

Retro Style Banner

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I don't know what it is about retro, but I am loving it right now. I love the bold colors and the distinctive graphic design.

Lately I have been seeing these cute little retro style banners all over the place. I just love how they look. I thought they would be a fun element to learn how to make and use on my pages. Then, I thought, maybe you would like to learn how to make them, too.



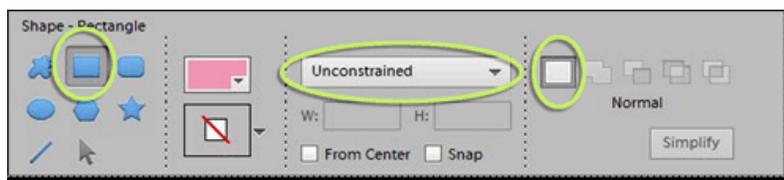
Let's get it done!

Step One: Prepare the Workspace

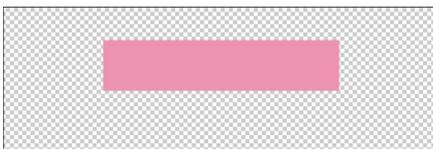
- Create a new document (File > New > Blank File) that is 5in wide by 1in high at 300ppi with a transparent background. (Photoshop: Choose File > New.)
- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker, choose a color and click OK. I sampled a color from my layout. It is Hex# ed94b2.

Step Two: Create a Rectangle and Add a Stroke

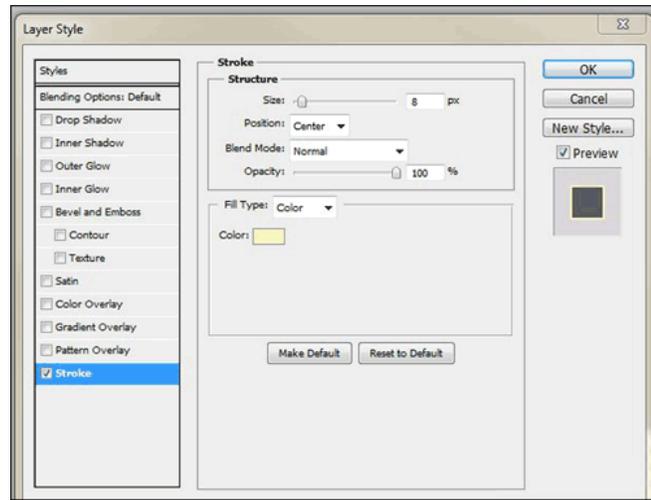
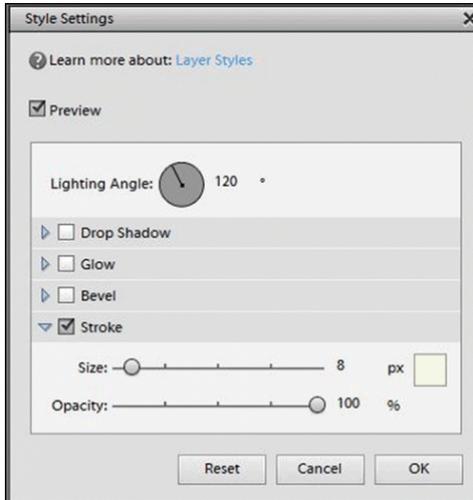
- Get the Rectangle tool.
- In the Tool Options, open the Geometry Options and choose Unconstrained.
- Click on the Create New Shape Layer icon. (Photoshop: Also click on the Shape Layer icon.)



- On your document, click and drag out a rectangle shape, leaving room for the ends of your banner.
- In the Tool Options, click on the Simplify button. (Photoshop: In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Rasterize > Shape.)



- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Layer Style > Style Settings. (Photoshop: Choose Layer > Layer Style > Stroke.)
- In the dialog box, place a checkmark next to Stroke and twirl open the settings. Set the Size to 8 px, the Opacity to 100%, and choose a complementing Color for your stroke. I used #f6f5c1. (Photoshop: Also choose Center for the Position.)



Note: You could also add a stroke from the Edit Menu but then it wouldn't stay as a style to the element when you create the ends. Creating your stroke from the Style Settings will make the outline go around the whole thing even if you cut out a part. Stick with me you will see what I mean.

Step Three: Create and Add the Ends

- Get the Rectangular Marquee tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the New Selection icon, set the Feather to 0, and Aspect should be Normal. (Photoshop: Style should be Normal.)
- On your document, click and drag a selection outline around 1/3 of your rectangle.



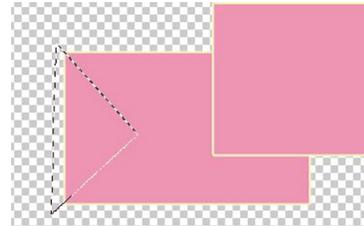
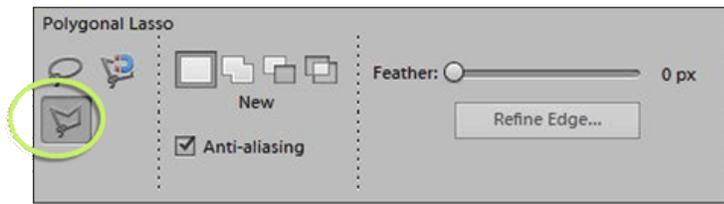
- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to make a copy of your selection.
- In the Layers panel, click and drag the duplicate layer below the original rectangle layer.
- Get the Move tool.
- In the Tool Options, uncheck Auto-select layer.
- On your document, click near the duplicate rectangle and move it to the left and down a bit.



