

# Triangle Design Template

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Anyone who loves geometric shapes, colors, or quilting raise your hand, quick! Me, too! In my younger days I used to make quilts! I owned a lot of quilting books and videos. I had all kinds of rulers for quilting, a cutting mat, and several rotary cutters. A trip to the library meant borrowing more books and videos. The dining table and living room floor had double duty; they were both used for my almost-finished quilts. But then, I got arthritis. I could not sit too long, squat too long, or cut too long. My neck would complain for months! Talk about a pain in the neck! Ugh!

I learned a lot about color from quilting. I also want to mention that Nann has an awesome tutorial about color theory, and you can find it [here](#). So today, I am going to share with you my passion for shapes and colors. If there are two or three things you are passionate about that you could incorporate into one thing, what would that be? For me, that would be this tutorial below.

### Step One: Prepare the Workspace

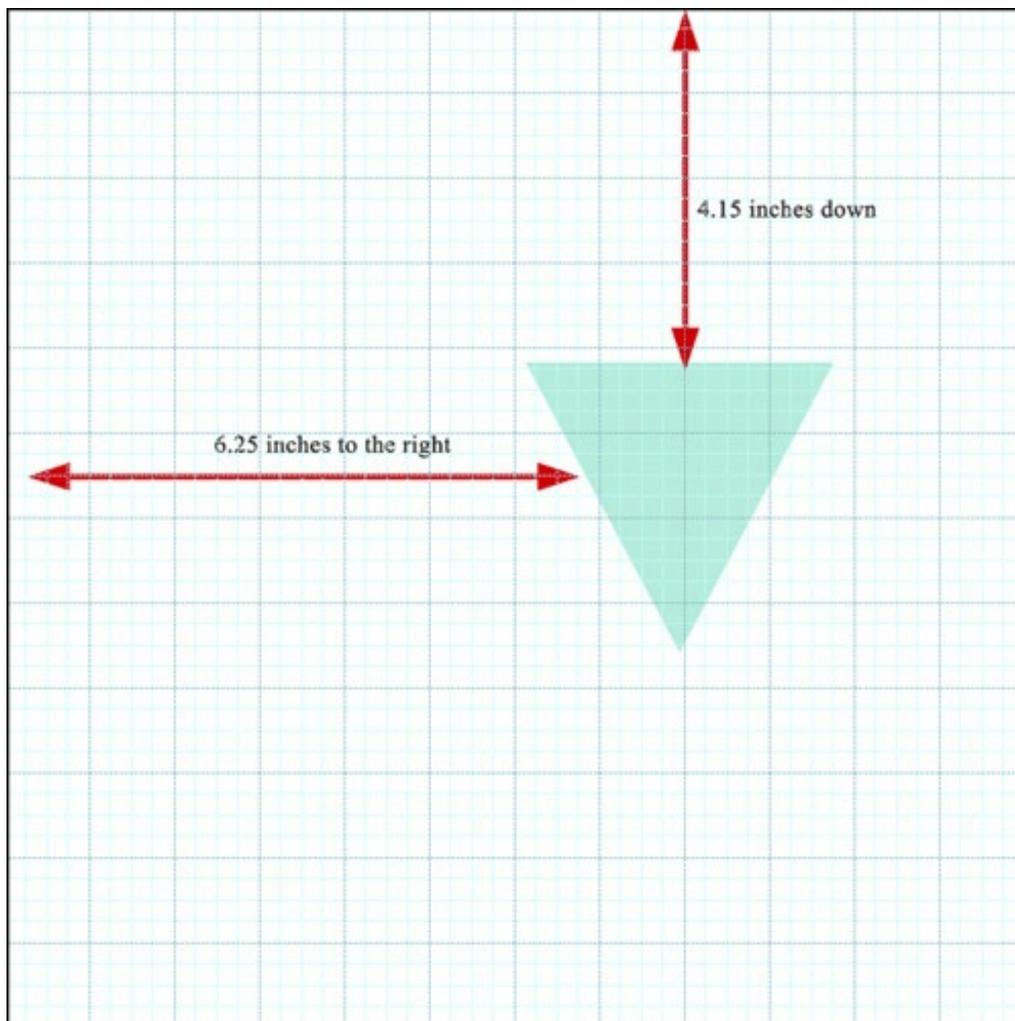
- Create a new 12 x 12 inch document (File > New > Blank File) at 300 ppi with a white background. (Photoshop: Choose File > New.)
- In the Menu Bar, choose View > Rulers.
- Press Ctrl K (Mac: Cmd K) to open Preferences. In the dialog box, choose Guides & Grid. (Photoshop: Choose Guides, Grid & Slices.) Set the Gridline to every 1 inch and the Subdivisions to 4. Click OK.
- In the Menu Bar, choose View > Grid. (Photoshop: Choose View > Show > Grid.)

