



Perfectly Personal Word Art Hexagon Template 03 – Photoshop Elements

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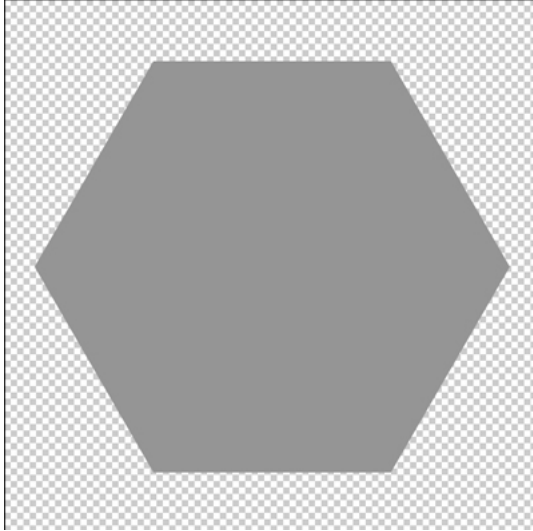
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Step One: Prepare the Workspace

- 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.

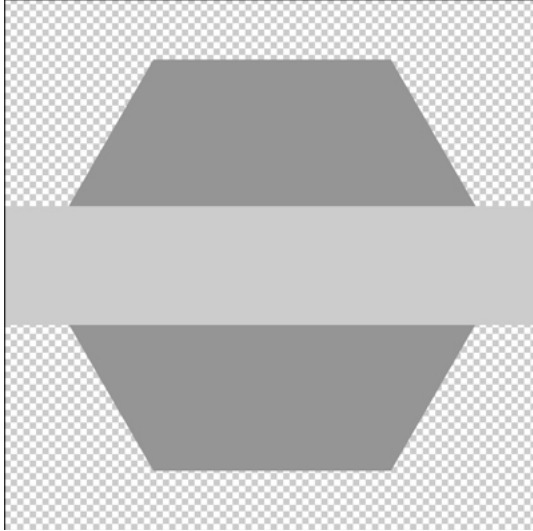
Step Two: Create the Main Hexagon

- 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 Hexagon shape. If you don't see the Hexagon Shape, click to open the Flyout Menu and choose Large List. If you still don't see the Hexagon Shape, click on the Shapes Dropdown box and choose the Shapes List. Then, set the Style to None and the Geometry options to Fixed Size. Enter and width of 2 inches and a height of 1.73 inches. Click on the Create a New Shape Layer icon.
- On the document, click and drag until the hexagon is fully within the bounds of the document and then let go.
- Press Ctrl A (Mac: Cmd A) to Select All.
- 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.
- In the Layers panel, double click on the name of this layer and change it to Main Hexagon. Press Enter to commit the name change.

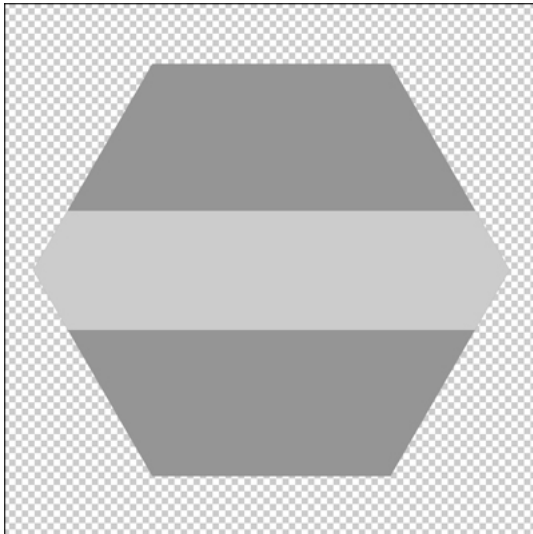


Step Two: Create the Middle Accent

- 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 set the Aspect to Fixed Size. Enter a Width of 2.25 inches and Height of 0.5 inches.
- On the document, click and drag to create the selection. At this point, it doesn't matter where you place the selection box as we'll fix that in a minute.
- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker and choose a light gray color. I'm using Hex #: cccccc. Click OK.
- Press Alt Backspace (Mac: Opt Delete) to fill the selection with the Foreground Color.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.
- 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, while holding down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd Key) click on the thumbnail of the Main Hexagon layer to get a selection outline.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Select > Inverse.
- Making sure the rectangle layer is still the active layer, press Backspace (Mac: Delete) to remove the excess pixels.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.
- In the Layers panel, double click on the name of this layer and change it to Middle Accent. 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, set the Font to something basic. I'm using Myriad Pro. Set the Size to 24pts, and the Alignment to Center.

- On the document, click once and type the words TYPE HERE in all caps. 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 Horizontal Centers icon and the Align Vertical Centers icon.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.



Step Five: Save As

- Save this file as Hexagon-Template-03.psd in the folder called Hexagon Templates.

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