



Perfectly Personal Word Art Paper Strip Template 09 – Photoshop Elements

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Step One: Prepare the Workspace

- Create a new document (File > New > Blank File) that is 3 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 Triangle Accents

- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker and choose a light gray color. I'm using Hex #: cccccc. Click OK.
- Get the Custom Shape tool.
- In the Tool Options, click to open the Shape Picker and choose the Triangle shape. If you don't see the Triangle shape, click on the Shape Picker drop-down

box and choose All Elements Shapes. Also, click to open the Shape Picker Flyout Menu and choose Large List. Set the Style to None and the Geometry Options to Fixed Size. Enter a width and height of 0.15 inches. Click on the Create a New Shape Layer icon.

- On the document, click and drag to create the shape.



- Press Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) to get the Transform options.
- In the Tool Options, set the Angle to 90°. Click OK.



- 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.



- In the Layers panel, click on the triangle layer so it's the only active layer.
- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the layer.
- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the second triangle to the right until there's a small space between the two triangles.
- In the Layers panel, Shift click on the bottom triangle layer so that both triangle layers are active.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Group Layers.
- In the Layers panel, double click on the name of the Group layer and change it to Triangle Accents. Press Enter to commit the name change.



Step Four: Add the Type

- Press the letter X to switch the foreground color to white.
- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, pick a basic font. I'm using Myriad Pro. Set 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.
- Get the Rectangular Marquee tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the New Selection icon, set the Feather to 0px, and the Aspect to Normal.
- On the document, click and drag a selection outline that goes from the top edge to the bottom edge of the document and goes from the tip of the right triangle to the right edge of the document.



- 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 Five: Save As

Save your template (File > Save As) as Paper-Strip-Template-09.psd with your other paper strip templates.