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HOW TO: RECOLOR TEXT LAYERS



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In this lesson I show you how to recolor text layers, how to duplicate text layers, and how to use the Color Picker for better color coordination.

NOTE: The steps for this lesson work exactly the same in both Photoshop Elements and Adobe Photoshop.

Prepare the Workspace

- Open a layered page (File > Open) that has text layers that need to be recolored.
- In the Layers panel, click on the text layer you wish to recolor to activate it. In my case, I'll click on the text layer that contains the journaling.



Recolor the Text Layer

- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker.
- On the document, click to sample a color from the page. I'm going to click on the near-white color in one of the frames.
- Click OK to close the Color Picker.
- Press Shift Alt Backspace (Mac: Shift Opt Delete) to fill the active layer with the foreground color.



Duplicate the Layer for Increased Readability

- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the layer to see if it will increase the readability.
- If it made a difference, repeat that step one or two more times.



Recolor Another Text Layer

- In the Layers panel, click on a different text layer to activate it. I'll click on the title layer that contains the word "Play".
- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker.
- On the document, click to sample a color. I'm going to sample the orange color from one of the dots in the top piece of tape.
- Click OK to close the Color Picker.
- Press Shift Alt Backspace (Mac: Shift Opt Delete) to fill this layer with the foreground color.



Use the Color Picker to Increase Readability (Optional)

- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker.
- In the Color Picker, click and drag the sampled color to slightly change it. In this case, I will move it down and to the right to make the orange slightly more saturated and slightly darker.
- Click OK to close the Color Picker.
- Press Shift Alt Backspace (Mac: Shift Opt Delete) to fill the active layer with the foreground color.

NOTE: Just a slight change made the "Play" layer much easier to read against the tan background. You may need to make smaller or larger changes depending on your project.

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