

Graphics in Text

This worksheet shows you how to fill text with a picture or graphic, using a simple clipping procedure in three layers. You can create this effect with any text and any graphic combination. This effect is called 'Clipping'.

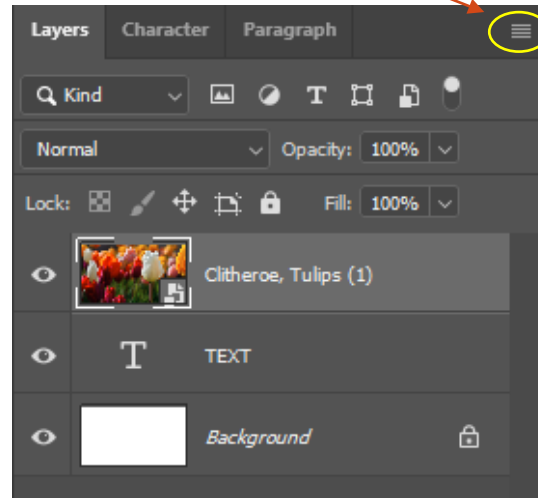
- 1 Create a new blank layer to your desired size; in this instance I have used a standard 1920 x 1080 pixels with a white background. [Ctrl-Shift-N].

- 2 Using the *Text* [T] tool, type your chosen text using a chunky font and size it accordingly. Here I have used the 'Ash' font and centred it on the page.



- 3 Next, identify the image that you want to use to fill the text. On the Menu bar select *File > Place Embedded* and go to the folder where your image is saved. Select the image and click the 'Tick' symbol on the Menu bar.

- 4 The image will now cover the text and will show as the topmost layer in the *Layers* panel. Click on the lines symbol in the top right of the *Layers* panel.



Ensure that the Layers Palette is showing, press F7 if it is not visible.

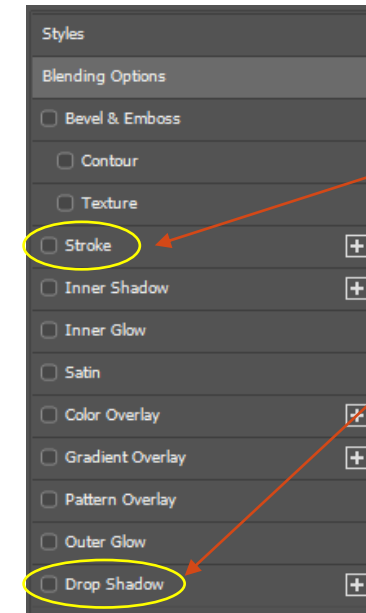
From the drop down list select Create Clipping Mask [Ctrl-Alt-G].

Note: This effect is also possible with shapes as well as text. So, if you want to create a rectangle, circle or custom shape just treat it as you would the text layer.

- 5 The image will now be constrained to the shape of the text, as shown below.

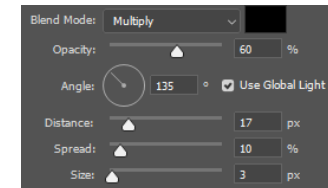


- 6 To finish off the effect we will place a Stroke around the text and place a shadow behind it. Right click the Text layer and choose *Blending Options...*



Select *Stroke* and set the size to 1 pixel in black.

Select *Drop Shadow* and set the values as below.



Click *OK* to apply