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Three things that I love are:

#1: Pages with titles that pop.

#2: Patterned papers and finding fun, new ways to use them on my layouts.

#3: Things that are simple to do but pack a lot of punch.

Today we are going to cover all three of these things in one tutorial. Let me show you a quick and easy font idea using patterned paper that gives you a lot of bang for your buck. I think you will love how it looks on your pages.

Step One: Open a Scrapbook Page

- Open the layered scrapbook page (File > Open) with which you would like to work.
- In the Layers panel, activate the top layer.

Step Two: Create the Title

- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, choose a Font, Size, and Color for your title. To get the best results, choose a large, blocky font. I am using a font called Stereofidelic at 126 pt.
- On the document, click once and type out the title. Click on the checkmark to commit the type.
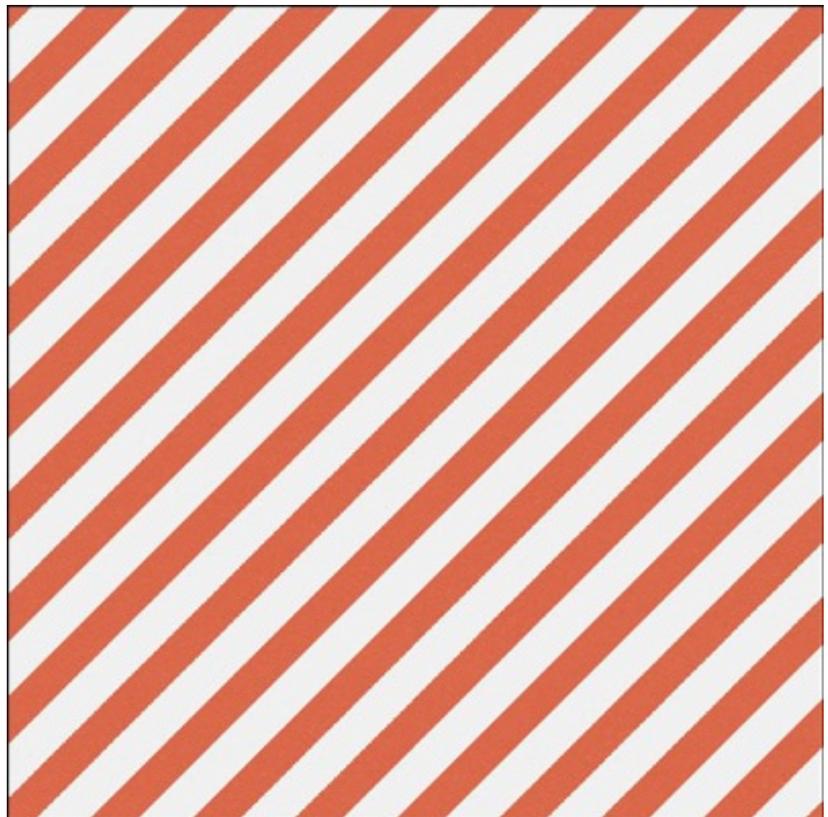
Step Three: Create a Pattern

- Open a patterned paper that you would like to use for the shadow. I am using paper7 from Shawna Clingerman's kit, All About A Boy .

- In the Menu Bar, choose Edit > Define Pattern and click OK.

- Close (File > Close) the patterned paper file.

Step Four: Create a Shadow

- In the Layers panel, activate the layer below the type layer.

- Ctrl click (Mac: Cmd click) on the type layer to get a selection outline.

- Click on the Create New Fill or Adjustment Layer icon and choose Pattern.

- In the dialog box, open the Pattern Picker and choose the newly created pattern.

Check Link with Layer, adjust the Scale to your liking, and click OK. I chose a Scale of 11%.

Note: You will not see any change at this point.

- Get the Move tool.
- Press the Arrow keys to nudge the patterned shadow into place. I moved mine to the right about 25 clicks.