- Get the Polygonal Lasso tool. In the Tool Options, click on the Create New Shape Layer icon and set

the Feather to 0.

- In the Layers panel, make sure the duplicate rectangle layer is still active.
- On the document, click to create a triangle shape at the left edge of the rectangle. See the image below.

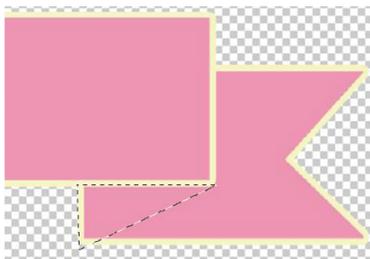


- Press the Backspace key (Mac: Delete key) to cut out the end of your banner.
Note: See how the outline stays with the cut? Magic!
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.
Note: Don't worry if your cut isn't perfect, it gives it a little personality!
- With the end of your banner still active the active layer, press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate it.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Image < Rotate < Flip Layer Horizontal. (Photoshop: Choose Edit > Transform > Flip Horizontal.)
- Get the Move tool.
- On the document, hold down the Shift key and drag the new end to the right. See the image below.

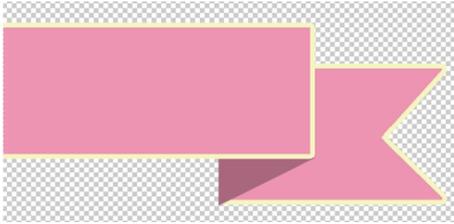


Step Four: Add a Shadow

- In the Layers panel, with the right end still active, click on the Create a New layer icon.
- Open the Color Picker, choose a color that is darker than your original color, and click OK.
Note: I usually go straight down from my original color. If your original color is a dark color, pick a lighter version of it. I chose #905166.
- Get the Polygonal Lasso tool.
- On the document, click to create a triangle shape as shown in the image below.



- Press Alt Backspace (Mac: Alt Delete) to fill the selection with the Foreground Color Chip.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.
- Repeat Step Four for the other end.

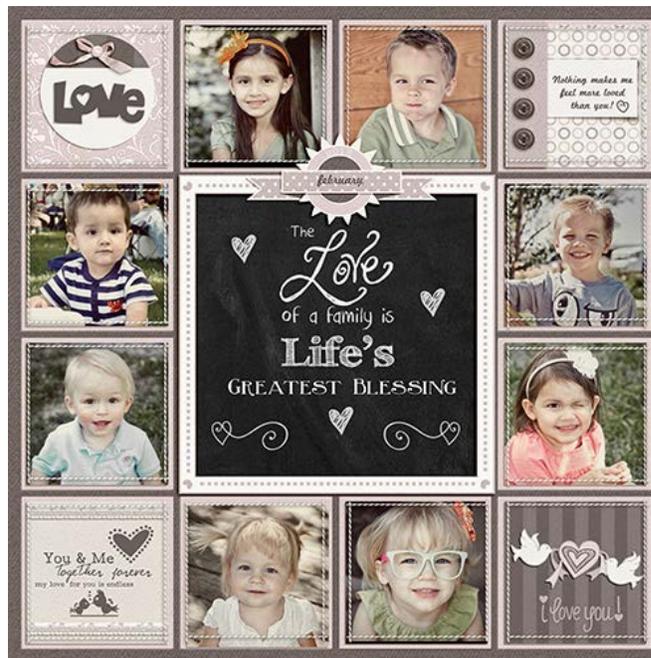
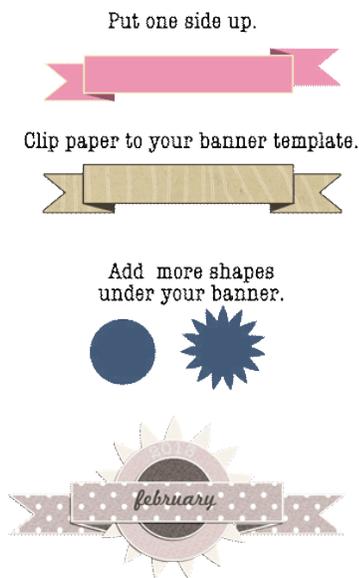


Step Five: Add Your Banner to a Scrapbook Page

Note: At this point you may want to save your banner as a PSD template so you can use it again.

- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Merge Visible.
- In the Layers panel, click on the layer and drag it onto your scrapbook page.

Here are some variations of this same banner.



Credits:

Digi Scrap Tutorial: Retro Style Banner by Nannette Dalton

Layout: January 2013 by Nannette Dalton

Kit: [Two Hearts](#) by Anita Designs

Stitching: [All Stitched Up](#) by Susie Roberts

Tutorial: Chalkboard by Christina Rambo (originally included in the August 2012 [Premier](#) issue)

Quote: Crystal Wilkerson's 30 Days of Gratitude Quotes

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