Perfectly Personal Word Art
Triangle Template 02 – Photoshop Transcript
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Believe it or not, geometry was one of my favorite subjects in high school. I have always been drawn to simple geometric shapes. When it comes to design. My favorite necklaces are shaped like a triangle, a circle, and a Chevron. So when I say that triangles are some of my favorite shapes, you can believe it. This template we're about to create just might be one of the easiest we make, but while it may be quick, it will also look great.

So here I am in Photoshop. 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. Then click on the foreground color chip to open the color picker and choose a medium gray color. I'm using hex number nine five nine five nine five and then click okay. Now, get the custom shape tool and in the tool options, set the tool mode to shape the fill to solid color and the stroke to none. Click to open the path operations and choose new layer. And then click to open the geometry options and choose fixed size. Enter a width of two inches and a height of 1.727 inches. Click to open the shape picker and choose the triangle shape. If you don't see the triangle shape, click to open the fly out menu and choose the shapes list and then click okay. Also make sure align edges is checked. Now on the document, click and drag to create the triangle. Let go once it's fully within the bounds of the document. Then 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 and then press control D in windows or command D on a Mac to de-select. Now press control T in windows or command T on a Mac to get the transform options. And in the tool options, set the rotation to 180 degrees and then click the checkmark to commit. Now in the layers panel. Double click on the name of this layer and change it to main triangle and then press enter to commit the name change.

Now press control J in windows or command J on a Mac to duplicate the triangle layer. Double click on the name of this layer and change it to inner triangle accent and then press enter to commit the name change. 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. Now press shift alt backspace in windows or shift option delete on a Mac to fill the duplicated triangle with the light gray color. And then on the while holding down the shift key, click and drag the light gray triangle up until you see a small portion of the main triangle showing, about like that.

Now in the layers panel control click in windows or command click on a Mac on the name of the inner triangle accent layer and choose rasterize layer. Then in the layers panel. Control click in windows or command click on a Mac on the thumbnail of the main triangle layer to get a selection outline. Then in the menu bar, choose select, inverse. And then press the backspace key in windows or the delete key on a Mac to remove the excess pixels from the light gray triangle. Then press control D in windows or command D on a Mac to de-select.

Now press the letter X to switch the foreground color chip to white and then get the horizontal type tool. In the tool options, set the font to something basic like myriad pro. Set the size to 24 and set the alignment to center. Then on the document, click once and type the word text in all caps, press the enter key and type the word here in all caps and then click the checkmark to commit. Now get the move tool and press control A in windows or command A on a Mac to select all. Then in the tool options, click on the align horizontal centers icon. Then press control D in windows or command D on a Mac to de-select. Then in the menu bar, choose view, new guide and in the dialog box, set the orientation to horizontal and set the position to 0.5 and then click okay. Now on the document while holding down the shift key, click and drag the type layer up until it snaps to the guide. Then in the menu bar, choose view, show and check guides to hide them. Now you can save this file as triangle template zero two dot PSD in the same folder as the first one. Okay, we finished creating this template, so now it's time to show you how I used it.

So here is the template, now that I've customized it. I kept this template very simple. Although the portion of the main triangle that shows around the edge could allow for a fun pattern. I chose to use two solid papers because I wanted this triangle to have almost a street sign look to it. You see, I was creating a project where I was showcasing one of my dogs from this spring. We had been snowed in for roughly five weeks from February to mid-March and this was the first nice spring day we had had. So I took Bilbo to the track up town and we had a blast walking outside. This photo cluster does a great job of making Bilbo the highlight and the custom word art really helps tell the story here. Here is the final scrapbook page I made using this cluster. I like how the colors from my custom template go with the entire layout.

Now it's time to cover a few tips on how I used this custom triangle. These tips are nothing new but I keep repeating them because repetition really helps knowledge sink in. Number one, use a fastener. Staples are a great way to nail down a piece of paper word art. Use one of the corners of the triangle to place your staple. Number two, use a contrasting shape. Place a circle or rectangle behind your triangle word art. Mixing shapes can be a great way to keep the design interesting. And number three, overlap the photo. Place your triangle so that it slightly overlaps the photo underneath it. This helps point the eye to the photo while still allowing your custom word art to help tell the story. Okay, now that we've created two triangle templates together, we're going to start the homework. I'll see you in the next lesson. This is Jenifer Juris with perfectly personal word art.