

Killer Text

Instructions Guide

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How To Use The Killer Text Package To Create Text Just Like Below....



One way to spice up your graphics is to add “cool” looking text to them. That one small addition in itself can transform a boring design into an eye catching one.

The job of this Killer Text package is to help you to create this “cool” looking text for your graphics, and to make it easy and fast. So let’s get started.....

There are basically just 2 things that make killer text. The first is a cool font, and the second is a cool special effect. It’s really that simple.



1. Start with plain text.

2. Choose one of the cool fonts I give you.

3. Apply one of the cool layer styles with just a click of the mouse.

The hard part is locating these cool fonts, and creating these special text effects. And that's exactly where this package comes in. In this Killer Text package I will provide you with both of these things.

This package comes with 2 parts, Fonts and Photoshop Layer Styles (these layer styles are the easiest way to add a special effect to your text).

Let's look at each part in more detail.....

1. Fonts.

The fonts in this package are freeware fonts that I've found on several different freeware font sites. I've spent a considerable amount of time digging around for the best fonts, so you don't have to. You can find them in the "Fonts" folder. All of the fonts are still in their zip files, just like I downloaded them from the freeware sites. Some contain a note from the creator.

To use them, unzip all of them and install them into your system before opening up Photoshop. If you want more fonts.....

Font Resources

There are hundreds if not thousands of websites on the Internet that give away or sell fonts. If you do a search on Google for "fonts" you'll get millions of results. It could be hard to pick and choose from all these different sites. So I'll make the job easier for you by telling you which sites I personally use...

My favorite sites for getting fonts and why I like them:

After searching through hundreds of fonts pages I've narrowed it down to just 2 sites. Yes, just 2.

Site 1. <http://www.dafont.com>

Site 2. <http://simplythebest.net/fonts/>

Why I like these 2 sites:

- They each have a large collection of fonts to choose from (1000's of fonts)
- The fonts are divided into categories like Serif, Sans Serif, Handwritten, Cartoon, etc., making it really easy to navigate and find just the font you're looking for.
- They show you large previews of the fonts so you can see exactly how the font looks like before you download it.
- They have direct links where you can download the fonts.
- These sites don't have too much advertising that gets in the way, unlike many other font sites.
- Their links to fonts actually work and don't just go to an advertising site.

These are my personal favorite font sites. Other people might have their own favorites and that's fine. I've been using these sites myself and they've worked out great for me personally. So recommend you check them out.

You'll get more than enough fonts with just these 2 sites alone.

Installing the fonts.

Before you can use the fonts, you have to install them. You don't have to install them into Photoshop. You have to install these fonts into your system fonts folder.

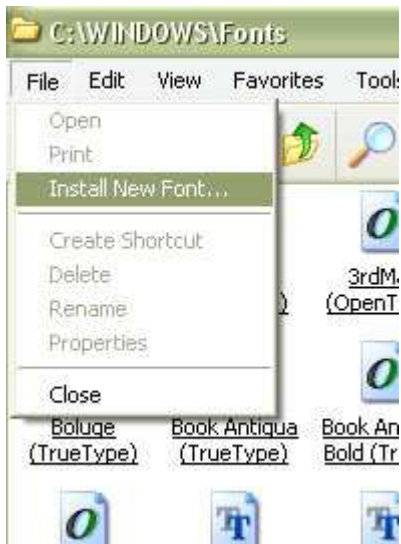
Here are the step-by-step instructions:

1. Unzip all of the fonts inside the Killer Text/Fonts folder. To make it easier, select all the files inside the folder, then right click on one of them and choose "Extract Here" or what ever other message your unzipping program has for extracting all the files. This should extract all of the files at once.

