Perfectly Personal Word Art
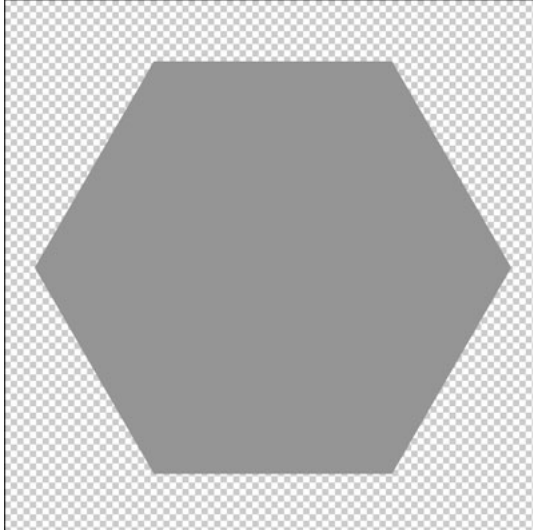**Hexagon Template 01 – Photoshop**
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Step One: Prepare the Workspace

- Create a new file (File > New) 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.
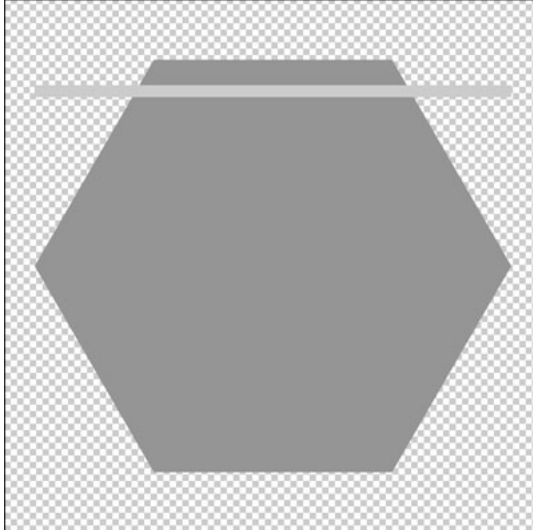
Step Two: Create the Main Hexagon

- 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, set the Tool Mode to Shape, the Fill to Solid Color, and the Stroke to None. Open the Path Operations and choose New Layer. Open the Geometry Options and choose Fixed Size. Enter a Width of 2 inches a Height of 1.73 inches. Click to open the Custom Shape picker and choose the Hexagon Shape. If you don't see the Hexagon option, click to open the Custom Shape picker fly-out menu and choose Large List. If you still don't see the Hexagon option, click to open the fly-out menu and choose the Shapes list. Click OK to amend the list shown. Check Align Edges.
- 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.
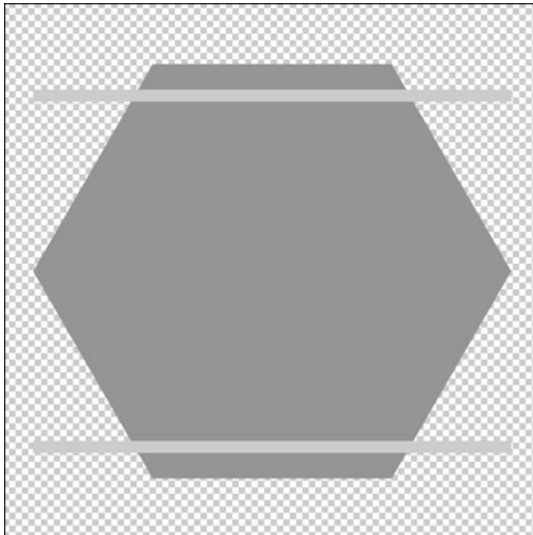
Step Three: Create the Line Accents

- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- 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 Rectangular Marquee tool.
- In the Tool Options, Click on the New Selection icon, set the Feather to 0px, and the Style to Fixed Size. Enter a Width of 2 inches and a Height of 0.05 inches.
- On the document, click and drag to create the selection, placing it under the top edge of the hexagon. Your placement doesn't have to be perfect right now as you can move the line after it's created.
- 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.
- On the document, move the line up or down until it's positioned under the top edge of the shape with some space in between the top edge of the hexagon and the top edge of the line.
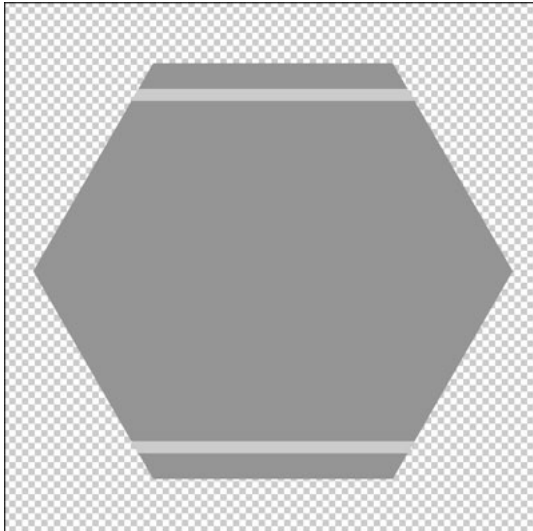
- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the line.
- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the second line down until it's the same space above the bottom edge of the hexagon shape.

- In the Layers panel, Ctrl click (Mac: Cmd click) on the thumbnail of the Main Hexagon layer to get a selection outline.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Select > Inverse.
- In the Layers panel, activate one of the line layers and press Backspace (Mac: Delete) to remove the excess pixels.
- In the Layers panel, activate the other line layer and press Backspace (Mac: Delete) to remove the excess pixels of the other line.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.
- In the Layers panel, Shift click on the other line layer so that both line layers are active.
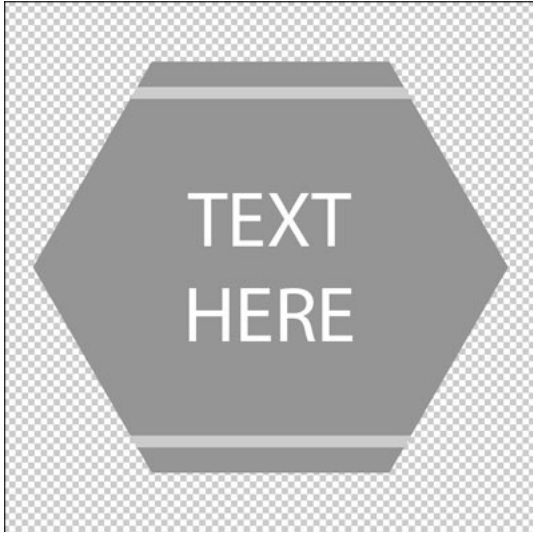- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Group Layers.

- Double click on the name of this group and change it to Line Accents. Press Enter to commit the name change.

NOTE: Once you do this, you cannot change the position of the line layers on the document. So make sure they are positioned where you want them before you remove the excess pixels.

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 word TEXT then press Enter and then type the word 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-01.psd in a folder called Hexagon Templates that is located within the same folder as your other word art templates.
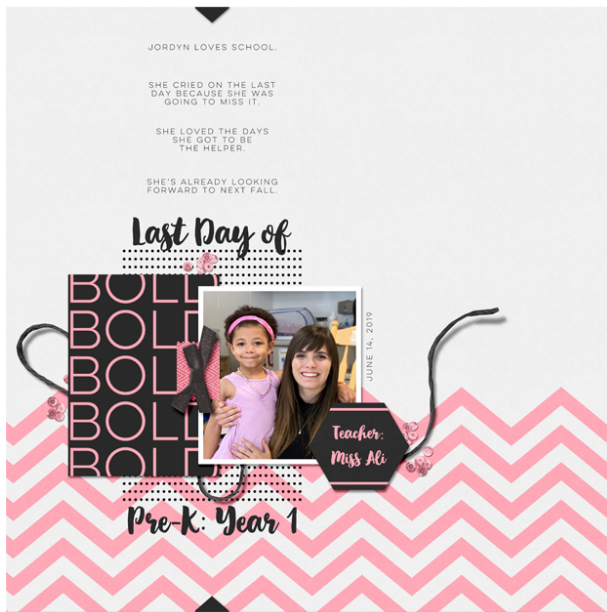
Here is how I chose to customize my hexagon template. I love how the black contrasts with the pretty pink!

Here is how I used my custom hexagon to create this neat cluster. I used a journal card of matching colors to carry the black and pink theme from the left side of the photo to the right. I also placed a black string behind the paper pieces to carry the eye across the cluster.

And here is how I used this cluster on a scrapbook page. I contrasted the horizontal cluster by placing some elements and journaling along the vertical. I kept the background fairly simple so as not to compete with the main subject - the photo. I hope this helps inspire you and gets you excited about your new custom word art stash. The amount of ways you can use these templates is limitless!

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