Adding Text to JPEGs



Add your custom text to JPEG files using
Adobe Photoshop or
Adobe Photoshop Elements

It's quick and easy to customize the posters and invitations included in this pack with a few basic steps in Photoshop Elements or Photoshop.

Once you've added your own text to the files, have them printed at your favorite photo printer like Costco, Shutterfly or Walmart for professional posters and invitations.

Here are links to fonts used to create the printables in this package:

Acutal Fonts Used:
- Salamander Script (purchased, affiliate link)
- Futura Medium (purchased)

Actual Fonts or Similar Fonts for Free:
- Abeganshi (free, similar to Salamander Script)
- Advertising Script (free, similar to Salamander Script)
- Eusthalia (free, similar to Salamander Script)
- LemonMilk (free, similar to Futura)
- Geddes (free, similar to Futura)

Fonts You May Already Have:
- Tw Cen Mod (similar to Futura)

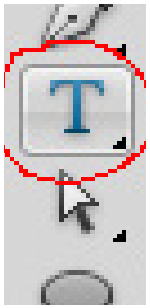
You will need to download and install your preferred fonts before beginning this tutorial. Refer to your software documentation for font installation instructions.

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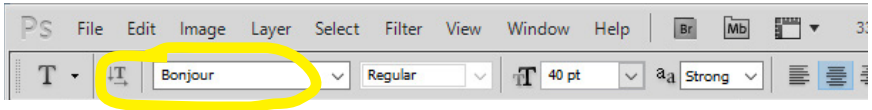
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INSTRUCTIONS:

- Start Photoshop or Photoshop Elements.
- Click on *File>Open* and navigate to the poster or invite jpeg you want to add text to. NOTE: I'm going to use my Be the Light 5x7-inch Save the Date Girls Camp file.
- Select the file you want and click *Open*.
- Now it's time to start adding your text. Click on the *Type* tool in the toolbar. The *Type* tool looks like a T.

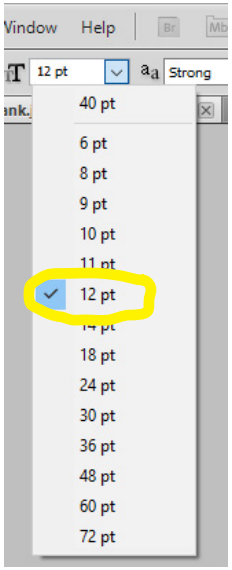


- The *Type Tool toolbar* will appear at the top of the page, just under the Menu bar.



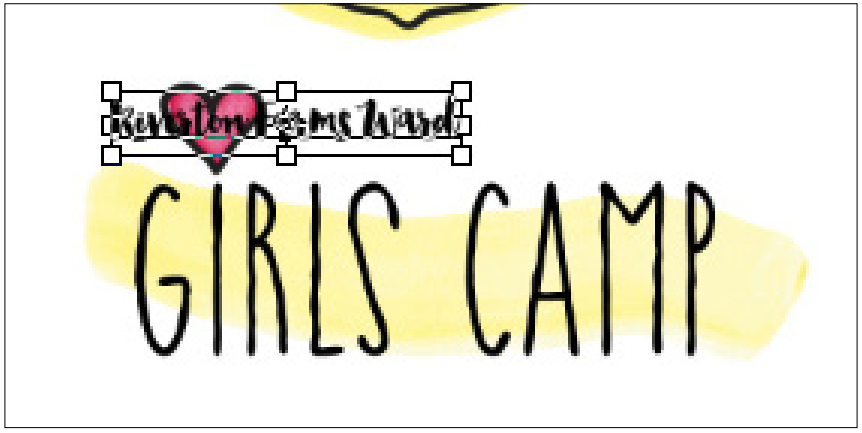
- To specify which font you would like to use, click on the first pull-down box on the left. This is where you will select your font by clicking on the small down arrow and then scrolling until you find your desired font. For this invitation, I'm going to be using two fonts: Bonjour and Catalina Ancapa Sans.

- Select the size you want your text to be in the Set Font Size box in the Type Toolbar. It looks like a big T and little T together. There are two ways to set your font size. You can click on the down arrow and select one of the sizes on the pull-down menu that appears OR you can click inside the box next to the number and enter a numeric value there. For this size of project, you should not need to enter your own number. Both the numbers and numerical values you enter refer to the point size of your type. I am going to select 12 from the pull-down for the ward name.