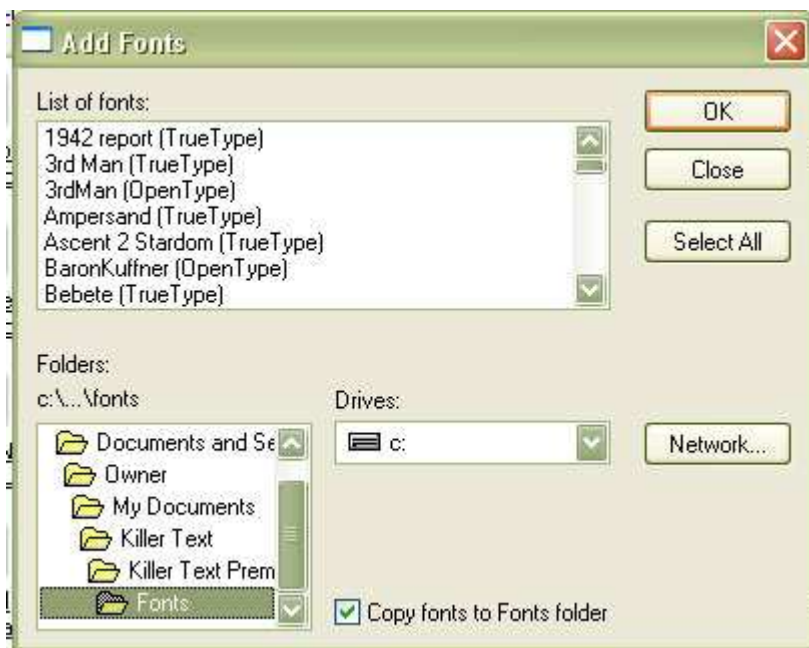


2. Locate your system fonts folder. It should be C:/WINDOWS/Fonts

3. After you've located the folder, install the fonts into it by going to File/Install New Font



4. Then just locate where you saved and unzipped the Fonts folder from the Killer Text package, and press OK to load the fonts into your system.



5. You are now ready to use the new fonts. From now on when ever you load Photoshop these new fonts will automatically get loaded.

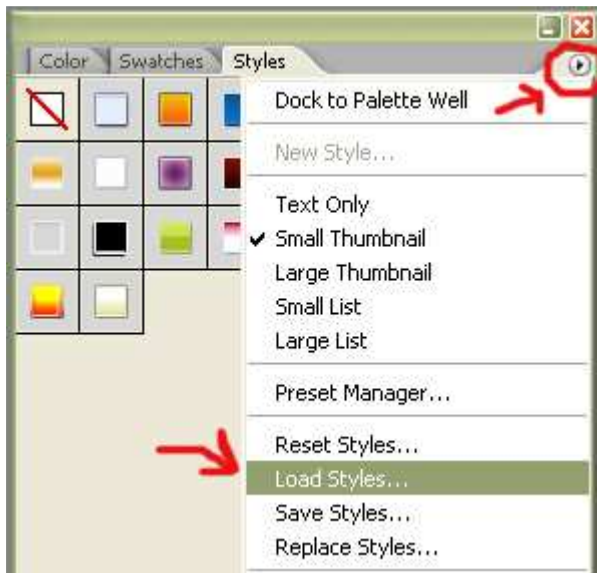
That's it for fonts, now let's move on to the layer styles...

2. Layer Styles.

I've created these layer styles myself, and I personally use them to make my life easier when creating graphics for my clients. These layer styles are a great time saver. And they will make your text "pop" out of a page. When you combine them with the fonts I provide you with, you will have Killer Text.

Here is how to use them.....

A) First you have to load them into Photoshop. To do that, open up Photoshop and then locate the "Styles" palette. Then click on the little triangle in the top right corner of the Styles palette, and choose Load Styles.



B) Then locate where you saved the Killer text package. Open the Styles folder, and then click on the file inside that folder, and it will be loaded into your Photoshop.



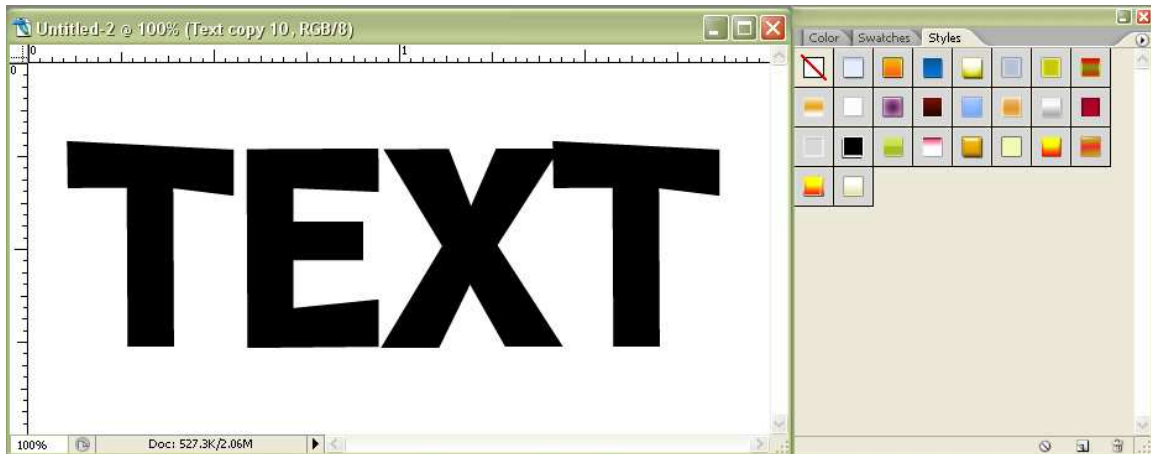
That's it for loading. Now let me show you how to use the layer styles.....

