



10 Timeless Titles, Vol. 1

Double-Layered Title (Photoshop Elements)

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Quickly create a double-layered title using the Alt and Arrow keys.

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Prepare the Workspace

- Begin in Expert Mode of Photoshop Elements.
- Create a new 12x12 inch document (File > New > Blank File) at 300 ppi with a white background.
- Press the letter D to reset the Color Chips to the default of black over white.

Type a Word or Phrase

- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, open the Font Picker and choose a font. I'll choose Arial.

Good Font Options

Sans Serif
Serif
Script
Grunge
Handwritten

Poor Font Options

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- In the Tool Options, set the Size to 125, the Leading to Auto, and the Tracking to 0. The Color Chip should be black. If it's not, click on it and choose black. Click on the Center Align icon. Check Anti-aliasing.
- On the document, click once in the center of the empty space to place your cursor.
- Type a word or small phrase. Since this is my Double Layered Title template, I'll use "Page Title."
- To reposition the word, hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click and drag inside the bounding box.
- Click the checkmark to commit the change.

Page Title

Create the Title Double

- In the Layers panel, hold down the Alt key (Mac: Opt key) and click and drag a duplicate layer directly below the original.
- Double click directly on the name of the duplicate layer, rename it TITLE DOUBLE, and press Enter or Return to commit the change.

- In the Tool Options of the Horizontal Type tool, click on the Color Chip and choose a contrasting color. I'll choose pink.
- Get the Move tool.
- Press the Down Arrow key 5 times and the Right Arrow key 3 times.
- In the Layers panel, set the Opacity of the TITLE DOUBLE layer to 50%.

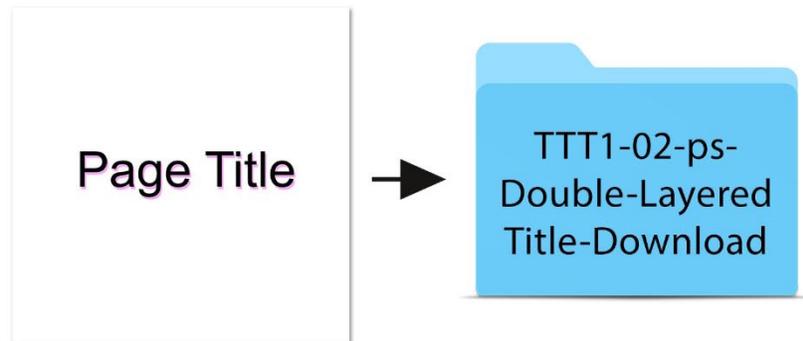
Page Title

Is it OK to add a drop shadow to type?

It is never OK to add a drop shadow to a journaling type layer. Shadowed type on journaling is a scrapbook page design No-No.

Save and Use the Template

- Save the document (File > Save As) as a layered PSD file inside the class download folder. Name the document "TTT1-02-Double-Layered-Title.psd".



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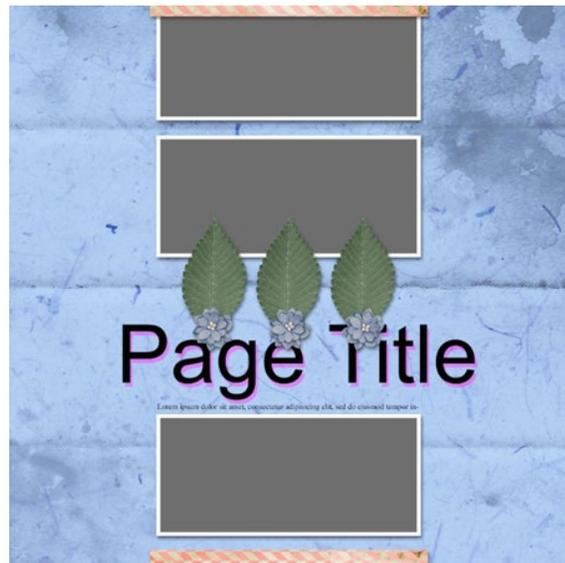
Add the Title Layers to a Project

- Open the TTT1-02-Layered-Quick-Page.psd file (File > Open) from the class files download folder.

NOTE: If you get a warning dialog box about text layers, place a checkmark next to Don't Show Again and then click Update.

- In the Layers panel of the layered quick page document, click on the topmost background paper layer to activate it.
- Activate the TTT1-02-Double-Layered-Title.psd document that you saved in the last step.
- In the Layers panel, click on the original title layer to activate it.

- Holding down the Shift key, click on the TITLE DOUBLE layer. Now both title layers should be active.
- Get the Move tool.
- In the Tool Options, Auto Select needs to be unchecked.
- On the document, hold down the Shift key and click and drag the layers onto the layered quick page. Both title layers should still be active.
- On the document, click and drag the layers to reposition them.



How To Change the Title

- In the Layers panel, double click on the thumbnail of the original type layer to highlight the title.
- Type a different word or phrase.
- Click the checkmark to commit the change.
- In the Layers panel, double click on the thumbnail of the TITLE DOUBLE layer to highlight the type.
- Type the same word or phrase.
- Click the checkmark to commit the change.



