



## Dressed Up Alpha

Dress up an out-of-date alpha with two fast and simple tips.

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### Add a Letter

- Open (File > Open) the letter O provided for you in the Extras folder.
- Click on the letter and drag it onto your document.

Change the Color of the Letter

- Open paper09 from the 06-Dressed-Up-Alpha-Freebies folder.
- Holding down the Shift key, click on the paper and drag it onto your document.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Create Clipping Mask. (In earlier versions of Elements, choose Group with Previous.)
- In the Layers panel, change the Blend Mode of the paper layer to Overlay. (Note: The Blend Mode will produce different results with different colored letters and papers.)

### Decorate the Letter

- Open the watch stamp from the Extras folder.
- In the Layers panel, click on the watch layer and drag it onto your document.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Create Clipping Mask.
- On your document, click inside the Bounding Box and drag the watch around until you like its location on the letter.
- In the Layers panel, lower the Opacity of the watch layer to 40%.

## Merge the Letter Layers

- In the Layers panel, click on the top letter layer (watch) and then Shift click on the bottom letter layer (letter) to activate all three layers at the same time.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Merge Layers.
- Repeat for the other letters.

## Link to the Video Lesson:

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