



Perfectly Personal Word Art Paper Strip Creation Checklist

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Here are a list of steps to go through every time you create a new paper strip template:

1. Create a New Document

Paper Strip Document sizes can vary from small to large. You've probably noticed I kept my templates in the range of 2.75-3.5 inches wide and 0.6 inches high. Feel free to play with different sized for the height. I just wouldn't go much higher than 0.7 inches.

Also, remember, once you create a customized paper strip, you can always size it smaller.

2. Create the Main Rectangle

For every template, we've done this by utilizing the Background layer as the main rectangle.

3. Create the Template Accents

Here is where all of the different designs comes in. This is the part where you get to have fun!

4. Organize Your Accent Layers

Name and Group your accent layers. Grouping can make clipping a paper to your template so much easier because you only have to clip a paper to the group layer instead of all of the individual layers.

5. Crop Away Excess Pixels

When you create your template design, sometimes, there are pixels that hang outside of the document boundaries. We want to eliminate these excess pixels. Remember to Select All and Crop. Also remember, you may have to Simply (PS: Rasterize) the layers before you can crop away the excess.

6. Add the Type

Add a generic type placeholder. Use the Rectangular Marquee tool to select the area of the template where you wish to center your type.

7. Save As

Save the templates in the same folder as all of the rest of the templates we've made so far.