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At times I like to do something a bit fancy with my journaling, but still keep it subtle.

I want my journaling to be clear and simple, but I also want some “pizzazz!” Merriam-Webster defines pizzazz as: the quality of being exciting or attractive: as glamor or vitality.

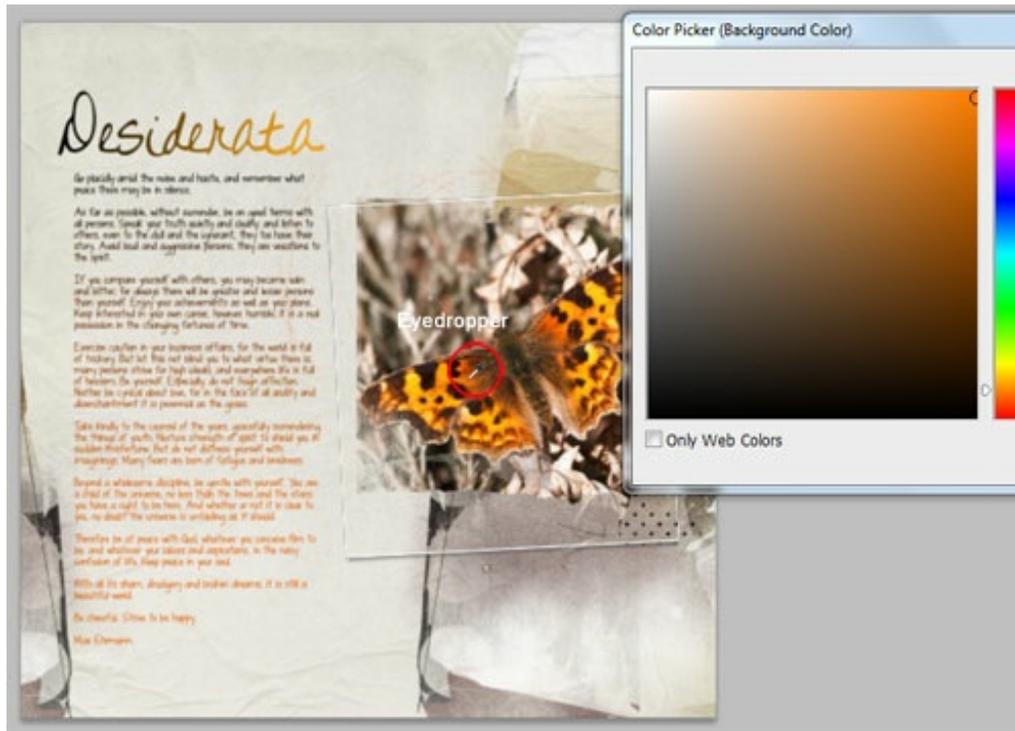
I don't know that this is glamorous, but I *love* it when things match my page. Matching the colors of my journaling to the colors in my layout does the trick for me! In this tutorial I'm going to show you how to do that with the Gradient tool.

Step One: Prepare and Simplify the Type

- Create some journaling.
- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the type layer.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Visibility icon of the original type layer to hide it. This is to save your original type in case you want to change it later.
- In the Layers panel, click on the duplicate type layer to activate it.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Simplify > Layer. (PS: Choose Layer > Rasterize > Type.) Once you simplify/rasterize type, it is no longer editable.

Step Two: Choose Two Colors

- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker.
- When you move your cursor over the document, it will turn into the Eyedropper tool. Click on the document to sample a color and click OK.
- Click on the Background Color Chip and repeat the above steps to sample a contrasting color.
- I'm using black and orange.



Step Three: Apply the Gradient

- In the Layers panel, Ctrl click (Mac: Cmd click) on the thumbnail of the simplified type layer to select the words.
- Get the Gradient tool.
- In the Tool Options, open the Gradient Picker and choose Foreground to Background. If you do not see Foreground to Background, open the dropdown menu, and choose Default. (PS: Open the fly-out menu, choose Reset Gradients, and click Append.) Then open the fly-out menu again and choose Large List.
- In the Tool Options, click on the Linear Gradient icon. Set the Mode to Normal and the Opacity to 100%. Uncheck Reverse and Transparency, but check Dither.
- On the document, position your cursor at the top of the selected text and click and drag a line to the bottom of the selected text.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to Deselect.



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If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul.

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Desiderata

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