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Typing On Special Selections (Adobe Photoshop)

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MANUAL

Use my slick and savvy shortcuts to add type to a special selection outline.

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- Begin in Adobe Photoshop.

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.
- In the Layers panel, click on the top paper layer (or paper clipping mask layer) to activate it.
- 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 active layer to get a selection outline.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Select > Inverse.
- In the Paths panel (Window > Paths), open the flyout menu and choose Make Work Path.
- In the dialog box, set the Tolerance to 2 px and click OK.



Step Three: Type On the Path

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

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.

- 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.
- Type a phrase or string of phrases. Click the checkmark to commit.

Ways to make the phrase fit:

- In the Character panel (Window > Character), change the Size or the Tracking.



Step Four: Offset the Type

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



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Quick Page: Jen White

Paper & Elements: Sheila Reed

Font: Oh Wonder Sans



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