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Digital Scrapbooking Mastery, No. 1
Lesson 12: Custom Text Box for PS
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- Begin in Adobe Photoshop.
- Open the scrapbook page (File > Open) that you ended with in Lesson 11.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Basic Chrome Staple group to make it active.

Create Space for the Flow of Type (if needed)

- In the Layers panel, click on the Pattern Paper Anchor group.
- Hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click on any additional groups that need to be moved.
- Get the Move tool.
- Press the Arrow keys to nudge the page elements to make room for the type to flow through the velum.
- Transform the elements as needed.
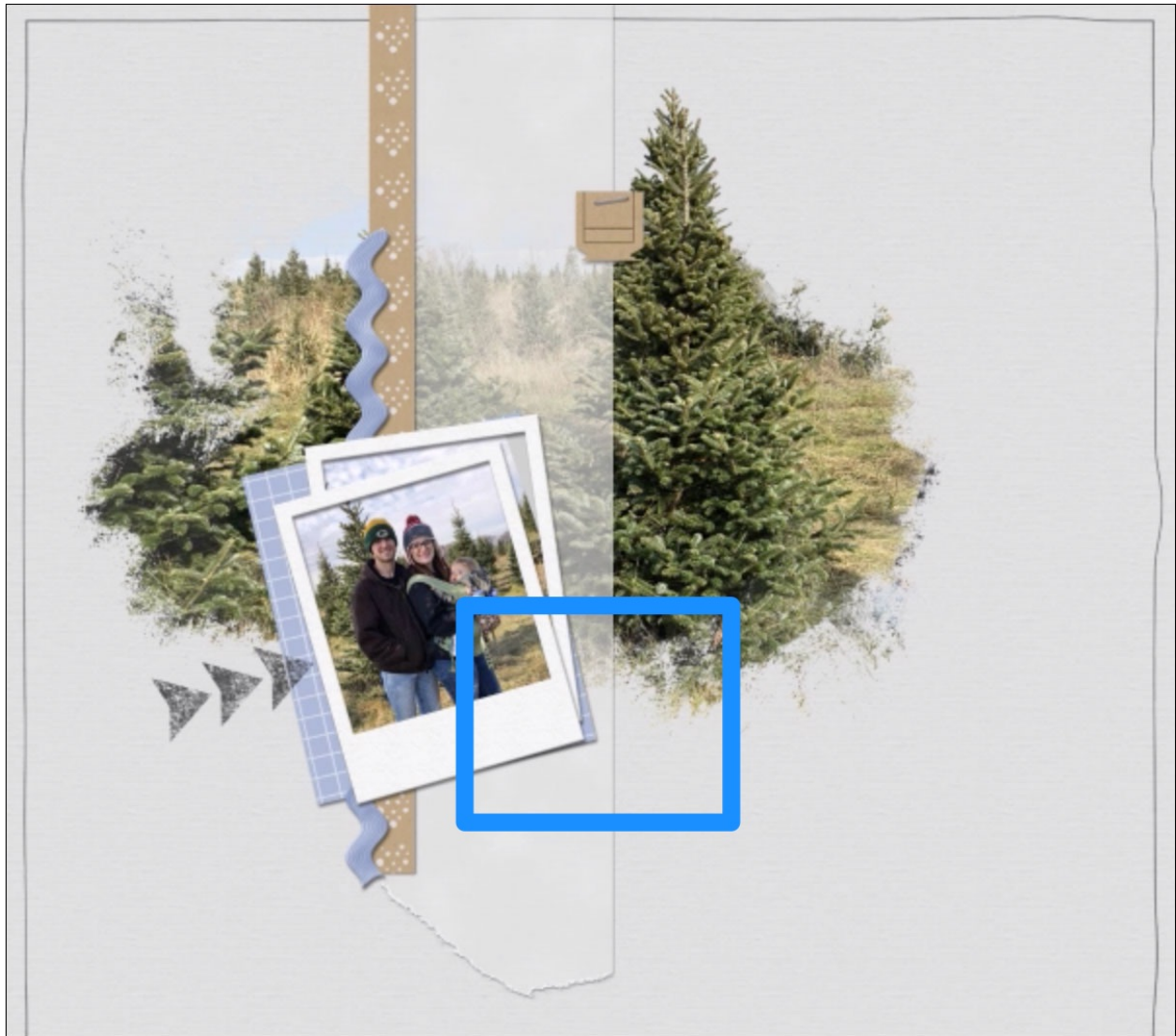
Create a Text Box