### Step Two: Create the First Triangle

- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker.
- In the dialog box, choose any color you want and click OK. I used Hex Code #b7ecde.
- Get the Custom Shape tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the Create New Shape Layer icon. Set the Style to None and the Geometry Options to Fixed Size. Set the Width to 3.66 inches and the Height to 3.46 inches. (Photoshop: Set the Tool Mode to Shape and the Path

Operation to New Layer.) Open the Custom Shape Picker and choose the Triangle shape. If you don't see the Triangle shape, open the drop-down menu and choose All Elements Shapes. (Photoshop: Open the fly-out menu, choose Reset Shapes, and click OK.)

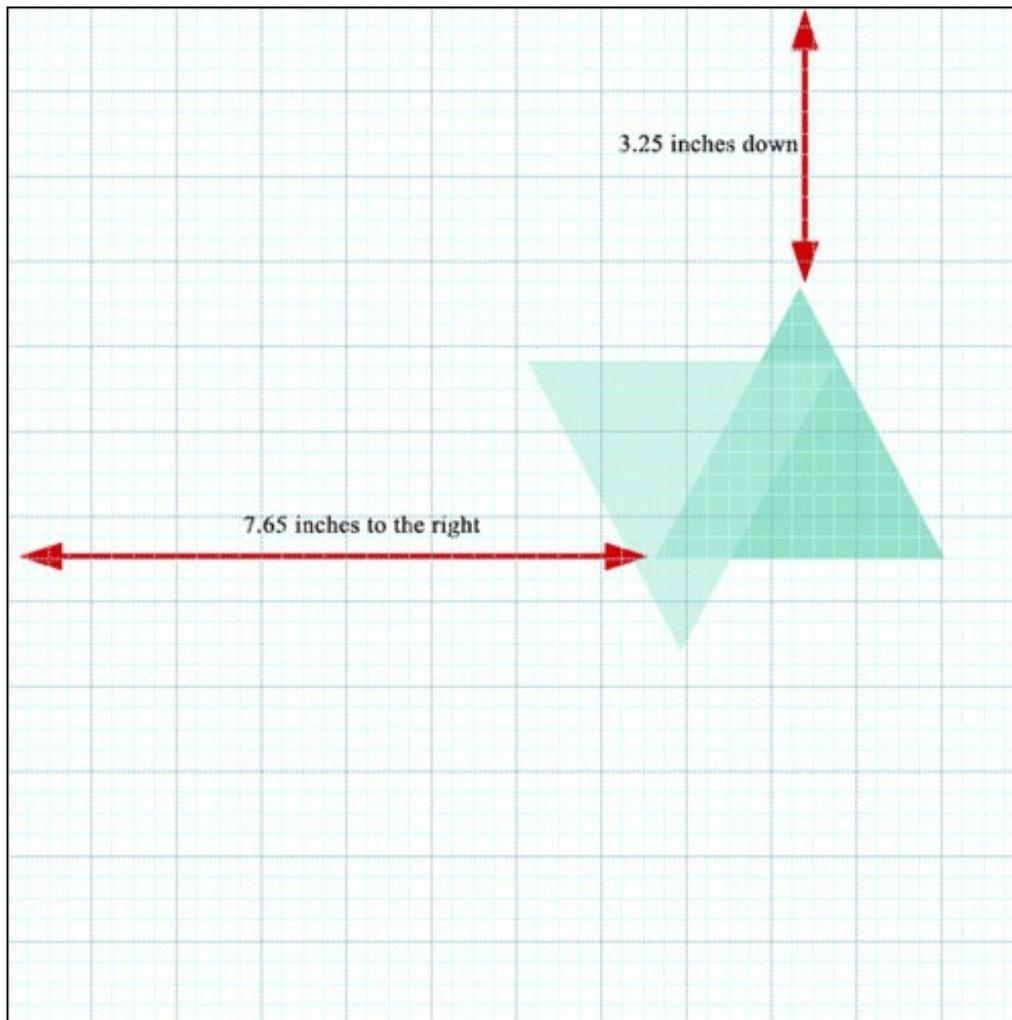
- On the document, click to create the shape.
- In the Tool Options, click Simplify. (Photoshop: In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Rasterize > Shape.)
- In the Menu Bar, choose Image > Rotate > Flip Layer Vertical. (Photoshop: Choose Edit > Transform > Flip Vertical.)
- Get the Move tool.
- In the Layers panel, double click directly on the name of the triangle shape layer and rename it "Triangle 1."
- On the document, click on the triangle and drag it into position 4.15 inches down and 6.25 inches to the right.