Using the Layer Styles.

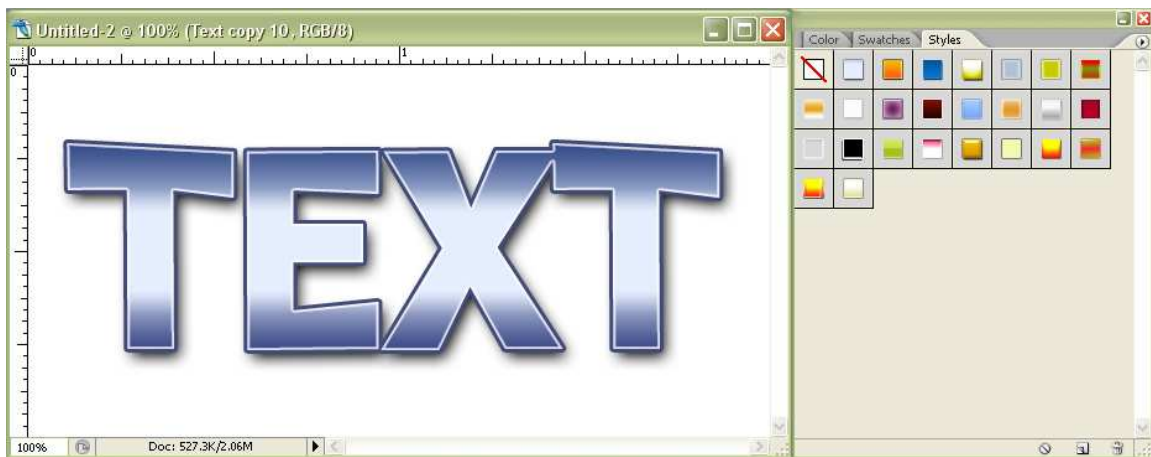
The layer styles are just as easy to use as they are easy to load. All you have to do is type in some text, and then simply click on one of the layer styles to add an effect to the text.

Note: These layer styles work best with 300 DPI text. But you can still use them with other resolutions. Just play around with it and see what you come up with.

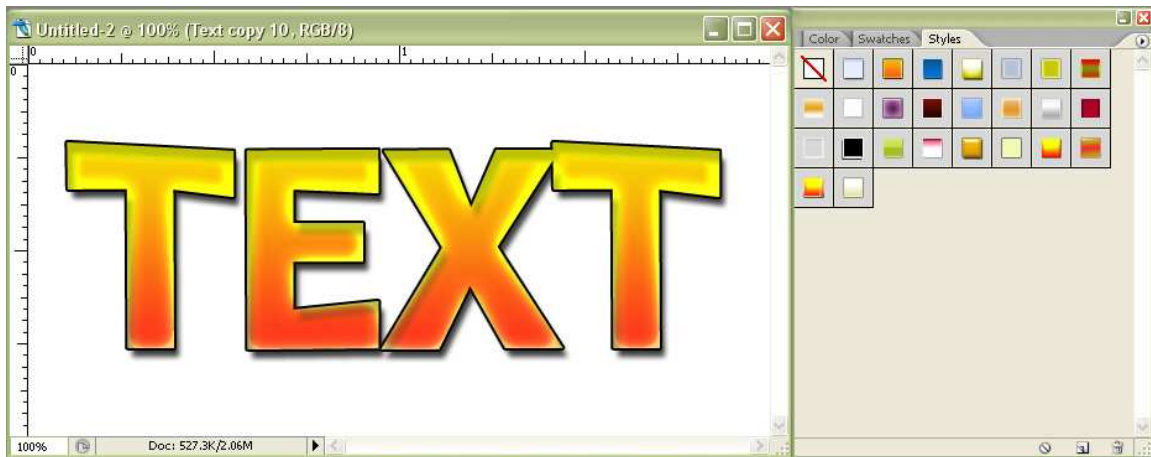
Start with plain text:



