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Shxtdown - March 21, 2015, 10:50 am

Hey HF! Welcome to my tutorial on how to create a medieval-like signature or banner, as some like to call it. I say 'medieval-like' because it doesn't totally look medieval, however if I may say so myself, it still looks pretty damn good. If you have not already guessed we'll be making the text that is shown above. I'm not sure if there are similar tutorials although I decided to make one all the same, if you have any questions do not hesitate to leave them in the comments below.

What is required?The TrajanPro Bold font which can be found [here](#).

Two image stocks which can be found [here](#).

A working version of Photoshop (I used CC although any should work.)

Making a medieval signature

Step 1: Creating the canvas

Create a new photoshop canvas, the recommended dimensions are 380x80 pixels, although whatever you would like is fine; just remember you would have to alter the font size and it may not look as good.

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Step 2: Setting up our background

Click your colour picker & enter the code #333333 in the corner, this is the default background colour of the HF forums and will help us view what we are creating, it is not required however it definitely makes it easier for us to work.

After doing this select the paint bucket tool or press G, now fill your background with that colour, this is our first layer.

Step 3: Placing the text

Select the text tool by pressing T, make sure you have the correct font (TrajanPro Bold) selected & enter the text you would like at 60 pt, I chose medieval as it is tutorial specific but you can put your username! Make sure it is in the center of the canvas, after doing so highlight the text & again in the

colour picker change the colour of the text to #471d1d - it may look ugly but we'll improve it! You should have this -

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Step 4: Adding our first stock

Make sure you have both the image stocks downloaded, if you do not download them by clicking the link in the requirements section of the tutorial. We'll be using the first stock.

Place the stock so the bottom part is covering the whole canvas (simply resize the stock if it isn't that big.) Now right click that layer and select 'create clipping mask', before doing so make sure it is above your text layer. After you have done so you should notice the stock has taken over your text somewhat, when you have created the clipping mask select the overlay option, it now should look like this -

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Step 5: Blending Options

This is the fun part! We now will alter the blending options so our medieval text looks a little cooler, just follow what I have done and yours will look exactly like mine, these were the blending options used -

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Alright, after doing that you should have something similar to this -

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Step 6: Darkening

If you've got up to this step, congratulations! Not many make it further than step 5, so hats off. This next bit is a little tricky though, so make sure you pay attention.

Create a new layer and select your brush tool by pressing B and select a soft brush at 70 pt, now make a swipe across the bottom of your text like this -

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Now, again making sure it is above the first clipping mask you created (the image stock) select the soft brush layer and create a clipping mask on the text layer, now lower the opacity of that layer to 50. Your signature should now look like this -

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Step 7: Adding the last stock

Make sure you have the last stock downloaded and place it as shown -

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Now making sure it is above every other layer create a clipping mask and select overlay, then proceed to set the opacity to 70%, the signature should now look like this -

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Now delete the background layer, save it as a .png, and tada! We have finished the signature, congratulations. ?

If you have any questions leave them below.

Rayxl - March 21, 2015, 11:10 am

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Shxtdown - March 21, 2015, 3:09 pm

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Thank you & that's a good idea. ?

Paathurnax - March 21, 2015, 3:10 pm

This looks amazing tbh.

I'll definitely be using this tutorial at some point.

Ventures - March 21, 2015, 3:13 pm

Powerful tutorial; thanks for the share. I definitely need this for some of my other projects.

Shxtdown - March 21, 2015, 6:03 pm

Thank you both for the positive comments!

Fallen21 - April 10, 2015, 3:18 am

thanks for this tuto :)

it's work! :)

Arby09 - April 11, 2015, 9:09 pm

Mmm looks real nice, will try to learn this style and keep it in my head. Thanks for the tut :)

Sahaj - April 11, 2015, 9:10 pm

Very nice tutorial OP. Thanks for sharing. :)

bobbbobbybobman - April 11, 2015, 9:28 pm

Thanks for the HQ tut this will come in handy

Bioflame - April 17, 2015, 10:34 pm

looks really cool, thanks for the HQ help...

CH4071C - April 19, 2015, 11:36 pm

Thanks man that tutorial was epic, I will definitely give you credit when used :)

PLTomislaV - April 22, 2015, 11:40 am

Thanks man ! im starting my journey with creating images this helps me a lot !! ;)

Sunkist S0D4 - April 22, 2015, 12:09 pm

This really isn't my style of choice, but I always wondered how others done it.

Thanks OP, might give it a shot in the near future.

Psykkotikz - June 14, 2015, 6:55 pm

This is sweet, thanks for the tutorial!

W?lr?? - June 14, 2015, 8:39 pm

This is a great tutorial. Will use in the future. :)

chozenHack - June 16, 2015, 3:26 pm

wowwww it's so amazing i try now! thanks!

Talu - June 21, 2015, 11:02 am

Great tutorial, easy to understand and well-written.

AzkCoding - June 22, 2015, 4:43 am

Thank you man for the Tutoriel !

Band1to - January 8, 2016, 12:11 pm

This is a very good tutorial, goodjob on this one!

w?fl - January 8, 2016, 12:12 pm

Looks like a font with texture applied and a gradient bevel.

gimi - January 10, 2016, 9:31 am

woW thank you men nice :)

G9Slim - January 11, 2016, 9:44 pm

I was needing a font that looked like this for a revamp! Thanks a lot for sharing this, you saved my day!

Mcbride - January 11, 2016, 10:23 pm

Post in to find this again. Thanks for sharing.

gacel - January 16, 2016, 2:59 am

its a great tutorial for beginners, good job ;)

pietfriet - January 17, 2016, 9:39 am

greattutorial gonna try this right now

KingHarold - January 18, 2016, 11:55 am

Nice tutorial, thank you!

ussef.rekkas - February 4, 2016, 4:48 am

Thank you very much to share this turtorial

pilot703 - February 9, 2016, 10:42 am

I've always used a modern style in all my work, this is good for trying new things. Thank you!