

## Perfectly Personal Word Art Triangle Template 03 – Photoshop Elements

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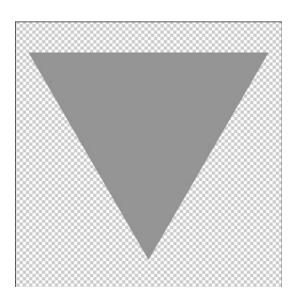
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#### **Step One: Prepare the Workspace**

- Create a new document (File > New > Blank File) that is 2.25 inches by 2.25 inches at 300ppi with a transparent background.
- Press the letter D to reset the Color Chips to the default of black over white.

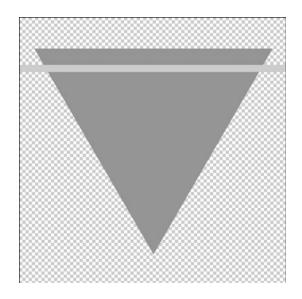
#### **Step Two: Create the Main Triangle**

- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker and choose a medium gray color. I'm using Hex #: 959595. 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 Shapes Dropdown Box and choose the Shapes list. Set the Style to None and set the Geometry Options to Fixed Size. Enter a Width of 2 inches and a Height of 1.727 inches. Click on the Create a New Shape Layer icon.
- On the document, click and drag to create the triangle. Once the triangle is fully within the bounds of the document, let go.
- Press Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) to get the Transform options.
- In the Tool Options, set the Rotation to 180°. 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 Vertical Centers icon and the Align Horizontal Centers icon.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.
- In the Layers panel, double click on the name of this layer and change it to Main Triangle. Press Enter to commit the name change.

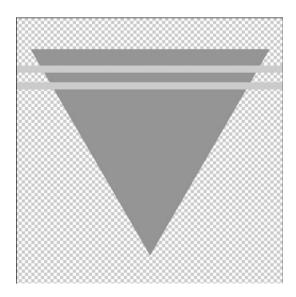


### **Step Three: Add the Line Accents**

- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- Get the Rectangular Marquee tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the New Selection icon, set the Feather to 0px, and the Aspect to Fixed Size. Enter a width of 2.25 inches and a Height of 0.06 inches.
- On the document, click and drag to create the selection. Place it towards the top of the triangle.
- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker and choose a light gray color. I'm using Hex #: ccccc. Click OK.
- Press Alt Backspace (Mac: Shift Opt Delete) to fill the selection with the foreground color.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.



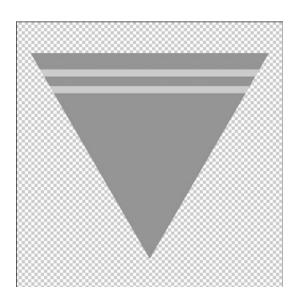
- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the line layer.
- Get the Move tool.
- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the second line down until there's a small amount of space between them.



- Press Ctrl E (Mac: Cmd E) to Merge the two line layers together.
- Double click on the name of this layer and change it to Line Accents. Press Enter to commit the name change.

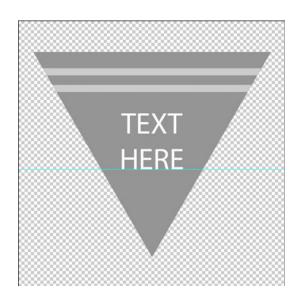
NOTE: Make sure your lines are placed where you want them because you can't move them after completing the next set of steps.

- In the Layers panel, Ctrl click (Mac: Cmd Click) on the thumbnail of the Main Triangle layer to get a selection outline.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Select > Inverse to invert the selection.
- Press Backspace (Mac: Delete) to remove the excess portion of the line accents.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.

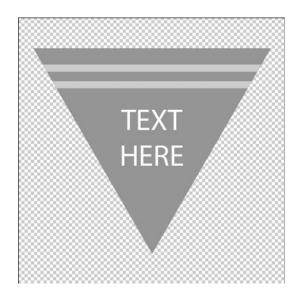


### **Step Four: Add the Type**

- Press the letter X to switch the foreground color to white.
- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, set the Font to something simple like Myriad Pro, set the Size to 18pts and set the Alignment to Center.
- On the document, click once and type the word TEXT, press Enter, and type the word HERE in call caps. Click the checkmark to commit.
- Get the Move tool.
- Press Ctrl A (Mac: Cmd A) to Select All.
- In the Tool Options, click on the Align Horizontal Centers icon.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.
- In the Menu Bar, choose View > New Guide.
- In the dialog box, set the Orientation to Horizontal and the Position to 1.25. Click OK.
- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the type layer the bottom of the type snaps to the guide.



• In the Menu Bar, choose View > Guides to hide the guide.



# Step Five: Save As

• Now you can save this template as Triangle-Template-03.psd.

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