



Perfectly Personal Word Art Hexagon Homework Part 3

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Pat yourself on the back because if you've made it this far, you've already accomplished so much in this class. You now have a decent sized stash of custom word art templates that you can use for any project at any time. But we're not done yet. The creative process is such a fun one and we still have some amazing things to create before you finish this class. Speaking of creating, now it's your turn to try making a handful of hexagon templates all on your own.

Just like before, we're going to look at three inspiration sources and use them to create some more hexagon templates. As a reminder, the three places for inspiration we're using for this class are the custom shape tool, digital scrapbooking kits, and digital scrapbooking galleries. So the first place I went looking was the custom shape tool. I scrolled and scrolled and I did try a few different shapes before I found the grid custom shape. When I tried this one, I knew it was just the thing I needed to make a unique word art template. As you can see, I did use the grid shape but I did decide to alter it slightly. After creating the grid shape on its own layer I then erased portions of the grid shape to make it look how I wanted. That's a side note I want to make sure to point out here. Don't be afraid to erase parts of or add to any of the custom shapes you use. Make it work for you so you like the end result. Here's how I chose to customize my hexagon template with the grid custom shape. I really like how the grid custom shape accent really highlights the text on my template. I also like to have fun with different fonts and using a stencil font like this is such a fun touch.

My next source of inspiration is from a digital scrapbooking kit or in this case another set of journal cards. I saw this journal card made by a Sharon Dewey Stolp and I knew I had to try that on my next hexagon template. I was really hoping that placing a banner accent on the template would work and here is how the template turned out. I really like it. It's very simple but that's okay. That little touch from the banner accent is all it needs. This is one of the rare times that I actually added a drop shadow to the accent part of the template design. Almost always the accents should remain flat with no drop shadow, but this template turned out to be an exception to the rule.

My last source of inspiration is from an online gallery. I found this layout at scrapbook.com and I was totally inspired by the diagonal white lines that are part of the background design. So here's the template I designed. Based on that inspiration, I evenly spaced two sets of diagonal lines on each side of the hexagon. I really like how this template turned out because I feel like the diagonal lines really

highlight the fun angles of the hexagon shape. I kept the customization very simple. I went with a solid background paper for the main hexagon and I added a shade of black for the lines and the type. It's simple but effective because the two colors are contrasting enough that the words are easy to read.

Now it's time for you to make some of your own hexagon templates. Spend some time looking through inspiration sources and try out different things. Not everything you try will be a home run, but practicing the process will help you get better at knowing what will work and what won't. If all else fails, keep it simple. Even if you end up making three hexagon templates with different kinds of color blocking on them, that's a good thing. It means you made three templates all on your own and you made them coordinate with one another. Enjoy the creative process and make sure to not overthink it. The next section of our class is going to focus on making custom word art that is more artistic in nature. It's going to be very different from what we've been doing up to this point, but it's going to be just as fun. This is Jenifer Juris with perfectly personal word art.