

Brushability Masks - Heart Mask

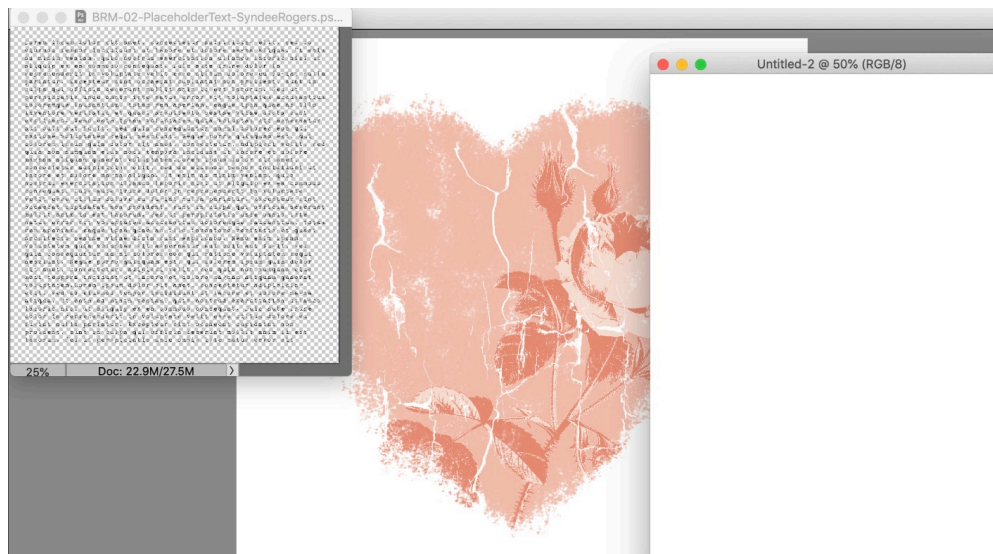
Lesson 3: Heart Mask Grungy Text Manual (Adobe Photoshop) © Syndee Rogers

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In this lesson we'll complete the heart mask by creating a grungy text brush using the Brush and Type Tools.

Step One: Prepare Your Workspace

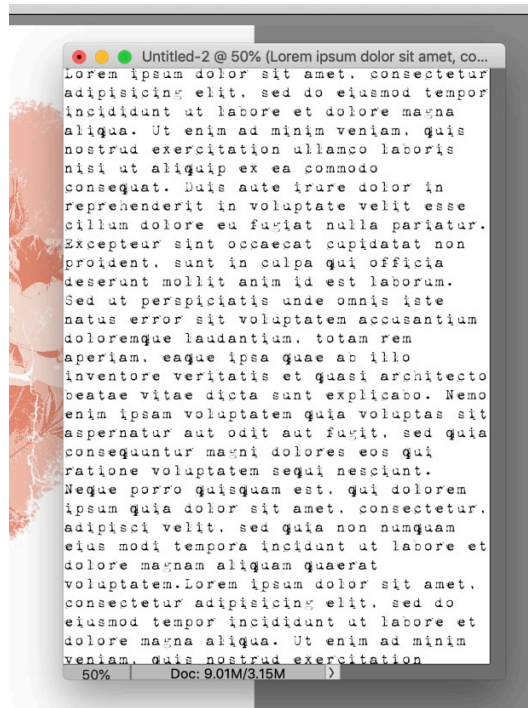
- Begin in Photoshop by opening the document (File > Open) that you ended with in Lesson 2 and the BRM-PlaceholderText-SyndeeRogers.psd document from the class downloads.
- Create a 5 x 7 inch document (File > New) at 300 ppi with a white background.
- Press the letter D to reset the Color Chips to the default of black over white.



Step Two: Add Placeholder Text

- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- Get the Horizontal Type Tool.
- In the Tool Options, open the Font Picker and choose a grungy old typewriter style font. I'm using 1942 Report. Set the Size to 16pt, the Leading to 16 pt, the Anti-aliasing to Strong, and click on the Center Alignment icon. Then Click on the Panel icon to open the Character panel. In the Character panel, set the to Leading to 16pt.
- Activate your blank document, and with the Type tool still activated, click and drag out a text box over the entire document.
- Close the Character panel.
- In the In the Menu Bar, choose Type > Paste Lorem Ipsum to fill the text box with placeholder text.
- Go back to the In the Menu Bar, and choose Type > Paste Lorem Ipsum to completely fill the text box with placeholder text.

You can swap out the text with a poem, journaling, song lyrics or anything else you would like. But for demonstration purposes I've just used the placeholder text.