Note: At this point you can adjust the size of the patterned paper if you would like by double clicking on the thumbnail of the pattern layer (not the mask). This will bring up the Pattern fill dialog box where you can adjust the Scale of the pattern, then click OK.
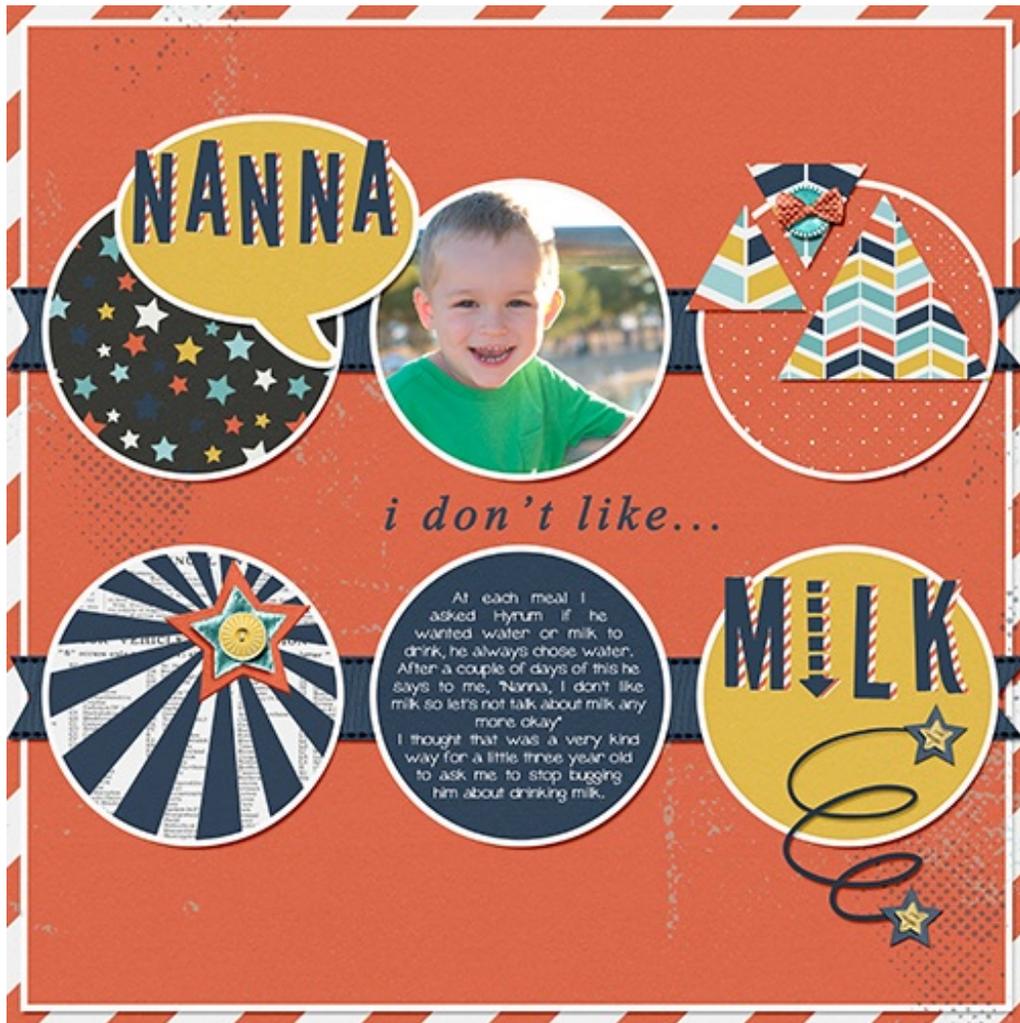

You could also put the pattern on the top for another fun look.

Here is my layout with a fun, easy, patterned paper title that pops! Wow! Say that three

times fast!

P.S. I spell Nanna with two Ns because I spell my name, Nann, with two Ns. I didn't want you to think that I don't know how to spell.

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