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Captain P. - August 1, 2017, 12:40 pm

Trying to build a new thread design for my upcoming project.

i.imgur.co m/70e8AU0.png

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Snowchugger - August 2, 2017, 1:01 am

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- The white line underneath your main text needs to be either completely removed, or refined. The edges are hard and the whole line looks blurred. You can try using the pen tool, then a brush that is set to 'transfer', and right click the path to apply a brush stroke to it.
- Apply a vignette or a gradient to your background image behind your main text to create more value and depth to the header.
- Last but not least, the blue line inside and outside of the whole ordeal looks very jagged, making a large contrast with the soft shading and blurry feeling of the overall piece. It looks very out of place with the rest of the piece.

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G.C.A.L.F.A - August 2, 2017, 4:30 am

Bro, I think from my point of view problem is contrast and hierarchy. Background is to bright so my eyes are not going for the text but they are going for Background. :)

Captain P. - August 2, 2017, 7:12 am

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Thanks a bunch! Very well put together this feedback.

It's imgur who compresses the quality. I will follow your last tip and the one about the line under the text.

The Conjuror - August 2, 2017, 7:16 am
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Thank you a lot, twice. For embedding and the compliment!

The grey underneath is going to be the introduction to the content.