



Perfectly Personal Word Art Triangle Template 02 – Photoshop

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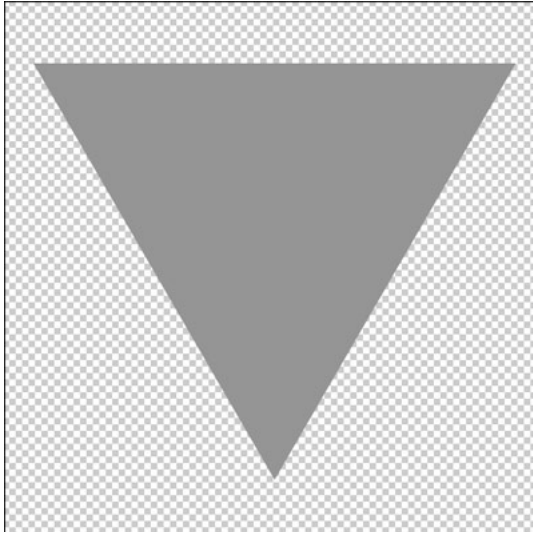
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Step One: Prepare the Workspace

- Create a new document (File > New) that is 2.25 inches by 2.25 inches at 300ppi with a Transparent background.
- Press the letter D to reset the Color Chips.

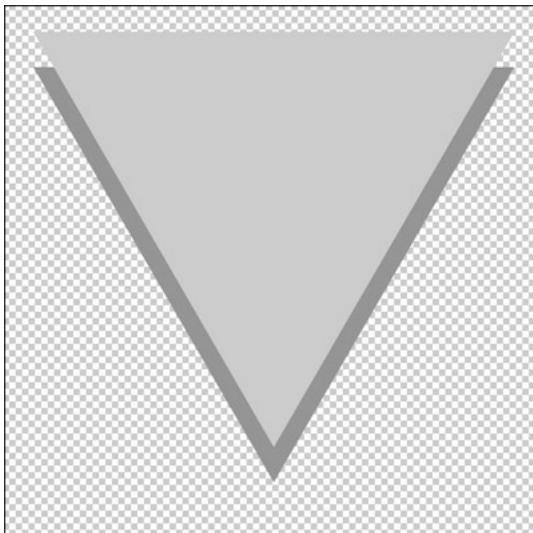
Step Two: Create the Main Triangle

- 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, set the Tool Mode to Shape, the Fill to Solid Color, and the Stroke to None. Click to open the Path Operations and choose New Layer. Set the Geometry Options to Fixed Size. Enter a Width of 2 inches and a Height of 1.727 inches. Click to open the Shape Picker and choose the Triangle Shape. If you don't see the Triangle shape, click to open the Fly-out menu and choose the Shapes List. Click OK. Check Align Edges.
- 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.
- Press Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) to get the Transform options.
- In the Tool Options, set the Rotation to 180°. Click the checkmark to commit.
- 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.



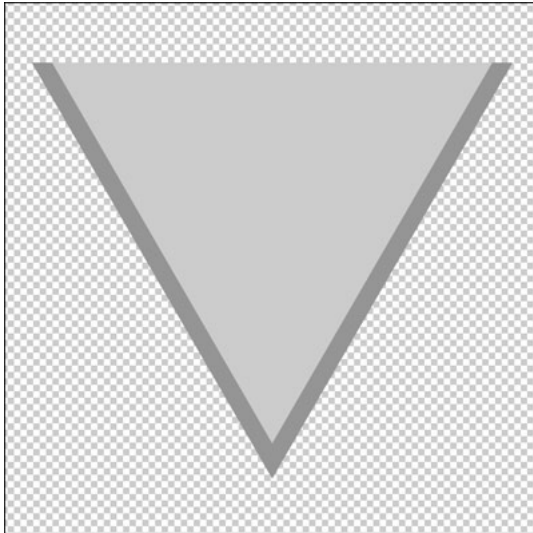
Step Three: Create the Inner Triangle Accent

- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the triangle layer.
- Double click on the name of this layer and change it to Inner Triangle Accent. Press Enter to commit the name change.
- 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 Shift Alt Backspace (Mac: Shift Opt Delete) to fill the duplicated triangle with the light gray color.
- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the light gray triangle up until you see a small portion of the main triangle showing.



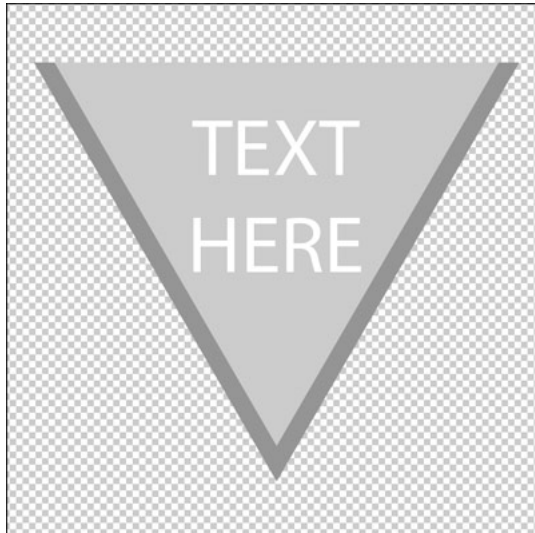
- In the Layers panel, Ctrl click (Mac: Cmd click) on the name of the Inner Triangle Accent layer and choose Rasterize Layer.
- In the Layers panel, Ctrl click (Mac: Cmd click) on the thumbnail of the Main Triangle layer to get a selection outline.

