

SCRAPPER'S GUIDE

The Easiest Way To Learn Digital Scrapbooking. **Guaranteed.**

Hip 2B Square (Photoshop Elements)

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According to Huey Lewis and the News, in 1986 it was “Hip to be Square”. In fact, it was so hip that our beloved Sesame Street saw fit to write a parody to the song. Theirs was entitled “It’s Hip to be a Square”.

So I submit to you, if Mr. Lewis and Big Bird can write about squares, then why not Scrapper’s Guide? After all the same is true today...especially when it comes to digital scrapbooking. Squares are hip!

Come along with me as we explore what a simple square text box can do to hip up your scrapbook page.

Step 1: Prepare your workspace

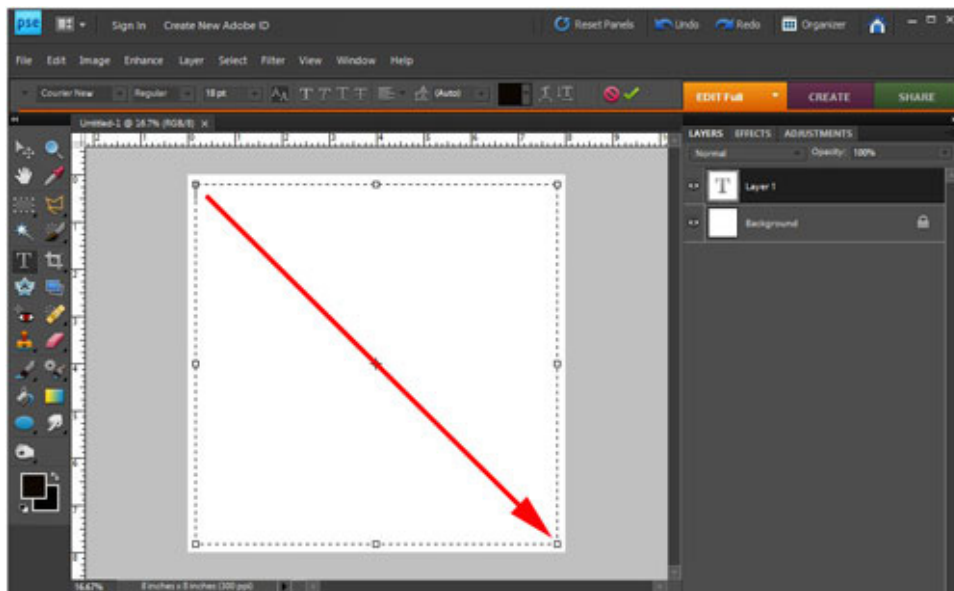
Create a new document that is 8x8 inches, 300 pixels/inch, and has a white background.

Reset your color chips to the default of black and white by pressing the letter D.

Step 2: Create a Text Box and Enter Text

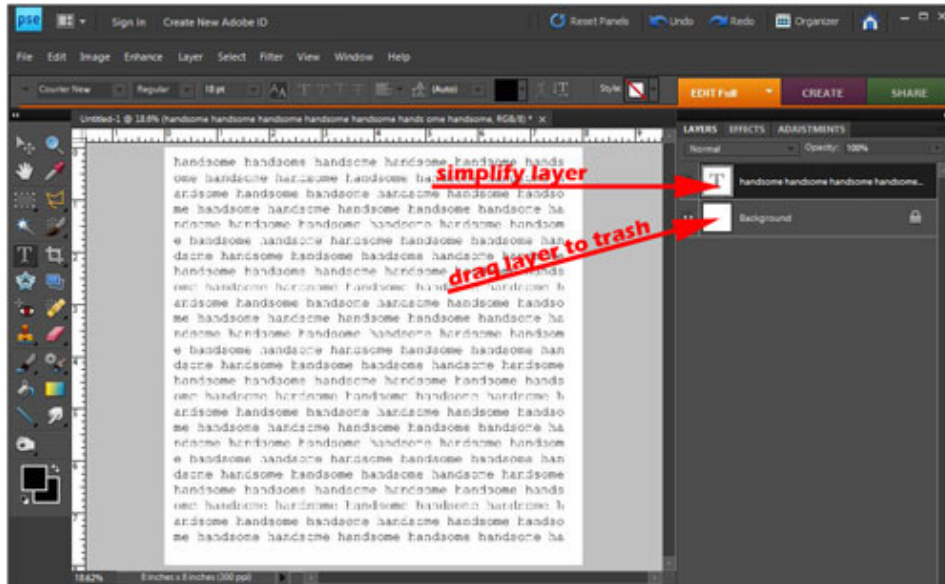
Get the Horizontal Type tool. In the Options Bar, choose a font and size. I chose size 18 Courier New.

Create a text box by clicking on the top left corner of your document and dragging a box to the bottom right corner.



Start typing a word or phrase of your choice. I just repeated the word “handsome”.

TIP: When you get to the right edge of the text box, type only the letters that will fit. Press Enter on your keyboard to go to the next line, and then continue typing. The idea is to have it look as random as possible.



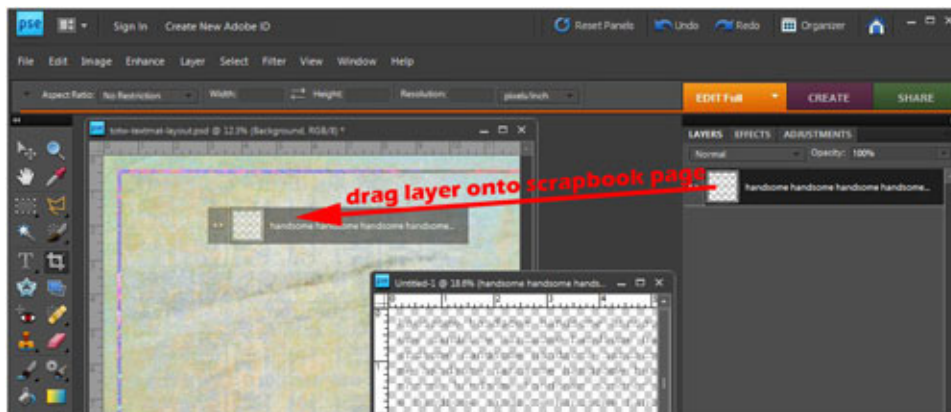
When you are satisfied with the look of your text, turn your text layer into editable pixels. To do this, right click (Mac: Cmd click) on the text layer and choose Simplify Layer from the drop down menu.

Lastly, drag the white background layer to the trash bin in the Layers panel and save your text box as a .png file.

Step 3: Hip Up Your Scrapbook Page

You are now ready to drag your text box onto a scrapbook page.

With your scrapbook page and your text box visible, click on the text box layer in the Layers panel, and drag it onto your scrapbook page.



On my scrapbook page below, I added journaling around the outside area of the text box to hip it up even more.

To do this: I used the same font and size, but changed the color to something that matched the elements

