Creating Text on a Layered Graphics File in Paint Shop Pro 6

This tutorial is a basic tutorial on how to add text to one of our free button files with Paint Shop Pro 6. You will need to download a Photoshop source file (photoshop files have a .psd extension).

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Start off by opening up your file, for this example we used the spaceman2 button in the free images area. You'll notice that the file has 2 layers, the background and the button. If you wish, you can make the background another color by simply clicking on that layer and filling it with a color.

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Next you will need to click the Text Tool on the toolbar to the left. After the Text tool is selected, click anywhere on the image to add text.

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After you have clicked in your image, a dialog box will come up. This is the text tool dialog box. First, select the font you wish to use in the drop down box at the top. Next select the size of the type. Make sure "anti-aliased" **is** checked off. Select the color of your type and type in the text you wish to display on your button. For this example, I chose "Link". Hit the "OK" button.

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You will see that your text is in a new layer named "Layer2." If you click on the "+" sign next to the layer, you will see a sub-layer named whatever you typed. For this example my sub-layer's name is "Link." If you need to edit the text simply double-click on the sub-layer and it will bring up the dialog box.

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The text might not be exactly in the position you want it. If it isn't use the move tool on the toolbar pallette. Make sure you select the text layer, be sure to click on the center of the text and drag it to move. If by accident you select the button layer, hit ctrl-Z to undo the move and try again.

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You are done! You now have a layered file with added text. The final step if you so choose is to save your file, or export it for the web as a .gif or .jpeg image. Have fun!

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