

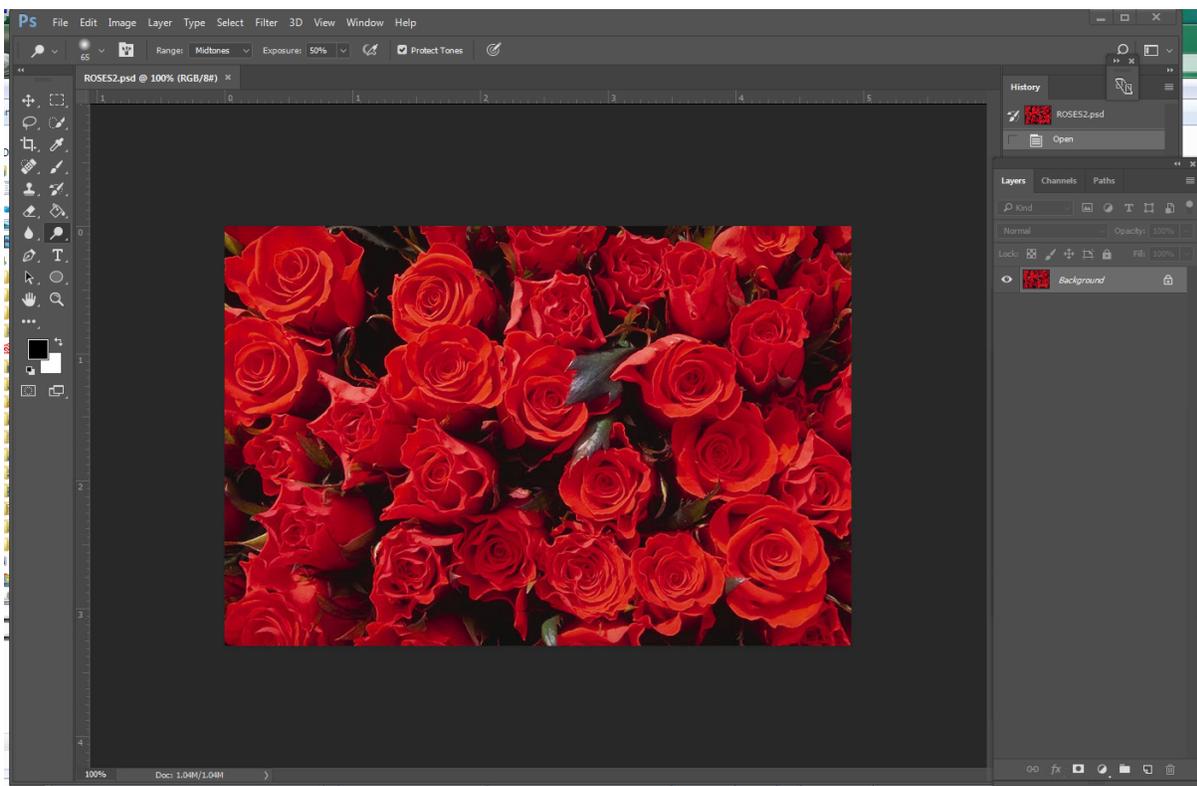
Text Filled with a Photograph

It is possible to create special effects for text by filling the letters with a photograph. Letters and words can become more dynamic and exciting when they are made from clouds, colored balls, or in the case of the headline above, flowers. It is very easy to use Photoshop to create customized text such as this. Follow the steps below.

Open the photo or other image that you want to use for your customized text. Be sure to save it as a Photoshop (PSD) file with a different name than the original. This helps to prevent unintentionally making permanent changes to the original source file.

NOTE: It is possible to use images other than photographs. Try making textures with various filters and then use them to make customized text.

The illustration below shows a photograph of red roses.



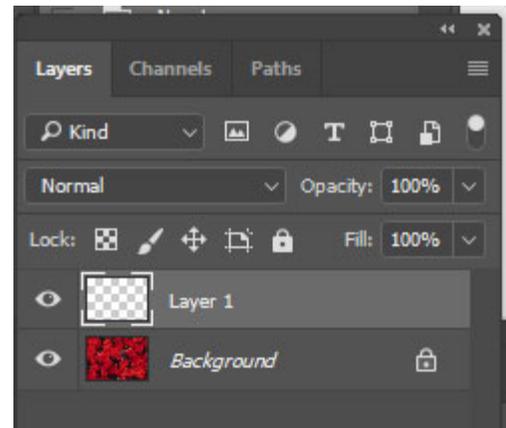
Make sure the Layers and Characters pallets are open. The Character pallet is illustrated on the right.

