

Forum:[Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [\[Empire\] Simple Letter Press Tutorial \[Empire\]](#)

+**Reckless** - August 31, 2012, 10:15 am

Hello HF! Today in the name of Empire I will be making a tutorial on how to create letter press effect text in photoshop. This is a simple tutorial and is going to be the first of many I will be doing in this section.

What is letter press?Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)Letter press is an effect that can be used to create professional looking text, it creates the illusion that the text has been stamped into the background of your work. Letter press is common in website design as well as in GFX.

Letter press is very easy to do once you know how and by the end of this short tutorial you should be able to do it with ease!

This is an example of letter press text.

Making the Letter Press TextNow that you know what letter press is, we will make the text.

Step 1:Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#) To start with you are going to create a new file, name it anything you want and set the size to: 1000 x 400 Pixels (You can change this if you like).

Step 2:Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#) As it normally is with Graphic work we are going to start with the background, you can choose any background but for this guide I will be using a solid green colour. (Code: 219801)

Step 3:Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#) Now, we are going to insert our text, you can choose any font but I am going to be using Myriad Pro in bold with the colour: 404040. Position your text in the center of your background

and set the distance between the letters to -45.

Step 4: Spoiler ([Click to View](#)) In this step we will be adding the effects to our text to give us the nice letter press look. Firstly select your text layer and hit the Fx button or double click.

Now select Inner Shadow and change the highlighted options.

Next, click on drop shadow and change the highlighted options.

Finally choose Gradient Overlay and change the highlighted options.

Step 5: Spoiler ([Click to View](#)) You should now have something that looks like this.

As an optional extra you can enhance your background by using a brush tool to darken the corners, use a soft brush and select 500px size and 0% hardness and then slowly and carefully dab a grey/black colour round the edges to get this effect.

There we go!
And there you have it, you should now be able to create sexy looking letter press text, I did say it was easy, right?

Thanks for reading this guide, and if you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to post below!

St. Jiberish - August 31, 2012, 10:17 am

Very cool F L U B B Y, I wish I had photoshop to do this but I do not, but cool to see you doing things like this F L U B B Y.

+Reckless - August 31, 2012, 10:19 am

(Aug 31, 2012 10:17 AM) Saga Wrote: ([CITE](#)) Very cool F L U B B Y, I wish I had photoshop to do this but I do not, but cool to see you doing things like this F L U B B Y.

Thankyou very much :) Also there are many places to get Ps online :P

St. Jiberish - August 31, 2012, 10:20 am

(Aug 31, 2012 10:19 AM)F L U B B Y Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thankyou very much :) Also there are many places to get Ps online :P

I know, but I do not wish to go into those parts of the internet.

Perfect Soul - August 31, 2012, 10:22 am

Thanks you so much Flubby <3

I learned new tricks today.

+Awesome - August 31, 2012, 10:29 am

Well done FLUBBB. ? Would like to see more HQ tuts omg. :D

+Reckless - August 31, 2012, 10:29 am

(Aug 31, 2012 10:29 AM)+Awesome Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Well done FLUBBB. ? Would like to see more HQ tuts omg. :D

:P My tuts will never be as HQ as yours :p

Coden - August 31, 2012, 11:46 am

Here's what I got when following your tutorial step for step; very hq detailed tutorial btw.

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

+Reckless - August 31, 2012, 12:20 pm

(Aug 31, 2012 11:46 AM)Codan Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Here's what I got when following your tutorial step for step; very hq detailed tutorial btw.

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

That looks very good! Glad you liked the tutorial :D

ThePrestige - August 31, 2012, 4:32 pm

Great tutorial, i never used an gradient.

Wil give it a try soon.

Would love to see more tutorials from you

-ThePrestige?

Eternal. - August 31, 2012, 7:22 pm

Thank you for posting this very easy to follow tutorial. I have used letter presses only a few times and not very well.

+Reckless - September 29, 2012, 9:15 am

You are all very welcome and I am glad you liked it!

Phazer - September 29, 2012, 11:25 am

Looks great! Thanks!

My Result: [\(Click to View\)](#)

+Reckless - *September 29, 2012, 2:53 pm*

(Sep 29, 2012 11:25 AM)Phazer Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Looks great! Thanks!

My Result: [\(Click to View\)](#)

Looking good :D Glad you liked it :P

ImbaPlayers - *September 29, 2012, 5:02 pm*

I tried but didn't worked properly for me, i will try again.