



## Perfectly Personal Word Art Paper Strip Template 07 – Photoshop Elements

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### **Step One: Prepare the Workspace**

- Create a new document (File > New > Blank File) that is 3.5 inches wide by 0.6 inches high at 300ppi with a white background.
- Press the letter D to reset the color chips.
- In the Menu Bar, choose View > Snap To > Document Bounds to make sure it's checked.

### **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 Rectangle Accents**

- 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.
- 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 3.5 inches and a height of 0.08 inches.
- On the document, click and drag all the way to the top of the document to create the selection.
- Press Alt Backspace (Mac: Opt Delete) to fill the selection with the foreground color.



- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the layer.
- Get the Move tool.
- On the document, click and drag the duplicated layer down until it snaps to the bottom edge.



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

- Press the letter X to switch the foreground color to white.
- Get the Horizontal Type tool. Leave all the tool settings the same.
- On the document, click once and type the phrase TEXT GOES HERE in all 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 and the Align Vertical Centers icon.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.



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

Save your template (File > Save As) as Paper-Strip-Template-07.psd with your other paper strip templates.