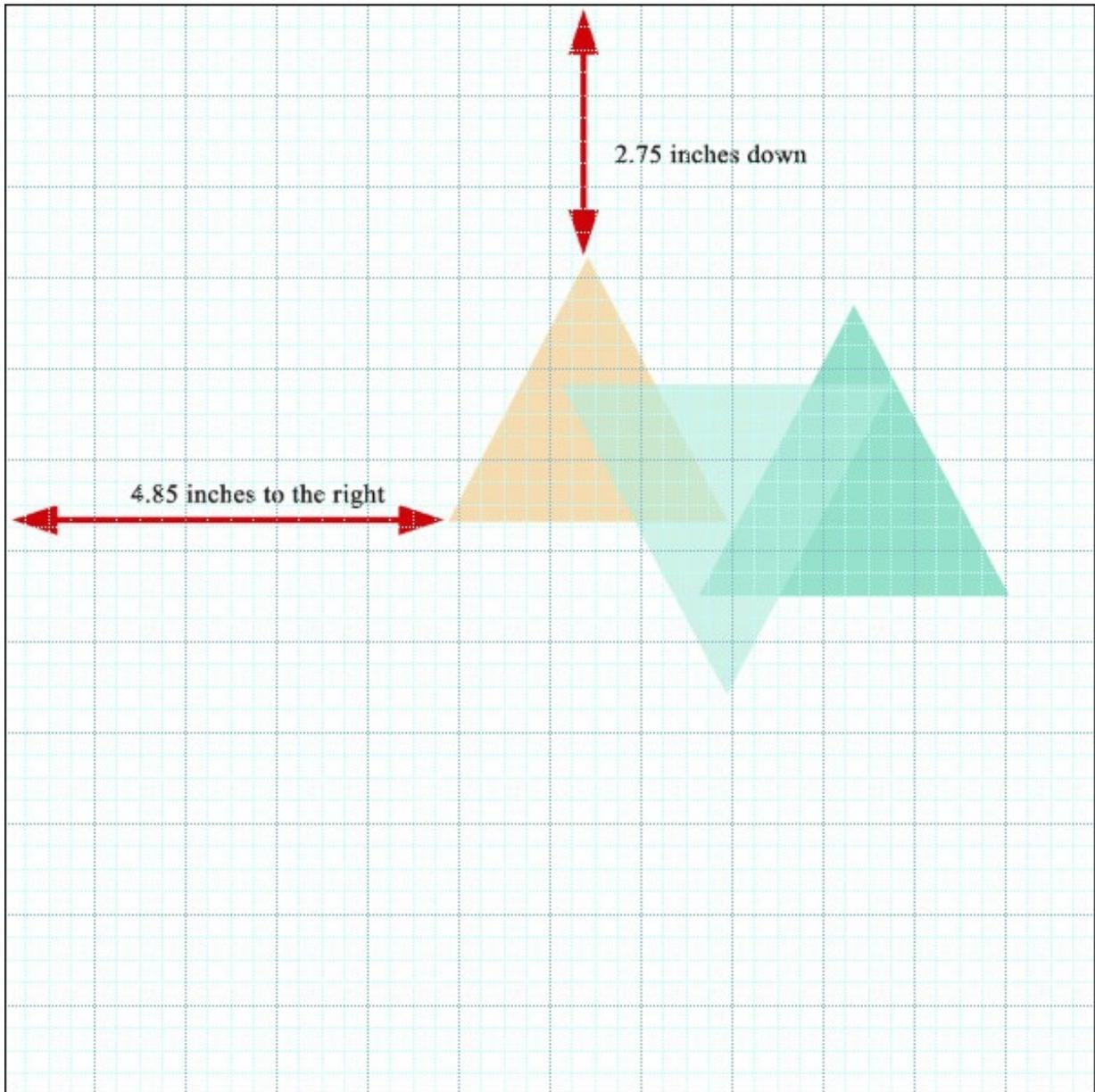
### Step Three: Create More Triangle Shapes

- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker.
- In the dialog box, choose any color you want and click OK. I used Hex Code #97e1cd.
- Get the Custom Shape tool.
- In the Tool Options, open the Geometry Options and choose Fixed Size. Set the Width to 3.45 inches and the Height to 3.23 inches.
- On the document, click to create the shape.
- In the Tool Options, click Simplify. (Photoshop: In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Rasterize > Shape.)
- Get the Move tool.
- On the document, click on the triangle and drag it into position 3.25 inches down and 7.65 inches to the right.
- In the Layers panel, double click directly on the name of the new triangle shape layer and rename it "Triangle 2."
- Click on the Triangle 2 layer and drag it to be below the Triangle 1 layer.

Note: In the screenshots that follow, I reduced the opacity of the first triangle just so you can see the correct placement for the other triangles.



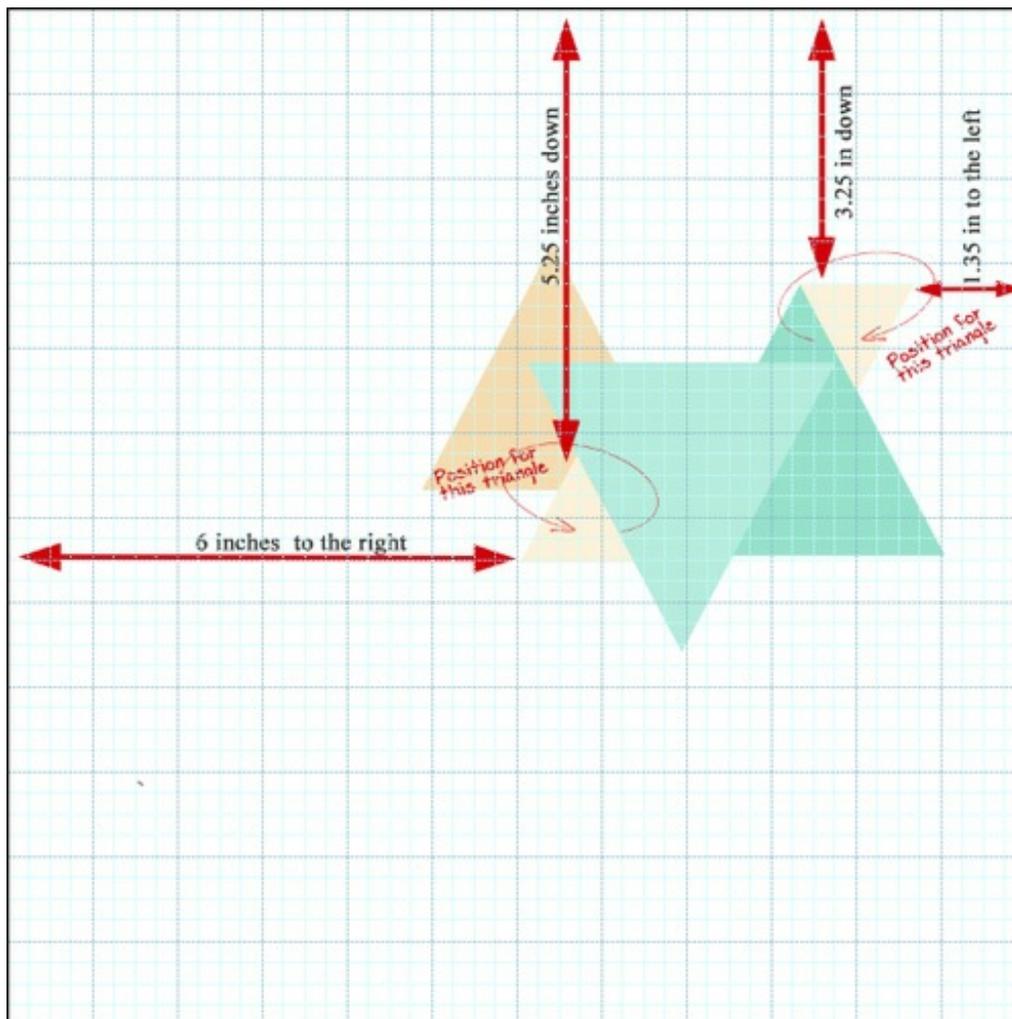
- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the Triangle 2 layer.
- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker.
- In the dialog box, choose any color you want and click OK. I used Hex Code #f7dcb2.
- Press Alt Shift Backspace (Mac: Opt Shift Delete) to fill the duplicate shape the foreground color.
- In the Layers panel, double click directly on the name of the duplicate triangle shape and rename it “Triangle 3.”
- Press Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) to get the Transform options.
- In the Tool Options, uncheck Constrain Proportions. Set the Width to 90.05% and the Height to 90.95%.
- On the document, click on the triangle and drag it into position 2.75 inches down and 4.85 inches to the right. Double click inside the Bounding Box to commit the transformation.



