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Intertwined Title with a Layer Mask

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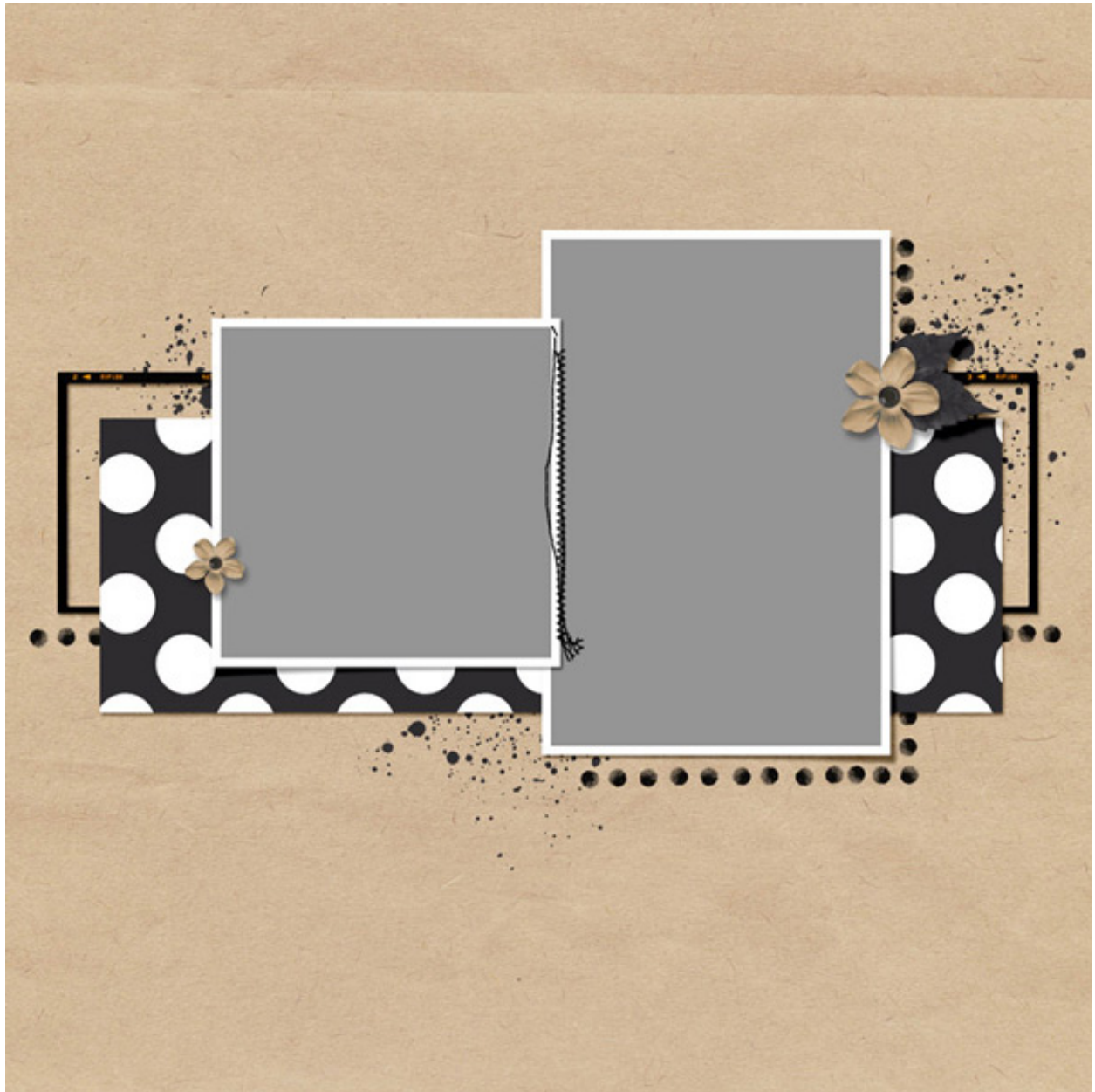
Quickly create the look of an intertwined title using the combination of a selection with a layer mask.

For this tutorial you'll need:

- A basic (sans serif) font, good examples are: Cicle, Didact Gothic, and Glacial Indifference (free at FontSquirrel)
- The word art and quick page included in the [download for this tutorial](#)
- Photoshop Elements or Adobe Photoshop

Step One: Prepare the Workspace

- Open the layered quick page (File > Open) included in the download for this tutorial.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Bottom Elements and Background layer to activate it.
- Press the letter D to reset the Color Chips to the default of black over white.



