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Secrets of Terrific Type

Lesson 02-11: Baseline Shift Homework—Photoshop Elements

For the homework on Baseline Shift, we are going to create a fun piece of word art that you can use in multiple projects.

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Step One: Prepare the Workspace

Create a new document of 12 inches by 12 inches at 300ppi with a white background.

Press the letter D to reset the Color Chips.

Step Two: Add Type

Get the Horizontal Type tool. In the Tool Options, click to open the Tool Options Menu and choose Reset Tool.

In the Tool Options, set the Font to Life Savers, the Size to 72 pts, and use Center Alignment.

On the document, click once and type the word SPRING. Click the checkmark to commit.

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Step Three: Add Layer Mask

In the Layers panel, click on the Add Layer Mask icon.

Get the Rectangular Marquee tool.

In the Tool Options, click on the New Selection icon, set the Feather to 0 px, and the Aspect to Normal.

NOTE: You may need to zoom in, Ctrl + (Mac: Cmd +), in order to better see where to make the selection. Once done, press Ctrl 0 (Mac: Cmd 0) to zoom out.

On the document, click and drag a selection around the letters ING.

Press Alt Backspace (Mac: Opt Delete) to fill the selection with black.

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Step Four: Adjust Baseline

Get the Horizontal Type tool. Keep all the tool settings the same.

On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click once and type a capitol letter I. Click the checkmark to commit.

Get the Move tool.

On the document, click and drag the letter I so that the left bottom handle of the letter I is below the right bottom handle of the letter R.

If you need to, use the Arrow keys to nudge the letter until it's just right.

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Let's do something similar for the letter N.

Get the Horizontal Type tool. Keep all the settings the same.

On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click once and type the letter N. Click the checkmark to commit.

Get the Move tool.

On the document, click and drag the letter N so it's lower left handle is below the lower right handle of the letter I.

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Now, let's do the letter G. Get the Horizontal Type tool.

On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click once and type the letter G. Click the checkmark to commit.

Get the Move tool.

On the document, click and drag the letter G so that it's sticking above the top line of rest of the word Spring.

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Step Five: Add Brush Stroke

Now, we need to open the Spring Brush Stroke. You can locate this in the downloads for this lesson.

Once the file has been opened, get the Move tool.

While holding down the Shift key, click and drag the stroke onto your document.

Now, we need to position the brush stroke just under the word SPRING.

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Step Six: Add Type

All that's left is to add the rest of the words to finish our phrase.

Get the Horizontal Type Tool. In the Tool Options, change the Font to Lumberjack Rough, and the Size to 40 pts. Leave everything else the same.

On the document, to the left of the spring brush stroke, click once and type the words “Put a”. Click the checkmark to commit.

On the document, to the right of the spring brush stroke, click once and type the words “in your step”. Click the checkmark to commit.

Get the Move tool. Use the mouse and/or Arrow keys to adjust the placement of the added words until they are positioned how you like.

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Step Seven: Save As PNG

Now to save the word art as a png file so we can use it in a project, we need to do the following.

In the Layers panel, click on the visibility icon of the background layer to hide it.

Get the Rectangular Marquee tool. Leave all the tool settings the same.

On the document, click and drag a rectangle around the word art.

In the Menu Bar, choose Image > Crop.

In the Menu Bar, choose File > Save As and make sure to save this file as a .png so that the background remains transparent.

Here is an example of how I used the word art in a scrapbook page.

Credits

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Kit: APP My Camera by Anna Aspnes

Extras: Summer Field by Natali Designs, Mask

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Fonts: Lumberjack Rough, Life Savers

