Perfectly Personal Word Art
Circle Template 02 – Photoshop Transcript
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In this video, we're going to create another custom circle template. We'll be using various selection tools to make this half circle design.

So I've already created a new document that is 2.25 inches by 2.25 inches at 300 pixels per inch with a transparent background. Press the letter D to reset the color chips to the default of black over white. Then get the elliptical marquee tool. In the tool options, click on the new selection icon, set the feather to zero, check anti-alias, and set the style to fixed size. Enter a width and height of two inches. On the document, click and drag to create the selection. Don't worry about perfectly centering it. Then click on the foreground color chip to open the color picker. Choose a medium gray color. I'm using hex number nine five nine five nine five and then click okay.

Now press alt backspace in windows or option delete on a Mac to fill the selection with the foreground color. Then press control D in windows or command D on a Mac to de-select. Now press control A in windows or command A on a Mac to select all. Then get the move tool and in the tool options, click on the align horizontal centers icon and the align vertical centers icon. Then press control D in windows or command D on a Mac to de-select. Then in the layers panel, double click on the name of this layer and change it to main circle and then press enter to commit the name change.

Now click on the foreground color chip to open the color picker and choose a light gray color. I'm using hex number CCCCCC, and then click okay. In the layers panel, click on the create a new layer icon. Then get the polygonal lasso tool. And in the tool options, click on the new selection icon, set the feather to zero, and check anti-aliasing. Now on the document while holding down the shift key, click once in the top left corner, then click once in the bottom left corner. Then click once in the bottom right corner and then continue holding down the shift key and click and drag up to the top corner where it connects, and then click again to create the selection. Now press alt backspace in windows or option delete on a Mac to fill the selection with the foreground color.

Then press control D in windows or command D on a Mac to de-select. Then in the layers panel, control click in windows or command click on a Mac on the main circle layer's thumbnail to create a selection outline. Then in the menu bar, choose select, inverse. Then press the backspace key in windows or the or the delete key on a Mac to remove the unwanted portion. Now press control D in windows or

command D on a Mac to de-select. In the layers panel, double click on the name of this layer and change it to half circle accent and then press enter to commit the name change.

The next thing we need to do is add the type, so get the horizontal type tool. Then press the letter X to switch the foreground color to white. In the tool options set the font to myriad pro. Set the size to 24 points and set the alignment to center. On the document, click once and type the word text, press enter, then type the word here. Make sure it's an all caps and then click the checkmark to commit. Now press control A in windows or command A on a Mac to select all. Then get the move tool and in the tool options, click on the align horizontal centers icon and the align vertical centers icon. Then press control D in windows or command D on a Mac to de-select. Now you can save this template as circle template zero two dot PSD in the same folder as the first circle template.

So here is how I chose to customize my template. I used two solid colors and a font duo to make this completed word art circle. I love how the two colors I used here make the circle pop. And here's how I used the custom circle word art in a cluster. I decided to make a bottom edge photo cluster where my circle word art helps draw attention to the main event, the photo. Here's how that cluster looks on a full scrapbook page. My custom word art really helps add color and visual interest to the bottom cluster, doesn't it?

Let's cover a few tips on how to successfully use this in a project. Number one, use solid colors. When customizing this template, make sure you only use solid colors or papers. A pattern just won't work here. Number two, tuck the edge. Tuck the edge of the custom word art circle underneath a 3-D element. It doesn't have to be a flower, but I did like how the flower and the leaves complimented my cluster here. Number three, don't overwhelm the photo. Notice how there's a cluster on the left side, but nothing on the right. That was on purpose. If I want my photo to be visible, I need to make sure I don't overwhelm it with lots of elements all the way around it. Keep your bottom edge photo cluster on the simple side so the photo is still the star. In the next lesson, we're going to create one more circle template together. This is Jenifer Juris with perfectly personal word art.