If the Character pallet is not open, click Window on the Menu bar and then select Character.

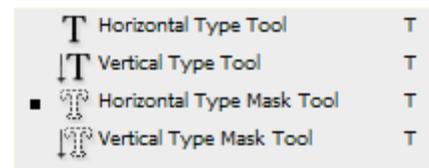


Create a new layer in the Layers pallet. Click the Options button in the top right corner of the Layers pallet and select New Layer from the drop down list.

Make sure that the new layer is selected.



Select the Horizontal Type Mask tool on the Tool bar. It is part of the Text Tools group.



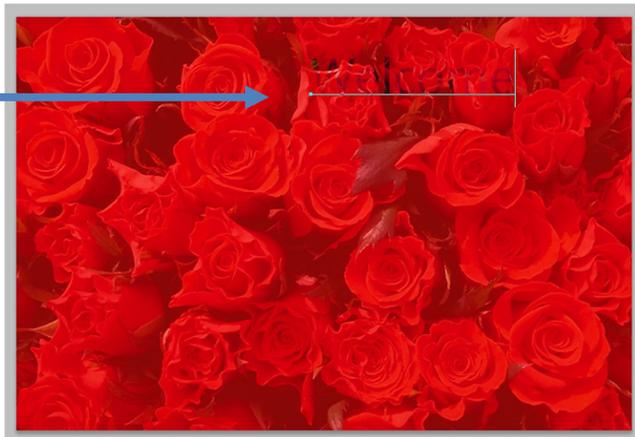
Specify your font, text size, and other text characteristics on the Tool Status bar or on the Character pallet. The Tool Status bar is illustrated below.



Click in the photograph where you want the text to start. The image will immediately turn red. This red is the masking overlay.



Type your text. It may be hard to see, but it will appear on the image.

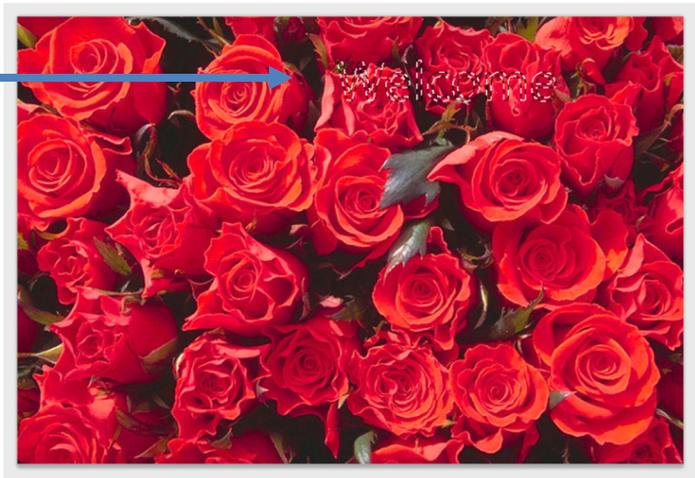


Click the Commit button  on the Tool Status bar.

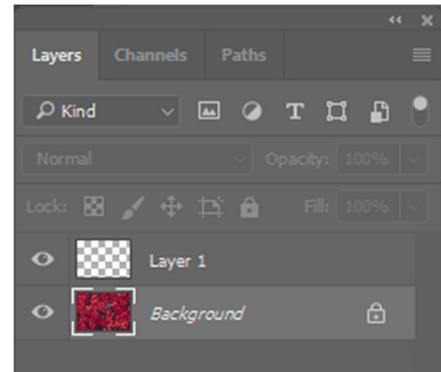


NOTE: The Commit button is not always displayed on the Tool Status bar. It only appears at the appropriate time.

The text will now appear outlined with the famous Photoshop marching ants.



Select the photograph layer in the Layers pallet as shown on the right.



Click Control + C to copy the selected area.

Click Control + V to paste the copied area into a new layer.

Turn off all the other layers by clicking the visibility “eyeball” buttons  on the layers pallet.



Now the text is ready for the finishing touches. This may include cropping the image size, adding a background, and using effects.

An example is shown with a drop shadow,