#### Step Four: Create Even More Triangle Shapes (Optional)

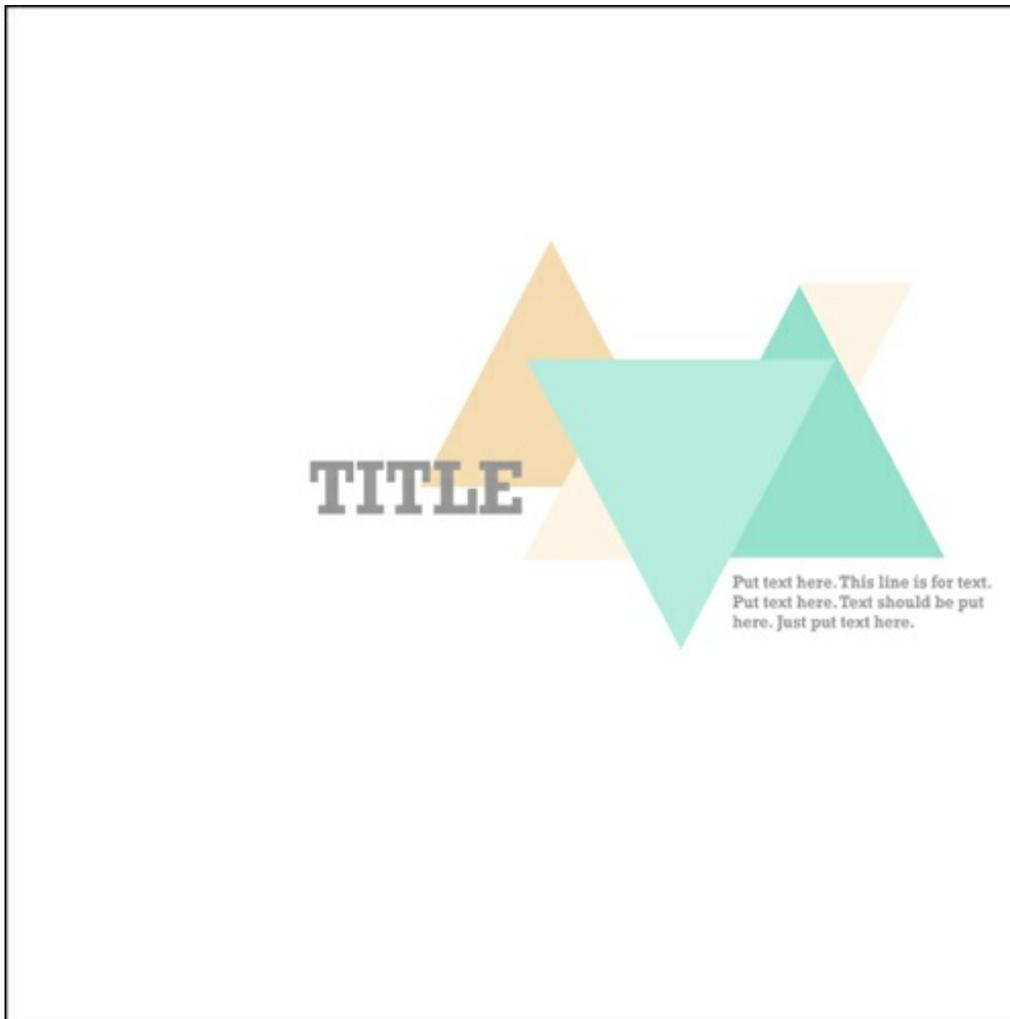
- In the Layers panel, click on the top layer.
- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker.
- In the dialog box, choose any color you want and click OK. I used Hex Code #f8ecda.
- Get the Custom Shape tool.
- In the Tool Options, open the Geometry Options and choose Fixed Size. Set the Width to 1.32 inches and the Height to 1.293 inches.
- On the document, click to create the shape.
- In the Tool Options, click Simplify. (Photoshop: In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Rasterize > Shape.)

- Get the Move tool.
- On the document, click on the triangle and drag it into new position 3.25 inches down and 1.35 inches to the left.
- In the Layers panel, double click directly on the name of the new triangle shape layer and rename it “Triangle 4.”
- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate Triangle 4.
- In the Menu Bar, go to Image > Rotate > Flip Layer Vertical.
- On the document, click on the duplicate triangle and drag it into position 5.25 inches down and 6 inches to the right.
- In the Layers panel, double click directly on the name of the duplicate triangle shape and rename it “Triangle 5.”
- Press Ctrl ` (Mac: Cmd `) to turn the Grid off.



Here's the finished template with the added title and text. For me, coloring my templates to something other than gray lets me be more inspired in choosing the paper, embellishments, and especially the photos I am going to use—I know exactly what

colors will work with my layout, and it saves me a lot of time.



Here's an example of what I did with the template. As you see, I used the triangles as [clipping masks](#). I have added drop shadows and a stroke outline to some of the triangles. It is fun to try different shapes as well as different colors to freshen up your layout.



**Credits:**

**Page & Photo:** Lidia Sari

**Tutorial:** Triangle Design Template by Lidia Sari

**Kits:** [Live, Love](#) by Kitty Designs, [Spirit Of Christmas](#) by Laurie Ann, [Thankful](#) by Karla Dudley, [Cardstock-Blank Canvas](#) by Susie Roberts

**Fonts:** DJB Marilyn Print, Source Sans Pro, PT Serif Caption, Lucida Sans

**Software:** Photoshop Elements 13, Adobe Photoshop CC 2014