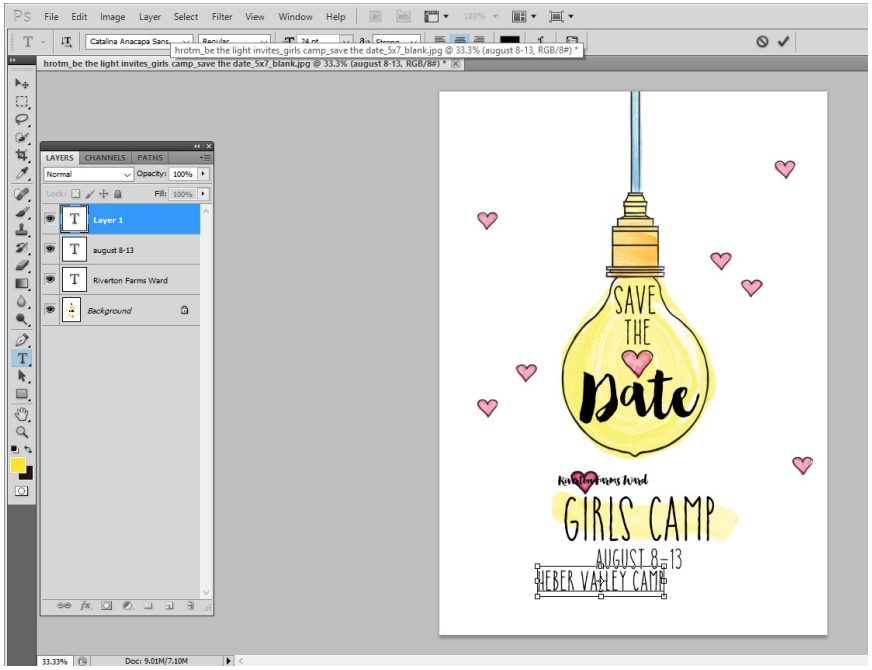


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- Now, move your cursor on the image roughly where you want text to appear. Click and type. It is a good idea to put each different line or phrase on a separate type layer. This way, you can move them around easily without having to re-type things. Don't worry if your words don't appear exactly where you want them to be-you will be able to move them around and rearrange them later.