- In the Layers panel, click on the top group to activate it all by itself.
- Get the Polygonal Lasso tool.
- In the Options Bar, click on the New Selection icon. Set the Feather to 0 and check Anti-Alias.
- On the document, click to place a series of segments outlining the areas you want type to appear. To allow the text to flow in very slim areas, make sure the selection outline comes very close to touching, but does not touch. To close the selection, click on the beginning of the first segment.
- In the Paths panel (Window > Paths), click on the Path From Selection icon.
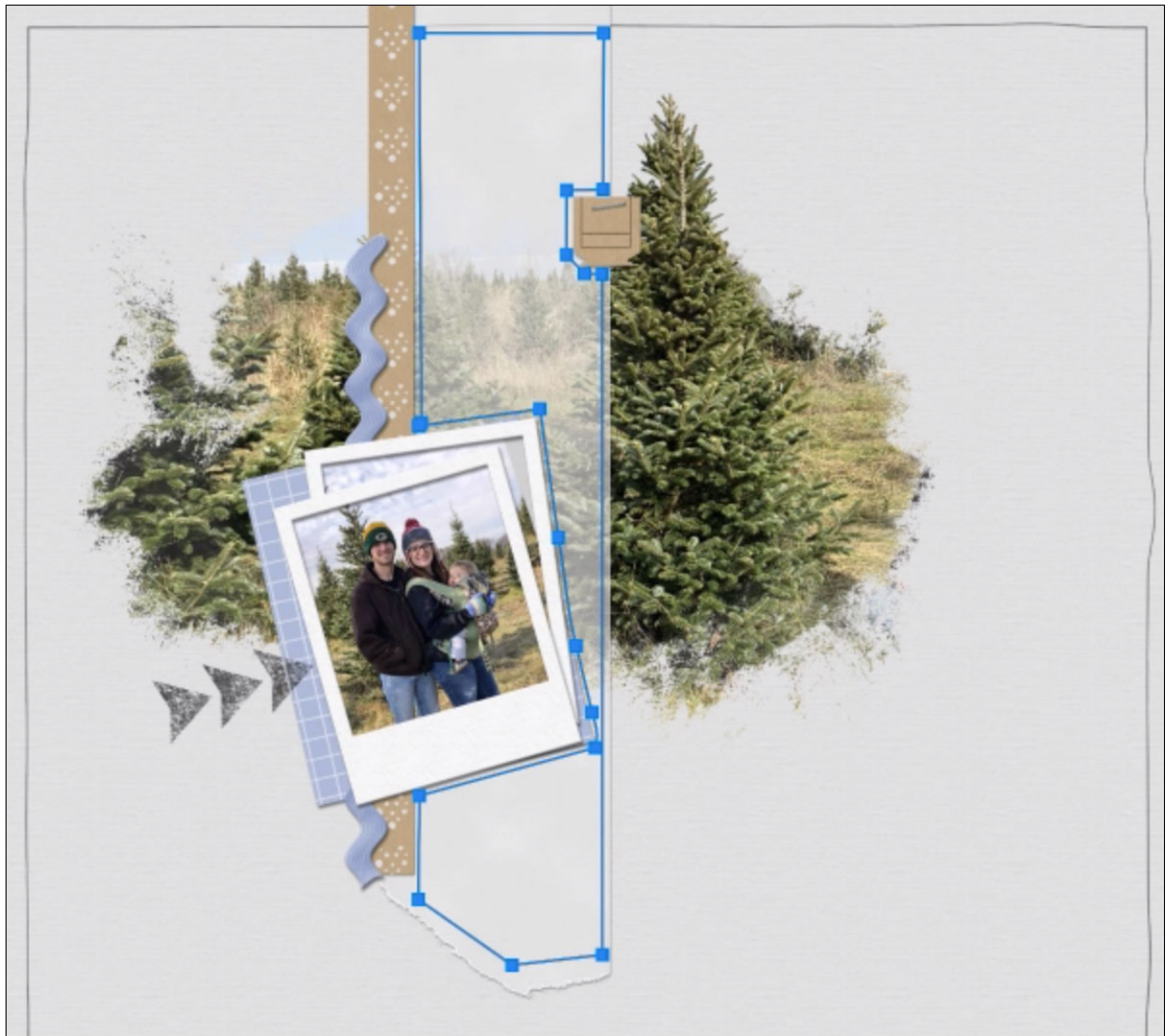
Add Type to the Text Box

- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Options Bar, open the Font Picker and choose a journaling font. Set the Size to 9 pt and the Alignment to Left Alignment. Click on the Color Chip and choose a color.
- On the document, hover your cursor inside the path until you see the Type Inside a Shape icon. Click once. Lorem Ipsum should fill part of the text box.
- Press Ctrl C (Mac: Cmd C) to copy the highlighted text to your clipboard.
- On the document, click near the end of the highlighted type to place your cursor.
- Press Ctrl V (Mac: Cmd V) several times to fill up the rest of the text box.
- Click the checkmark to commit.
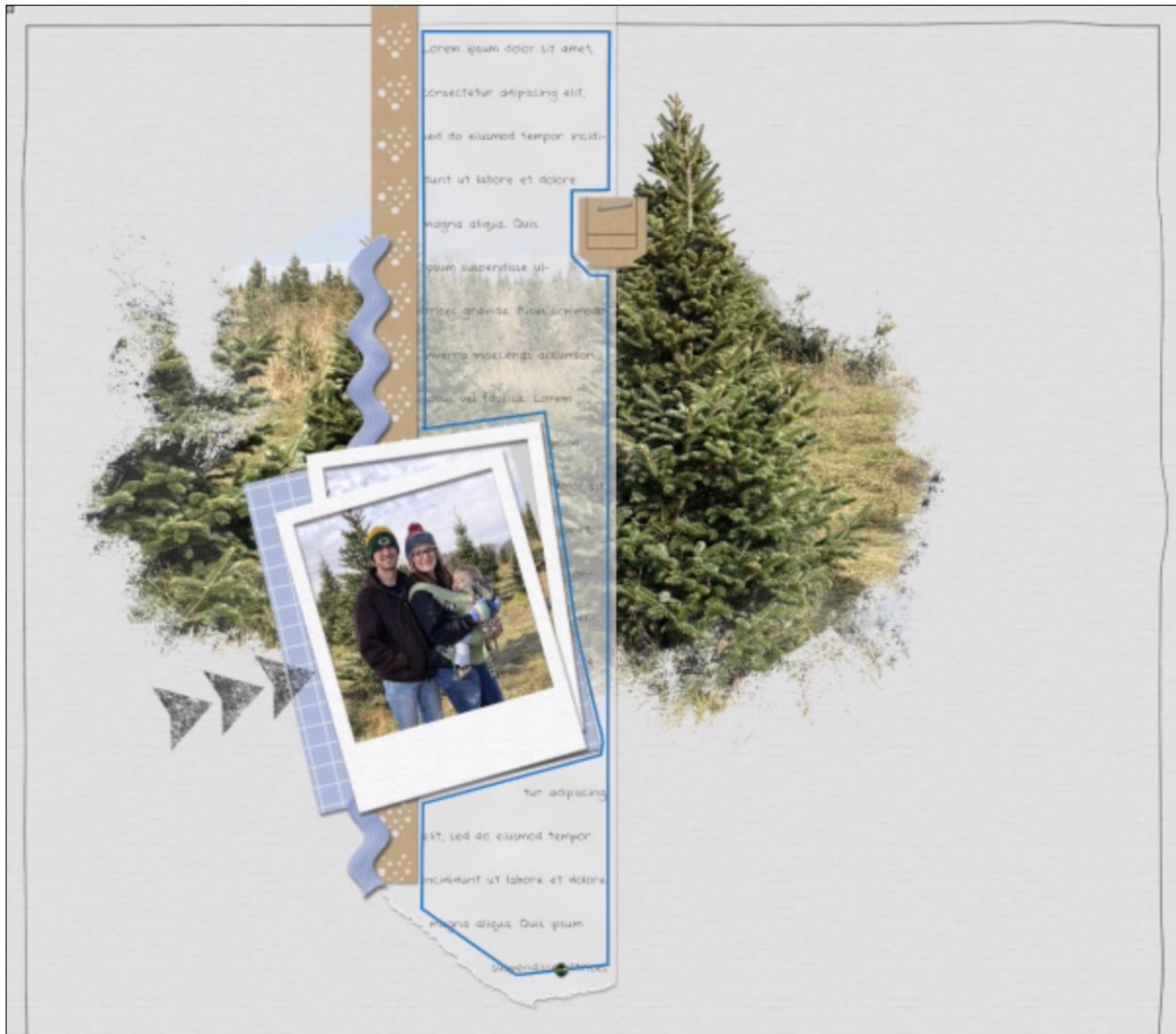
Adjust the Settings and Text Box

- In the Character Panel (Window > Character), set the Leading to Auto and the Tracking to 0.
- In the Paragraph panel (Window > Paragraph), uncheck Hyphenate.

Reposition the Text Box (optional)

- Get the Move tool.
- Press the Arrow keys to nudge the text box so that it does not overlap any 3D elements.

Journaling Tips and Solutions

- Spend time creating some journaling in a text document.
- Try working on your journaling during different times of the day to keep inspired and think of more things to say.
- Find some poetry that would coordinate well with the subject of your scrapbook page.
- Find an excerpt from a classic novel.
- Plan to use a phrase that's repeated until the text box is completely filled.

Replace the Type

- Highlight the journaling you plan to use on your scrapbook page.
- Press Ctrl C (Mac: Cmd C) to copy the journaling to your computer's clipboard.
- In the Layers panel of your scrapbook page, double click on the thumbnail of the Type layer to highlight all the current type.
- Press Ctrl V (Mac: Cmd V) to paste your journaling in.
- Click the checkmark to commit.

Adjust for Your Journaling

- Press Ctrl 0 (Mac: Cmd 0) to zoom out.
- Get the Move tool.
- Press the Arrow keys to nudge the text box if needed.
- In the Character panel, adjust the Leading, Tracking, and/or Size of the type to make it fit in the text box.

- To add space at the top of the text box, highlight all the text as before, then press the Left Arrow key. Press Enter/Return to add space at the top. Click the checkmark to commit.
- To squeeze the text box, highlight all the text as before, then holding down the Shift key, click and drag on a side handle of the bounding box. Click the checkmark to commit.

Create a Group and Save

- In the Layers panel, click and drag the type layer to the Group Layers icon.
- Double click directly on the name of the new group and rename it Custom Text Box.
- When you create your title, add those layers to this group as well.
- Save your page (File > Save).