Transparent Alpha

Create an eye-catching title with large semi-transparent plastic letters!

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- Click on the Foreground Color Chip and choose a color from the Color Picker. Click OK.

- Get the Horizontal Type tool.

- In the Options Bar choose a font that is chunky. I used Abadi MT Condensed Extra Bold.

- Click once on your page to start a new type layer, and type the first letter of your word.

- Press Ctrl (Mac: Cmd) to get a transform outline. Click and drag from a corner handle to make the letter as large as you want it to be.

  Note: In Photoshop and in older versions of Photoshop Elements, press the Shift key after clicking on the corner handle. This will maintain the original proportions of the letter.

- Click on the check mark in the Options Bar to confirm the type.

- In the Layers panel, reduce the opacity to 60 %.

- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the letter.

- Double click on the thumbnail of the new type layer to highlight the letter.

- Click on the color box in the Options Bar and choose a new color. Click OK.

- Type the second letter of your word (A)

- Move your cursor away from the letter until it turns into a Move tool icon. Click and drag to move the letter to the right, making sure part of it overlaps the previous letter.

- In Photoshop Elements, moving the type confirms it, but in Photoshop you'll need to click on the check mark in the Options Bar.

- Continue to add as many letters as you need to create your word.

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