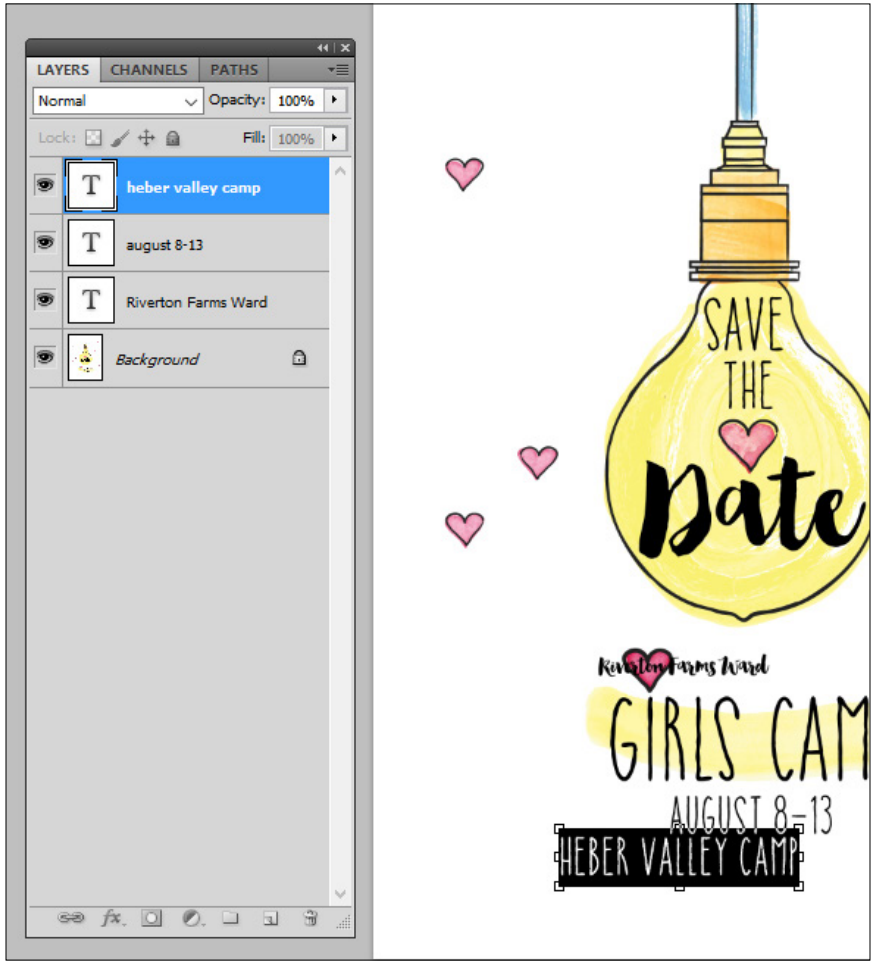


- Enter all of your information, each line on a separate layer, changing fonts and sizes as necessary. As you enter each line of text on your poster by clicking the type tool, a new layer in your *Layers Palette* will appear. For this file, I used 12-point Bonjour for the ward name and 24-point Catalina Anacapa Sans for the remaining information.

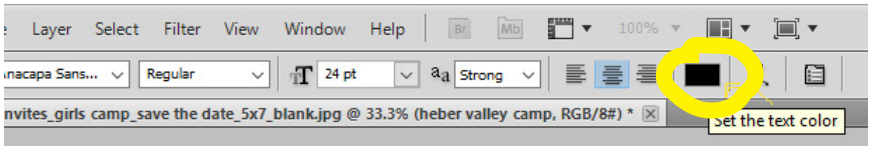


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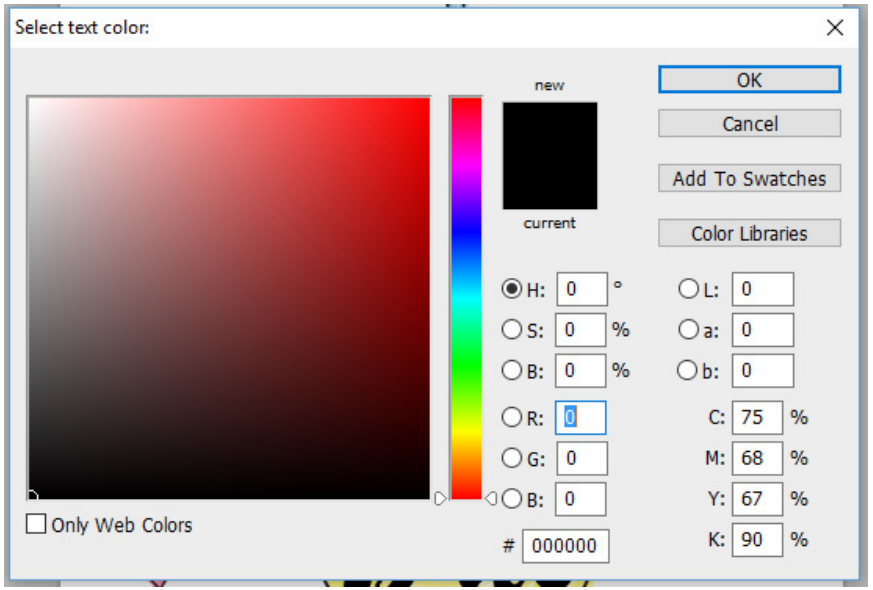
- To change the color of your text, select the *Type* tool and highlight the text to be colored by double-clicking on appropriate type layer in the *Layers Palette*.



- Then, click on the *Select Text Color* box that appears in the Type Tool toolbar.



- This brings up the *Select Text Color* box. Use the slider and reposition your cursor and click to change the color. When you are satisfied, click *OK*.



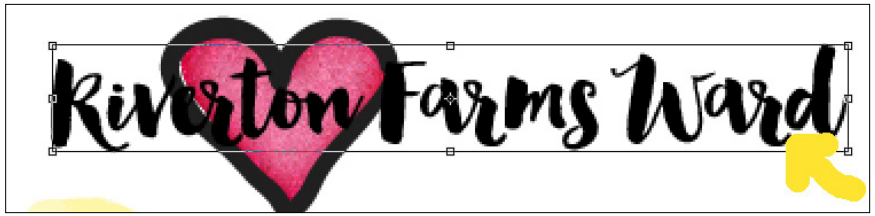
- Now it is time to arrange and finalize your text. To make changes to a specified layer of text such as size and font, double-click on that layer in the *Layers Palette*. This will highlight the text to be edited.
- Make desired changes in the *Type Tool* toolbar and click the check mark (Commit Any Current Edits) to accept the changes. To reject the changes, simply click on the circle with a line through it (Cancel Any Current Edits).



