double click directly on the name of this layer and rename it Center.
 - Press Return or Enter to commit the change.
 - In the Layers panel, hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click on the Create a New Layer icon.
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- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
 - In the Tool Options, set the Size to 175 and leave the other settings as is.
 - On the document, hold down the Shift key and click slightly to the right of the letter T to place the cursor.
 - Type a capital L.
 - Click the checkmark to commit the type.
 - In the Layers panel, hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click on the Create a New Layer icon.
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- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
 - In the Tool Options, set the Size to 150 and leave the other settings as is.
 - On the document, hold down the Shift key and click slightly to the right of the letter L to place the cursor.
 - Type a capital E.
 - Click the checkmark to commit the type.
 - In the Layers panel, hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click on the Create a New Layer icon.
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- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
 - In the Tool Options, set the Size to 125 and leave the other settings as is.
 - On the document, hold down the Shift key and click slightly to the right of the letter E to place the cursor.
 - Type a capital P.
 - Click the checkmark to commit the type.
 - In the Layers panel, hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click on the Create a New Layer icon.
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- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
 - In the Tool Options, set the Size to 100 and leave the other settings as is.
 - On the document, hold down the Shift key and click slightly to the right of the letter P to place the cursor.
 - Type a capital A.
 - Click the checkmark to commit the type.

- In the Layers panel, hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click on the Create a New Layer icon.
 - Get the Horizontal Type tool.
 - In the Tool Options, set the Size to 75 and leave the other settings as is.
 - On the document, hold down the Shift key and click slightly to the right of the letter A to place the cursor.
 - Type a capital G.
 - Click the checkmark to commit the type.
 - In the Layers panel, hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click on the Create a New Layer icon.
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- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
 - In the Tool Options, set the Size to 50 and leave the other settings as is.
 - On the document, hold down the Shift key and click inside the right edge of the document, about halfway up, to place the cursor.
 - Type a capital E.
 - Click the checkmark to commit the type.



NOTE: Creating a title with this many letters will allow more options when creating longer words for use on a card or scrapbook page.

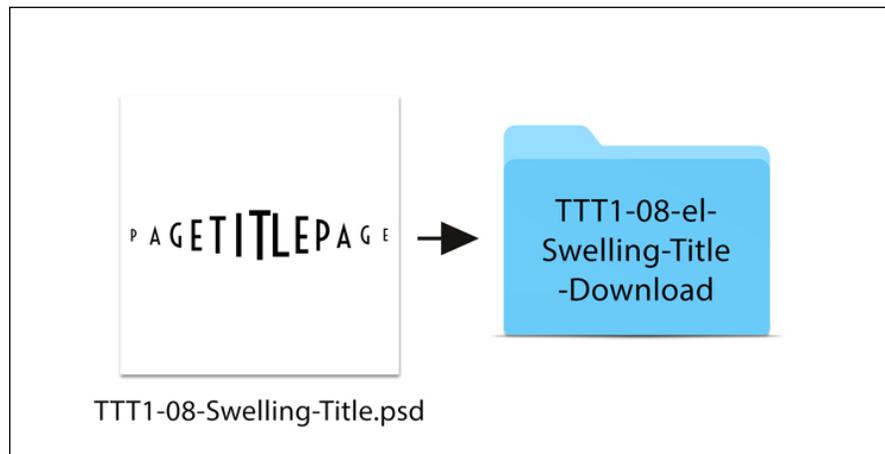
Align and Distribute the Type Layers

- In the Layers panel, click on the top type layer to activate it.
- Hold down the Shift key and click on the bottom type layer to activate it. All type layers should be active. The Background layer should not be active.
- Get the Move tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the Align Center icon and the Distribute Middle icon.



Save the Document

Save the document (File > Save As) as a layered PSD file in the TTT1-08-el-Swelling-Title-Download folder. Name the file “TTT1-08-Swelling-Title.psd”.



Add the Title Layers to a Project

- Open the TTT1-08-Layered-Quick-Page.psd file (File > Open) from the class downloads 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 Paper Clipping Mask layer to activate it.
- Activate the TTT1-08-Swelling-Title.psd document that you saved in the last step.
- Get the Move tool.
- In the Tool Options, uncheck Auto Select Layer, but check Show Bounding Box.
- In the Layers panel, click on the top type layer to activate it.

- Holding down the Shift key, click on the bottom type layer.
- On the document, hold down the Shift key, and click and drag the layers onto the layered quick page. All layers should still be active.
- On the document, click and drag the layers as a group to reposition them.



Determine the Center Letter

- Before changing the type layer, first determine which letter of the new title word will be used as the centermost letter.
- I am using the word BEAUTIFUL for this lesson. Since it has nine letters, I'll use the fifth letter as the center.



NOTE: Words with an even number of letters will produce a title that is a little lopsided, and that is perfectly fine.



How to Change the Title

- In the Layers panel, double click on the thumbnail of the Center type layer to highlight the letter.
- Type the centermost letter of the new word and click the checkmark to commit the change.
- In the Layers panel, double click on the thumbnail of the next type layer letter.
- Type the corresponding letter from the new word and click the checkmark to commit the change.
- Repeat this step for each type layer until all of the letters have been changed to create the new word.
- In the Layers panel, click and drag any unused letter type layers to the Trash icon.



- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Layers panel, click on the top type layer to activate it.
- Holding down the Shift key, click on the bottom type layer.
- In the Tool Options, open the Font Picker and choose a different font. I'm using Amatic, which can be downloaded for free at FontSquirrel.com.



Important Information About Fonts

- While any font will work for this title, different fonts will produce varied results.
- It may be necessary to manually adjust the distance between letters or to adjust the font size depending on the font used.
- Thick fonts will work, but the longer the title, the skinnier the font should be to prevent the letters from crowding.

Tips for Success

- Use all uppercase letters to maintain the cohesiveness of the title.
- Create words with at least five letters.
- Create single-word titles, or use the main word for the swelling title and add additional words in a contrasting font and color.



How to Change the Color of the Title

- In the Layers panel, click on the top letter type layer to activate it.
- Holding down the Shift key, click on the bottom letter type layer.
- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the Color Chip, then click on the Color Wheel icon in the bottom-right corner to open the Color Picker. Choose a different color, or sample a color from your document. Click OK to close the Color Picker.



How to Resize or Reposition the Title

- In the Layers panel, click on the top type layer to activate it.
- Holding down the Shift key, click on the bottom type 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.



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 in your journaling and click the checkmark to commit the change.
- To change the font, in the Tool Options, open the Font Picker and choose a different font.

Clip a Photo to the Photo Clipping Mask on the Layered Quick Page

- 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 Layers panel, hold down the Alt key (Mac: Opt key) and hover your cursor between the photo layer and the Photo Clipping Mask layer until you see the clipping icon, then click to clip the photo to the clipping mask.
- To resize the photo, on the document, click and drag on the corner handles of the bounding box until the edges of the photo are outside the edges of the clipping mask. If you cannot see the bounding box handles, press Ctrl 0 (Mac: Cmd 0).
- To reposition the photo, click and drag inside the bounding box.
- Click the checkmark to commit the change.

Save the Page

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



Every little girl dreams of her wedding day. She imagines how special she will be, how pretty she will be, and how charming her prince will be. This little girl, my first born girl, she not only imagined what it would be like, but she prayed and prayed for the husband God would send to her. I don't remember what prompted it, but I so clearly & vividly remember her standing in the opening of the hallway, she paused, twirled around, and stated so emphatically, "I'm going to pray for my future husband!" She was about fourteen at the time. 4.9.2022

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