Then click on one of the layer styles to add an effect to the text:



Each layer style adds a different effect:



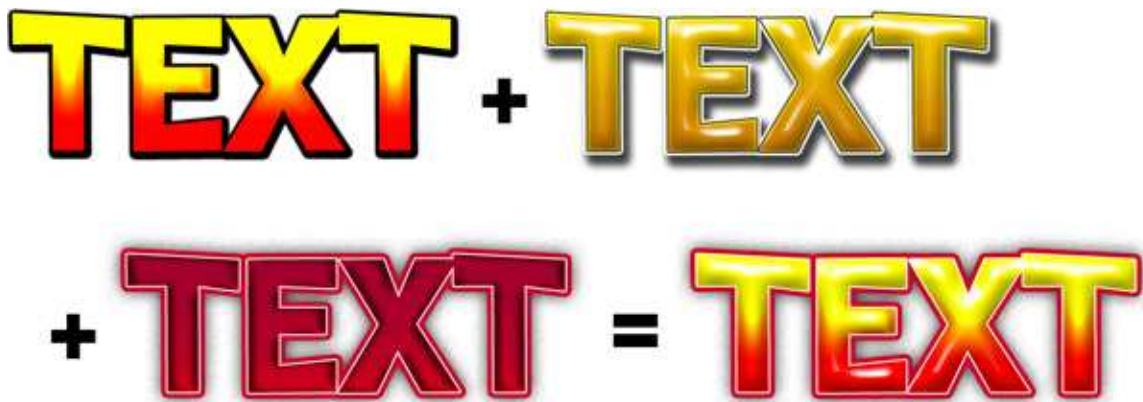
Just play around with them yourself to see all the different text effects.

You can resize the text, re-type the text, change the font, etc., and the text effect will stay.

Note: You can add these layer styles to other objects besides text. Objects like arrows, buttons, bullets, etc.. You can basically add these layer styles to any Photoshop layer, that's why they're called layer styles.

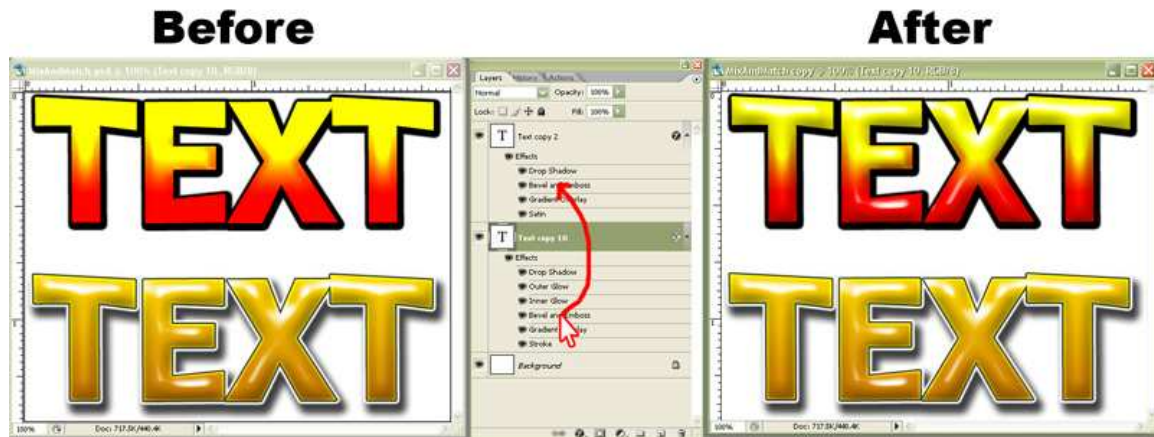
This whole Killer Text system really is that simple. But if you want to step it up a notch....

How To Mix And Match And Combine Different Effects From Different Layer Styles.



You can create literally 1,000's of different text effects by mixing and matching parts of different layer styles. Here is how to do it...

1. Create 2 or more text layers, and add some layer styles to them.
2. Click on the effect you like from one text layer, and drag it over to the second text layer. For example, if you like a drop shadow from one layer, just click and drag it over into another layer. Here is an example of me adding the Bevel and Emboss effect from one layer to another:



Just click and drag, that's it.

Note: If you don't want the first text layer to lose the effect, hold Ctrl + Alt on your keyboard while clicking and dragging.

You can do this over and over again with as many different layer styles as you want.

Enjoy,

Max