Creating Text on a Layered Graphics File

This tutorial is a basic tutorial on how to add text to one of our free button files. You will need to have a Photoshop source file (photoshop files have a .psd extension). If you do not have Adobe Photoshop, we also have a tutorial on how to use Paint Shop Pro 6. Click here for the Paint Shop Pro 6 version of this tutorial.

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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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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 "auto-kern" and "anti-aliased" are checked off. If you wish to make your text spaced out, enter a number in the Tracking box. Finally, 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 whatever you typed. For this example my new layer's name is "Link." 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, and simply click on the type and move it to where you want it to go.

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To add a little, apply Alien Skin's Inner Bevel Filter. There you have it! For info on this filter, goto alienskin.com

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