



## Perfectly Personal Word Art Paper Strip Template 12 – Photoshop Elements

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

- Create a new document (File > New > Blank File) that is 3.25 inches wide by 0.6 inches high at 300ppi with a white background.
- Press the letter D to reset the color chips.

### **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: Create the Second Rectangle**

- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- 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 1.625 inches and Height of 0.6 inches.
- On the document, click and drag to create the selection. Drag the selection all the way to the right.



- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker and choose white. Click OK.
- Press Alt Backspace (Mac: Opt Delete) to fill the selection with the foreground color.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.



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

- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, use the same setting as all of the other templates.
- On the document, click once on the dark gray side of the paper strip and type the word TEXT 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 Vertical Centers icon.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Type layer so it's the only active layer.
- On the document while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the type closer to the middle and further from the left edge.



- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, leave everything the same except we need to change the color. So click on the Type tool Color Chip to open the Color Picker and choose the same medium gray color we used earlier. The Hex # is 959595. Click OK.

- On the document, click once on the white side of the paper strip. Type the word 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 Vertical Centers icon.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.
- In the Layers panel, click on the top type layer so it's the only active layer.
- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the type until it's closer to the middle and further from the right edge.



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

Save your template (File > Save As) as Paper-Strip-Template-12.psd with your other paper strip templates.