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Typing On Special Selections (Photoshop Elements)
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MANUAL

Use my slick and savvy shortcuts to add type the inside of a selection outline.

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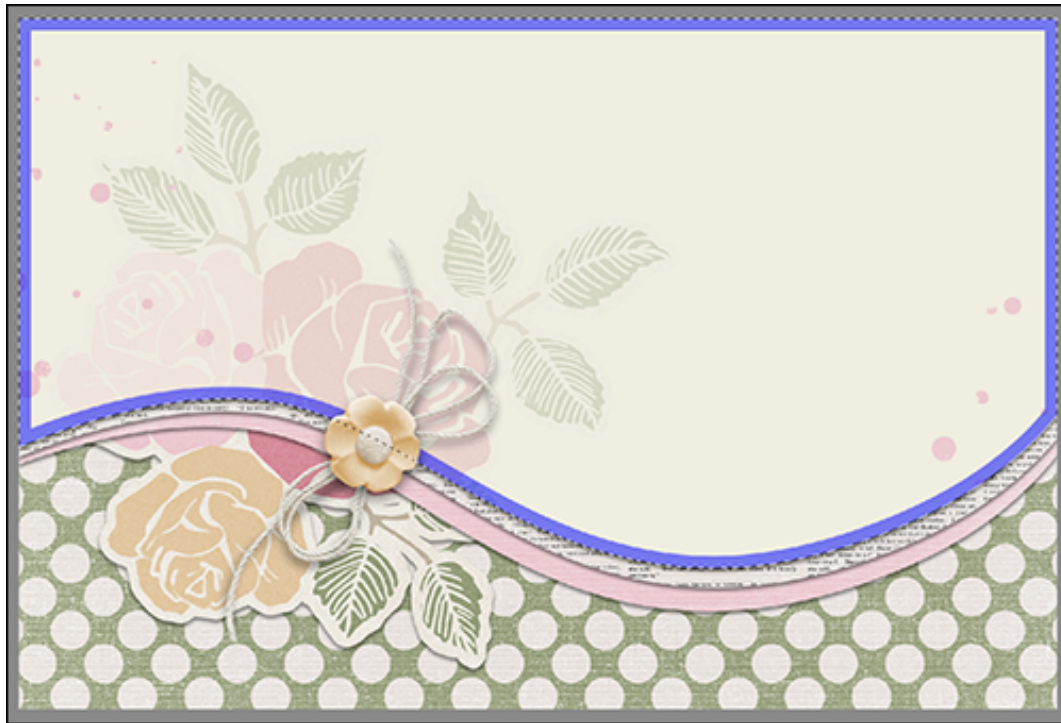
- Begin in Expert Mode of Photoshop Elements.

Step One: Prepare Your Workspace

- Open either the quick page or the gray scale template (File > Open) that comes in the download for this video.
- Press the letter D to reset the Color Chips to the default of black over white.

Step Two: Create a Type Path

- In the Layers panel, hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click on the thumbnail of the object you want the type follow the shape of.

- Get the Text on Selection tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the Add to Selection icon. Open the Font Picker and choose a title font. I'm using Oh Wonder Sans. Set the Size to around 20 pts. The Offset should be 0 and the Color Chip should be black. Click on the Left Align icon.

Other good FREE fonts for this card would be:

SKINNY RAE   ESCALOPE   TOPAZIA

These fonts can all be found at DaFont.

TIP: Using an all-capped font will assure none of the letters extend over the edge of shape.

- In the Menu Bar, choose Select > Inverse.

- In the Layers panel, click on the Background layer to activate it.
- On the document, click once inside the currently active selection and then click the checkmark to commit the selection. The selection should now be a path.

Step Three: Type on the Path

- On the document, hover your cursor over the path until you see the Type on Path icon (an I-beam with a curved line through it), then click once on the path where you want your words to start. Do not type any words. Click the checkmark to commit.
- In the Layers panel, click and drag the type layer directly above the top paper layer, but below the element cluster layer.
- Double click on the thumbnail of the type layer to get the Horizontal Type tool and reactivate the cursor.
- Type a phrase or string of phrases. Click the checkmark to commit.

Ways to make the phrase fit:

- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, change the Size or the Tracking.

NOTE: Tracking is only available for Photoshop Elements 2019 or later.

Step Four: Offset the Type

- Get the Move tool.
- Press the Up Arrow key to nudge the type up.

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Font: Oh Wonder Sans

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