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A Beautiful Mess Simplicity Challenge
Section 2, Lesson 4 - Justifying the Perfect Journaling
Manual for Photoshop Elements

Finish off the beauty and design of your Simplicity Challenge scrapbook page with justified journaling.

For this lesson you will need:

- PlaceholderText.psd file from the Small Downloads in the classroom
- A journaling font

For this tutorial I'm using the font DJB Annalise.

Suitable Alternatives

- Any handwriting font that's easily legible, like Architects Daughter
- A classic serif font, like Courier Prime
- A classic san serif font, like Sofia Pro

Prepare Your Workspace

- Begin in Expert Mode of Photoshop Elements.
- Open the document (File > Open) that you ended with in Lesson 3.
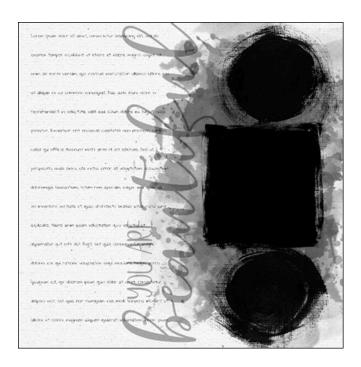
Copy the Placeholder Text

- Open the PlaceholderText.psd file from the class downloads.
- In the Layers panel, double click on the thumbnail of the type layer to activate the block of type.
- Press Ctrl C (Mac: Cmd C) to copy the text to you computer's clipboard.

Create a Text Box

- Activate your scrapbook page document.
- Press Ctrl 0 (Mac: Cmd 0) to fit your page to the viewing area.
- Get the horizontal Type tool.
- On the document, click and drag a text box from the top-left corner of the blank area to the bottom of the page and overlapping about half of the big script word. Leave about a 1/2 inch border around the boundary of the page. To reposition the box before letting go of the mouse, hold down the Space bar, reposition, then let go of the Space bar and continue dragging.
- Press Ctrl V (Mac: Cmd V) to paste the in the text from your computer's clipboard.
- Click the checkmark to commit the change.
- In the Tool Options, open the Font Picker and choose your journaling font. I'll choose DJB Annalise. Set the Size to 12, the Leading to 50 and the Tracking to 0. Click on the Color Chip and choose black. The Left Align icon should be active and the Style should be set to None.

Tips for Better Journaling

- You should always keep your journaling small but readable when viewed at your computer's perfect zoom percentage.
- Always strive to keep journaling fonts classic.
- Don't let your journaling outshine the title.