



Perfectly Personal Word Art Paper Strip Template 08 – 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.

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 Circle Accents

- In the Layers panel, click on the create a new layer icon.
- Get the Elliptical Marquee tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the New Selection icon, set the Feather to 0, check Anti-alias, and set the Aspect to Fixed Size. Enter a width and height of 0.1 inches.
- On the document, click and drag to create the selection.

- 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 Alt Backspace (Mac: Opt Delete) to fill the selection with the foreground color.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.



- 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.
- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the circle towards the left edge of the document. Leave a little bit of space between the edge and the circle.



- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the circle layer.
- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the circle to the right until there is a small space between the two circles.



- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the circle layer one more time.
- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the circle to the right until the distance between the second two circles is equal to the distance between the first two circles.
- And to make sure the circles are equally spaced, in the Layers panel, Shift click on the bottom circle layer so that all three circle layers are active.
- In the Tool Options, click on the Distribute Horizontal Centers icon.



Step Four: Duplicate the Circle Accents

- In the Layers panel, make sure that all three circle layers are still active.
- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the circle accents.
- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the duplicated circle accents towards the right edge of the document. Do your best to make sure the distance between the left edge and the circles matches the distance between the right edge and the circles.



- In the Layers panel, click on the top most circle layer to activate it.
- In the Layers panel, Shift click on the bottom most circle layer so that all the circle layers are active.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Group Layers.
- In the Layers panel, double click on the name for the grouped layer and change it to Circle Accents. Press Enter to commit the name change.

Step Five: Add the Type

- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- Press the Letter X to switch the foreground color to white.
- In the Tool Options, set the Font to Myriad Pro, the Size to 24pts, and the Alignment to Center.
- On the document, click once and type the phrase TEXT HERE in all caps. Click the checkmark to commit.
- Press Ctrl A (Mac: Cmd A) to Select All.
- Get the Move tool.
- 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 Six: Save As

Save your template (File > Save As) as Paper-Strip-08.psd with your other paper strip templates.