- Move text layers around by using the *Move* tool. Double-click on the desired layer in the *Layers Palette*, click on the *Move* tool.



- Now, move your cursor to the bounding box that appears and click. Move your cursor inside the bounding box so it turns into an arrowhead and hold down the left mouse button while dragging the text layer to the desired position. Release the mouse button when you're satisfied. Click the check mark to accept the move or the circle with the line to reject the move.

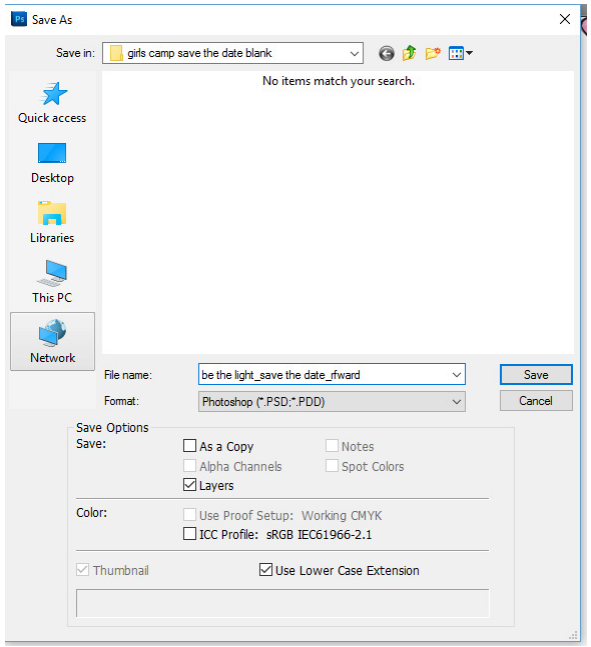




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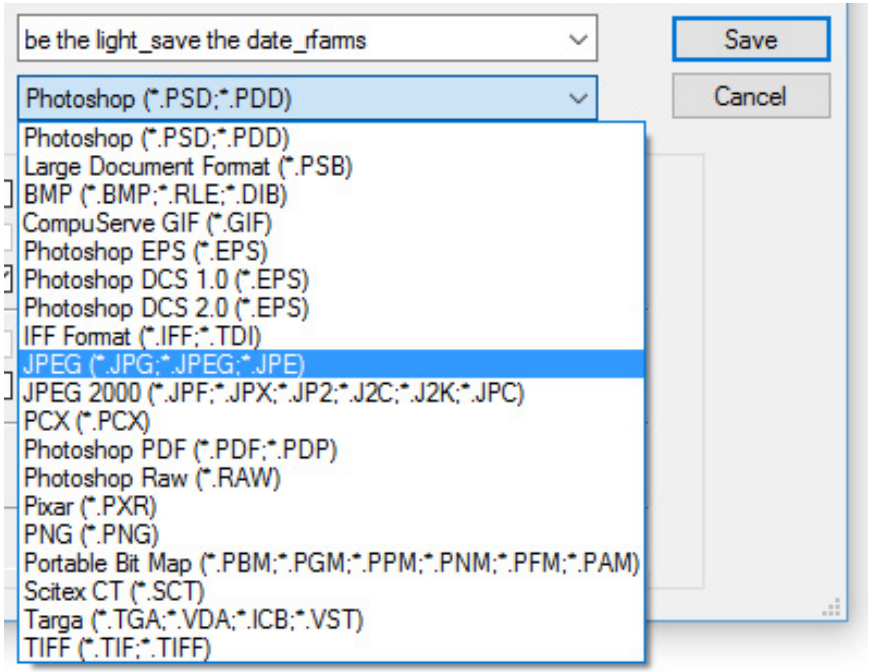


- Once you're done editing and arranging your text, save your file. Select *File>Save* from the *File* menu at the top.
- Navigate to the desired location, **RENAME** your file and save. This saves your file as a .psd file, which keeps the layers intact. Open this file if you need to make changes later.



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- Now, SAVE YOUR FILE AS A HIGH-QUALITY JPEG FILE for printing. Select *File>Save As* from the *File* menu. Make sure you select JPEG from the pull down menu next to *File Type* when the *Save As* box pops up.



- Type in your file name and navigate to where you want to save it and click save.
- A dialog box will pop up that lets you set your JPEG quality. Drag the slider all the way to the right to the number 12. This will make sure you get the best print quality.
- Click *OK* and it will save.
- Upload the JPEG to your photo-processing site or take it in to the store on a jump drive for printing.

