



Perfectly Personal Word Art Triangle Template 01 – Photoshop Elements

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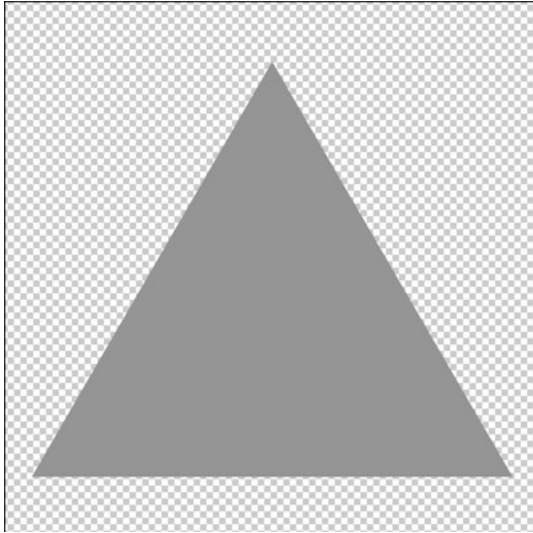
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Step One: Prepare the Workspace

- Create a new document (File > New > Blank File) that is 2.25 inches high by 2.25 inches wide at 300 ppi with a transparent background.
- Press the letter D to reset the Color Chips.
- In the Menu Bar, choose View > Rulers to ensure your Rulers are turned on.

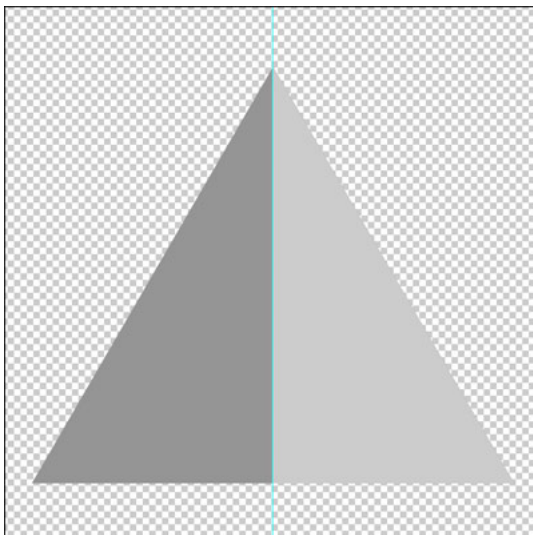
Step Two: Create the Main Triangle

- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker and choose a medium gray color. I'm using Hex #: 959595. Click OK.
- Get the Custom Shape tool.
- In the Tool Options, click to open the Shape picker and choose the Triangle shape. If you don't see the Triangle Shape, click the Shapes Drop Down Box and choose the Shapes List. Set the Style to None and set the Geometry Options to Fixed Size. Enter a Width of 2 inches and a Height of 1.727 inches. Click on the Create a New Shape Layer icon.
- On the document, click and drag to create the triangle. Once the triangle is fully within the bounds of the document, let go.
- Press Ctrl A (Mac: Cmd A) to Select All.
- 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.
- In the Layers panel, double click on the name of this layer and change it to Main Triangle. Press Enter to commit the name change.



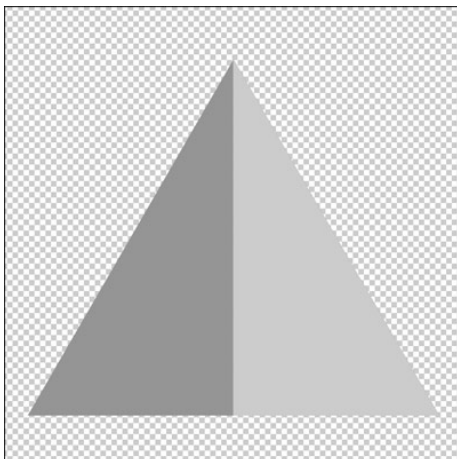
Step Three: Create the Half Triangle Accent

- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker and choose a light gray color. I'm using Hex #: cccccc. Click OK.
- Next we want to add a guide that splits the document in half. To do that, click and drag from the vertical ruler until the guide snaps to the middle of the triangle (which is the middle of the document).
- In the Menu Bar, choose Snap > Snap To and make sure Guides is checked.



- Get the Polygonal Lasso Tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the New Selection icon, set the Feather to 0px, and check Anti-aliasing.
- On the document, click once at the top of the document, on the blue guide line above the triangle.

