Type Overlay

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A type overlay adds a wonderful, artistic look to your layout. Use it over the entire background paper or use bits and pieces of it for artistic effect.

Prepare the Type Overlay

- Download the Type Overlay.psd file provided with this tutorial and open it in your program.

- If you get a warning that your program doesn't support the font, that's OK. Just choose a different font that's already on your computer. Even if you have this font, you can choose a different font that matches the mood of your page. Simply get the Type tool and choose a different font.

Apply the Type Overlay

- Open a scrapbook page, and in the Layers panel, select the layer where you want the Type Overlay to land.

- Make the Type Overlay document active.

- Press the Shift key and click and drag the type layer from the Layers panel onto your scrapbook page.

- Press Alt (Mac: Opt) and click on the Layer Mask icon on the Layers panel. This will make the type layer disappear. (If your version of Photoshop Elements doesn't have layer mask capabilities, download a layer mask workaround. http://www.digitalscrapper.com/downloads/layer-mask-workaround.zip)

Adjust the Type Overlay

- Get the Brush tool.

- In the Options Bar, open the Brush Picker and choose a large, soft brush.

- In the Options Bar, lower the opacity to 10 percent or less.

- If you want your brush to be larger or smaller, press the right or left Bracket keys.

- Make sure the black Layer Mask thumbnail is selected in the Layers panel. It will have corner frames around it if it's selected.

- Make sure white is the Foreground color. If it isn't click on the curved double arrow icon next to the Color Chips.

- Brush on your page wherever you want the type to appear.

Link to the Video Lesson:

http://www.digitalscrapper.com/members/video-plus/20videos-type/16-type-overlay.html

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