Step Two: Create the First Half of the Title

- Press the letter X to switch the Foreground Color Chip to white.
- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, open the Font Picker and choose a sans serif font. I'm using the Arcon which can be found at [FontSquirrel](#).

NOTE: Any basic sans serif font will work. A few other options you can find for free at

FontSquirrel are Cicle, Didact Gothic, and Glacial Indifference.

- Set the Size to 100 pts and click on the Align Center icon.
- The Color Chip should be white. If it's not, click on the Color Chip and choose white. (PS: Click on the Color Chip, choose white, then click OK to close the Color Picker.)
- Set the Tracking to 0. (PS: In the Character panel, set the Tracking to 0.)

NOTE: Tracking was first introduced in PSE 2019. If you have an earlier version, this setting is not necessary.

- On the document under the left photo mask, click once to place the cursor.
- Type the first word of your title. I'm using the word BEST in all caps.

TIP FOR CHOOSING A WORD: In the downloads for this lesson, I've included three script words for you to choose from that will go with the word you're typing now. The title options are "best buds", "love you", and "this life". If you're using "love you" or "this life", use the appropriate word (love or this) now. You can also use your own word if you want, but there are only three script words to pick from so make sure the word you use now coordinates with one of those three words.

NOTE: The reason we are using all caps here is because the script word will be all lower case. The reason this title will look so great is because we're using contrast to our advantage. Not only are the two fonts types we're using have great contrast in style, using all caps with all lowercase is another way to add visual interest using contrast.

- Click the checkmark to commit.
- Get the Move tool.
- In the Tool Options, uncheck Auto-Select.
- On the document, click and drag the type layer until it fits into the corner made by the two photos. See the image below.



Step Three: Add the Second Half of the Title

- Open a corresponding word art file (File > Open) from the downloads for this tutorial. I'm opening the word buds.

NOTE: I have included word art for you to use because creating the script words with the swashes requires knowledge on how to access glyphs or special characters from within a font. If that is something you'd like to learn how to do, you can learn everything you need to know about it in my Secrets of Terrific Type class. Check the blog for a link to get more information on this class if you're interested.

- With the Move tool, on the document click and drag the word art onto the quick page document.
- Click and drag the script word down until it overlaps the bottom half of the first word in your title. See the image below.



Step Four: Intertwine the Title

Photoshop Elements ONLY:

- Get the Brush tool.
- In the Tool Options, open the Brush Picker and choose the Hard Round brush from the Default Brushes.
 - If you don't see the Hard Round Brush, open the flyout menu and choose Large List.
 - If you get a dialog box asking you to save your brushes, click Don't Save.
- Set the Size to 45 px, the Mode to Normal, and the Opacity to 100%.

Adobe Photoshop ONLY:

- Get the Brush tool.
- In the Tool Options, open the Brush Picker and choose the Hard Round brush from General Brushes. To see the name of the brushes, open the flyout menu and check Brush Name.
- Set the Size to 45 px, the Mode to Normal, the Opacity to 100%, the Flow to 100%, and the Smoothing to 100%.

Both Programs:

- In the Layers panel, click on the Add a Layer Mask icon.
- In the Layers panel, hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click on the thumbnail of the type layer (below the word art layer) to get a selection outline.
- In the Layers panel, the layer mask should still be active. You will know it's active if it has a white or blue outline around it.
- The Foreground Color Chip needs to be black. If it's not, press the letter X.
- On the document, click and drag to mask away portions of the word buds to have it look intertwined with the word best. See the image below.

TIPS: I'm brushing over the swash of the lowercase b that is on the capital B of best. I'm also brushing over the swoop of the lowercase b that overlaps the bottom part of the capital E. I'm brushing over the little bit of the lowercase u that overlaps the capital E and I'm brushing over the swoop of the lowercase d that overlaps the capital T. If you're using a different set of words for your title, just make sure you erase parts of the script word and let some of the script word overlap.

- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.



Step Five: Finishing Touches

- Clip photos to the clipping masks. For help with clipping masks, watch [A Scrapper's Guide to Clipping](#), free in our classroom.
- Add some journaling and a date.

Here is my page now that I've added my photos, journaling, and a date.



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Fonts: Arcon, Jean Jingga, Coronamatic 67



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