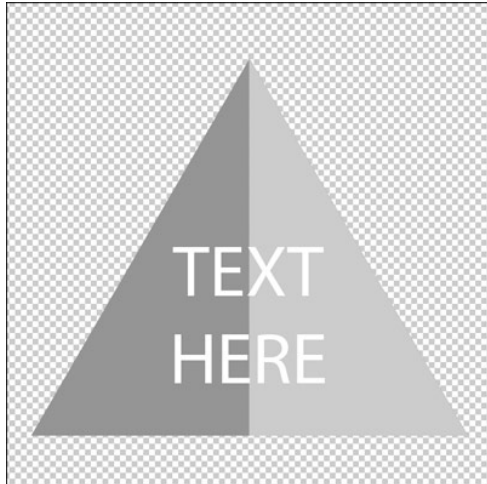
- Then while holding down the Shift key, move your mouse to below the triangle shape. Continue holding down the Shift key and click once to create a corner for the selection.
- Continue to hold down the Shift key and drag over to the right bottom corner outside of the triangle. Click once to create another corner for the selection.
- Let go of the Shift key and drag the mouse to the top of the triangle. At this point, close the polygon to create the selection.
- Now 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, Ctrl click (Mac: Cmd click) on the thumbnail of the Main Triangle layer to get a selection outline.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Select > Inverse to inverse the selection.
- Press Backspace (Mac: Delete) to remove the excess light gray pixels from the accent layer.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.
- In the Layers panel, double click on the name of this layer and change it to Half Triangle Accent. Press Enter to commit the name change.



Step Four: Add the Type

- Press the letter X to switch the Foreground Color to white.
- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, set the Font to something basic. I'm using Myriad Pro. Set the Size to 24pts and the Alignment to Center.
- On the document, click once and type the word TEXT then press Enter and type HERE in all caps. Click the checkmark to commit.
- Press Ctrl A (Mac: Cmd A) to Select All.
- Get the Move tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the Align Horizontal Centers icon.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.
- In the Menu Bar, choose View > New Guide.
- In the dialog box, set the Orientation to Horizontal and the Position to 1.75. Click OK.

- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the type layer down until it snaps to the guide.
- In the Menu Bar, choose View > Guides to hide the guides.



Step Five: Save As

- Save this file as Triangle-Template-01.psd in a new folder called Triangles that is within the Custom Word Art Folder you created at the beginning of the class.

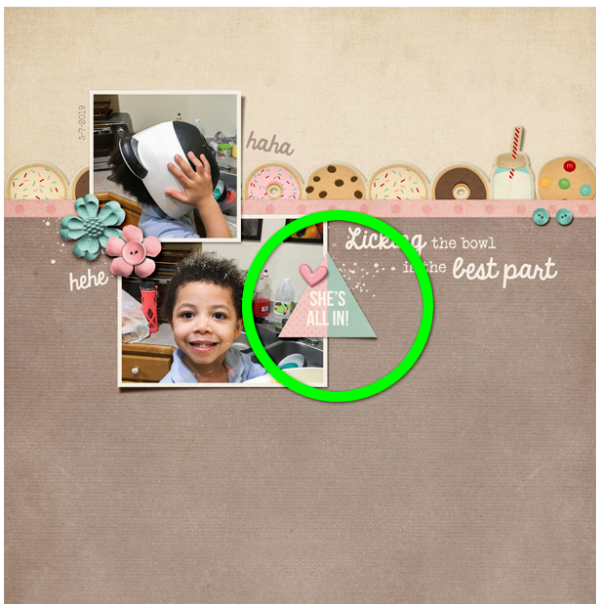
You'll see in a minute that I had these super fun photos of my niece. Her and her mom had been baking and she let Jordyn lick out the bowl afterward. The result was hilarious as she ended up with batter all over her face and hair! I wanted to create a cute piece of word art to compliment those pictures so this is how I chose to put this triangle together.



So here is the scrapbook page I made using these funny photos and my custom word art. I really love how it helps tell the story and helps draw your eye to the main photo of the page!



Normally I have a list of tips for you but this time, because I wanted the photos to be the main event, I kept the usage of my custom triangle very simple. The only thing I did was add a fastener or in this case, a small heart. While creating word art clusters is one of my favorite things, sometimes, the simple route is the best one, depending on your project.



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