

Paint Shop Tutorials

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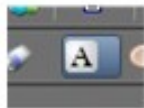
PSPX2 For Beginners Drippy Text Pattern Filled Text Adding Textures

Creating Text on Floating Selections can be a little confusing. This small tutorial of two types of Text I hope will demystify Selections and Floating Selections.

When you create Text with a Selection over an image, the text will pick up the image as a fill. This will be covered in the second part of this Text Tutorial.

Open a Canvas about 500 x 200 transparent background.

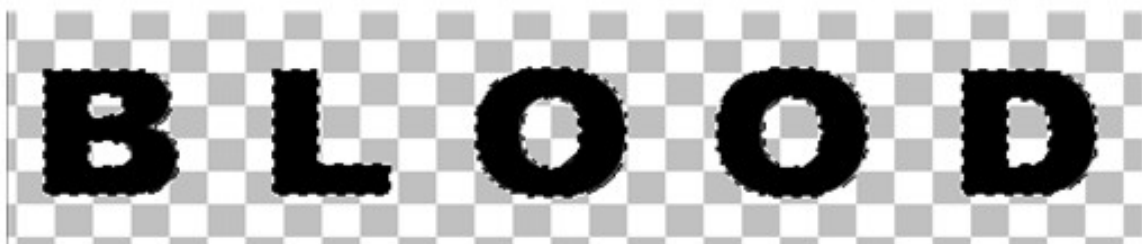
Select the Text Tool and choose Arial Black size 16



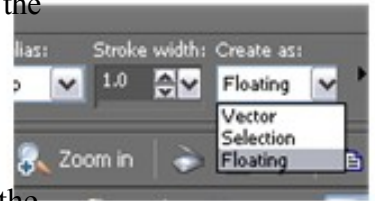
Make the background colour black and hide the foreground colour so the text will only black.



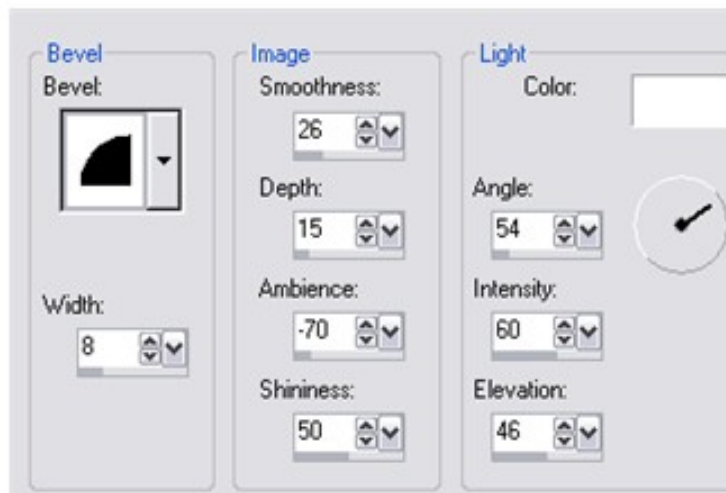
Type Blood with a size of 16 with a space between each letter.



Create as a Floating Selection. The text should have selection lines around it. If the lines disappear, just tap on the Floating Selection Layer to reactive it.



From the Menu Bar, open Effects - 3D and choose Inner Bevel with the following settings

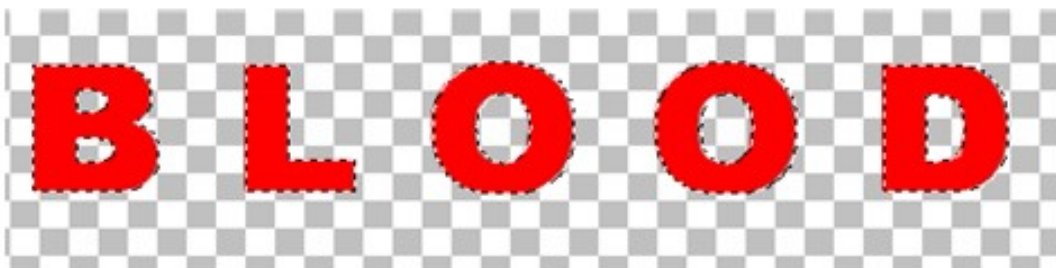


Your image should now look like shiny black plastic.

