



## Distressed Alpha

Add instant grunge to your title with this one simple trick!

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### Create the Grunge

- On your scrapbook page, make sure the type layer that needs the grunge is selected in the Layers panel.
- Open a piece of digital paper or a photograph that has texture on it. I used a photo of some weathered wood, which you can download from the Distressed Alpha tutorial web page.
- Click on the black and white circle at the bottom of the Layers panel and choose Threshold.
- Move the Threshold slider to the right or left to choose the amount of grunge you want and whether you want black grunge or white grunge.
- When you're satisfied, close the Adjustment panel. (Click OK in older versions.)
- In the Menu Bar choose Layer > Merge Down.

### Apply the Grunge to your Title

- Get the Move tool.
- In the Options Bar uncheck Auto Select Layer and Show Bounding Box.
- Click and drag the paper onto your scrapbook layout above the type layer.
- Press the Alt key (Mac: Opt key) and click on the line between the type and the grunge layer in the Layers panel to clip them together.
- Click and drag the grunge around until you're happy with the way it looks.

- Change the Blend Mode at the top of the Layers panel from Normal to Lighten.
- If you want black to show instead of the white, choose the Darken blend mode.

### Link to the Video Lesson:

<http://www.digitalscrapper.com/members/video-plus/20videos-type/20-distressed-alpha.html>

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Background Paper: Love You Always by Amanda Rockwell

Banner & Confetti: Jubilee by One Little Bird

Blue Strip: Boys And Toys by Digital Scrapper Designs

Pink Strip: Cherish This Moment by Digital Scrapper Designs

Green Border: Back to School-Grungy by Digital Scrapper Designs

Paint: Seaside Vacation by Digital Scrapper Designs

Flower: Sugar and Spice by Digital Scrapper Designs

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