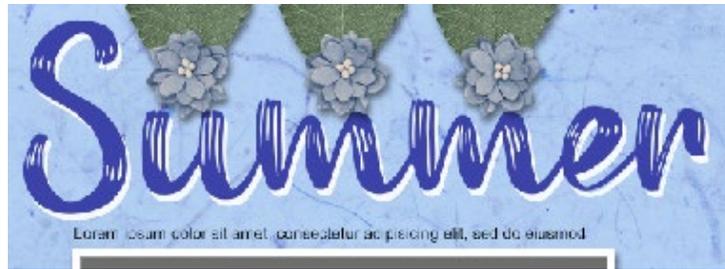
- In the Layers panel, click on the original title layer to activate it.
- Holding down the Shift key, click on the TITLE DOUBLE layer. Now both title layers should be active.
- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, choose a different font. I'll choose Funtery. Adjust the font size as needed.



- In the Layers panel, click on the original title layer to activate it.
- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the Color Chip, then click on the Color Wheel to open the Color Picker.
- On the document, click to sample a color. Click OK.
- In the Layers panel, click on the TITLE DOUBLE layer to activate it.
- In the Tool Options, click on the Color Chip and choose a contrasting color. Click OK.
- Depending on the background paper you choose, you may need to adjust the opacity of the TITLE DOUBLE layer.

(Optional) Adjust the Opacity of the TITLE DOUBLE Layer

- In the Layers panel, click on the TITLE DOUBLE layer to activate it.
- Adjust the Opacity as needed.



How To Replace the Journaling of the Layered Quick Page

- In the Layers panel, double click on the thumbnail of the journaling layer to highlight all the type.
- Type in your journaling and click the checkmark to commit the change.
- To change the font, get the Horizontal Type tool. In the Tool Options, open the Font Picker and choose a different font.

Ideas for Finishing the Title

Change the colors of the type to coordinate with your project.

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If the font is chunky, consider clipping paper to the title layer.

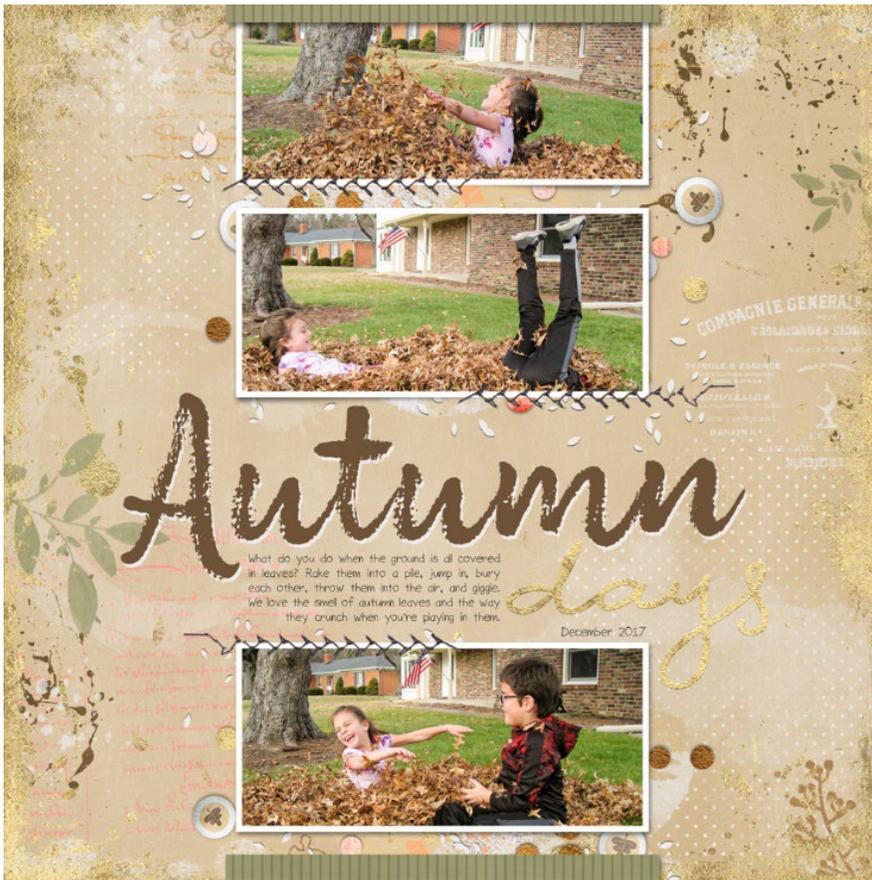
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If the font is chunky enough, you can add drop shadows to each type layer.

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Page & Photos: Summer by Julie Singco
Class: 10 Timeless Titles V1
Quick Page: Digital Scrapper
Fonts: Brushberry Script, Arcon



Page & Photos: Autumn Days by Julie Singco
Class: 10 Timeless Titles V1
Kit: Fall for Autumn by Red Ivy Design
Fonts: Brushberry Script, Sorbet LTD



Kit: Here Again by Dawn by Design
Font: Milkshake