- In the Menu Bar, choose Select > Inverse to invert the selection.
- Press Backspace (Mac: Delete) to remove the excess pixels from the light gray triangle.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.



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 simple like Myriad Pro, set the Size to 24pts and set the Alignment to Center.
- On the document, click once and type the word TEXT, press Enter, and type the word HERE in call caps. Click the checkmark to commit.
- Get the Move tool.
- Press Ctrl A (Mac: Cmd A) to Select All.
- 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 0.5. Click OK.
- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the type layer up until it snaps to the guide.
- In the Menu Bar, choose View > Show > Guides to hide the guide.



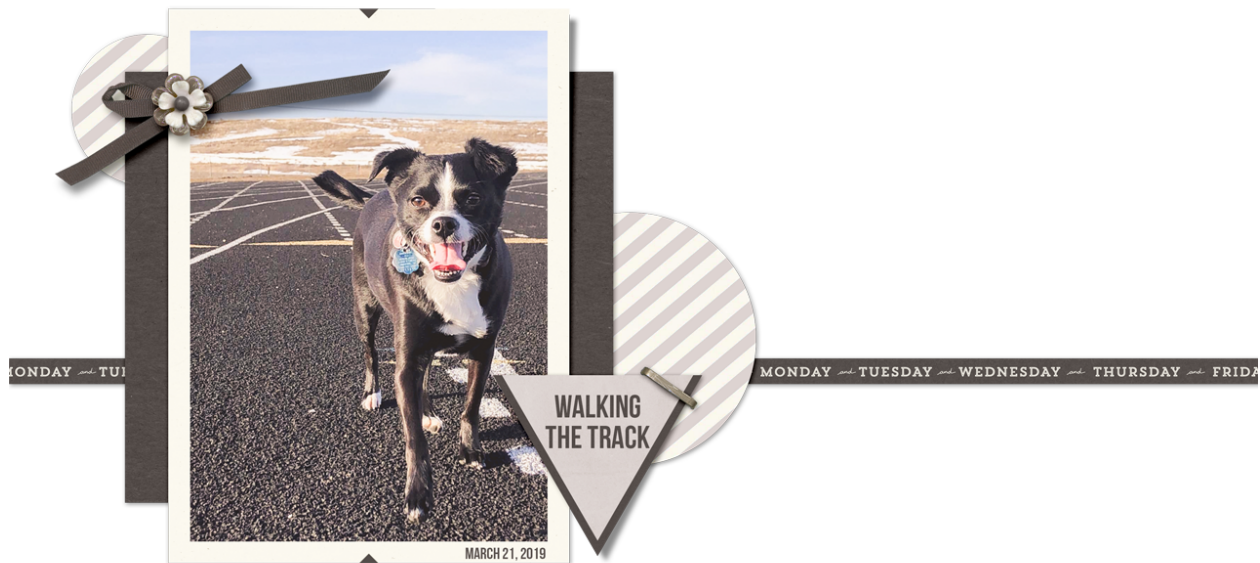
Step Five: Save As

- Now you can save this file as Triangle-Template-02.psd in the same folder as before.

So here is the template now that I have customized it. I kept this template very simple. Although the portion of the main triangle that shows around the edge could allow for a fun pattern, I chose to use two solid papers because I wanted this triangle to have an almost street sign look to it.



You see, I was creating a project where I was showcasing one of my dogs from this Spring. We had been snowed in for roughly 5 weeks from February to mid March and this was the first nice spring day we had had. So, I took Bilbo to the track up town and we had a blast walking outside. This photo cluster does a great job of making Bilbo (my dog) the highlight and the custom word art really helps tell the story here.



Here is final scrapbook page I made using this cluster. I really like how the colors from my custom template go with the entire layout.



Now it's time to cover a few tips on how I used this custom triangle. These tips are nothing new. But I keep repeating them because repetition really helps knowledge sink in.

1. Use a fastener.

Staples are a great way to nail down a piece of paper word art. Use one of the corners of the triangle to place your staple.



2. Use a contrasting shape.

Place a circle or rectangle behind your triangle word art. Mixing shapes can be a great way to keep the design interesting.



3. Overlap the photo.

Place your triangle so that it slightly overlaps the photo underneath it. This helps point the eye to the photo while still allowing your custom word art to help tell the story.



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