Step Three: Create the Grunge Texture Brush

- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- Press the letter X to swap the Color Chips so that white is now our Foreground Color.
- Get the Brush Tool.
- In the Tool Options, open the Brush Picker and choose the Legacy Brushes folder. Then open the Default Brushes folder and choose the Dry Brush. If you don't see it, click open the flyout menu and choose Legacy Brushes. Click OK in the dialog box. In the Brush panel, open the

Default Brushes folder and chose the Dry Brush. Set the Size to 500 px, the Mode to Normal, and the Opacity to 100%, the Flow to 100% and the Smoothing to 0. Click on the Brush Settings Icon to open the Brush Settings panel, set the Spacing to 37%. Then click on Scattering and set Scatter to 14%, check the Both Axes box. Click on Dual Brush and set the Size to 300 pixels, the Spacing to 81%, and the Count to 1.

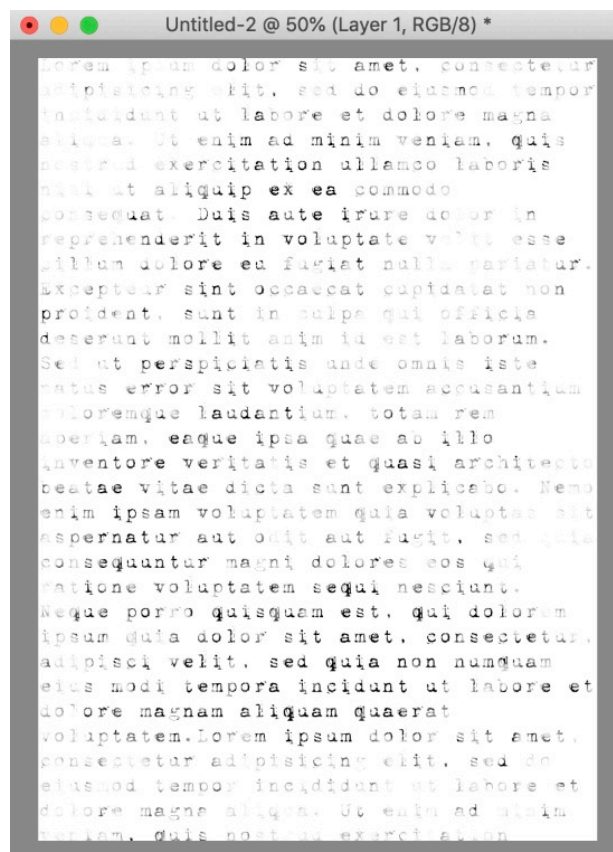
- Uncheck Color Dynamics and Transfer.

Step Four: Save the Grungy Texture Brush

- Get the Brush Tool.
- Open the Brush Picker, then open the flyout menu and choose Export Selected Brushes. Name your brush, I've named mine BRM-02-03-GrungeTexture. Then navigate to your class folder for this lesson (BRM-02-03-HeartMask) and click OK.

Step Five: Add a Grunge Layer

- With the blank layer active in the Layers panel, click and drag the brush over areas of the text to grunge it up.



This method makes it appear as though areas of the text are erased. Since it's non-destructive you can change the font, size, color, and edit the text to create more brushes.

Step Six: Save the Grungy Text Document

- Save your document a layered PSD (File> Save As). Give it a name, I named mine BRM-02-03-GrungyText, navigate to your class folder (BRM-02-03-HeartMask). Click Save.

Step Seven: Define the Grungy Text as a Brush

- In the Menu Bar, Bar, choose Edit > Define Brush Preset. Give it a name, I've named mine BRM-02-03-GrungyText. Click OK.
- Close the grungy text document.

Step Eight: Add Grungy Text to the Heart Mask

- Activate the Heart Mask document with the top layer active.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- With the Brush Tool still activate, open the Tool Options and set the Size to 2500 px. Set the Mode to Normal, the Opacity to 100%, the Flow to 100%, and the Smoothing to 0.
- On the document, right on top and on the left side of the heart, click and stamp your brush to add the grungy text.
- In the Layers panel, drag the grungy text layer down below the cracked layer to automatically clip it to the heart layer.



Step Nine: Define the Heart Mask as a Brush

- In the Menu Bar, choose Edit > Define Brush Preset. Give it a name, I've named mine BRM-HeartMask. Click OK.

Step Ten: Save Your Document

- Save your heart mask document (File > Save).

Step Eleven: Test the Brush (Optional)

- Create a new 12x12 inch blank document (File > New) at 300ppi with a white background.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a new Layer icon.
- Press the letter D to Reset the Color Chips to the default of Black over white.
- Get the Brush tool.
- Open the Tool Options, open the Brush Picker and choose your heart mask brush, set the Size to 2500px. Set the Mode to Normal, the Opacity to 100%, the Flow to 100%, and the Smoothing to 0.
- On the document, click and stamp the heart mask brush.