Add a new RASTER layer. Apply a foreground colour of red... you can choose the red. Tap on the Foreground Properties, select a colour when the Materials Properties opens.



With the Flood Fill Tool fill the Raster 2 layer text with colour.



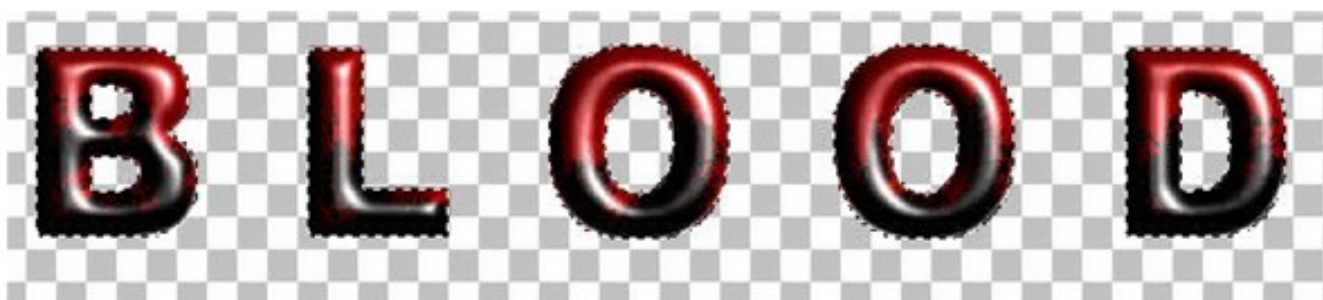


Return to the Effects, 3D - Inner Bevel with all the same settings. This time the text looks like red plastic.



Select the Eraser Tool size 30, Hardness 50, Step 10 and Density 26, other settings as is.

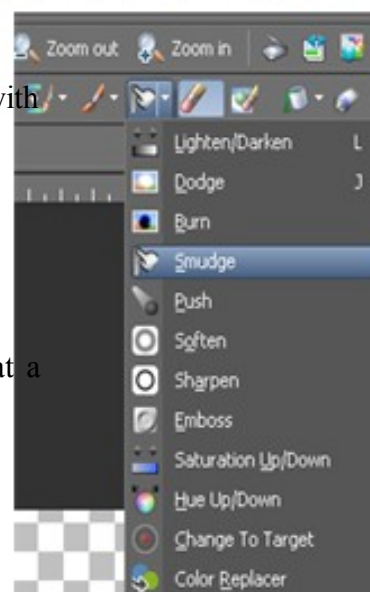
With Raster 2 layer selected, begin to erase lightly some of the areas to the lower edge of the text as show in this image. From Selections on the Menu bar, open and Select None.



From the Toolbar pick the Smudge Tool. You will find this tool hidden in with other tools.

Settings are, size 4, and density 26 other settings as is.

Smudge down strokes. If they look a little too thick, apply the eraser at a small size and low opacity.

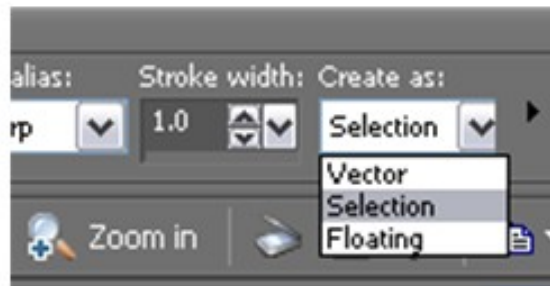




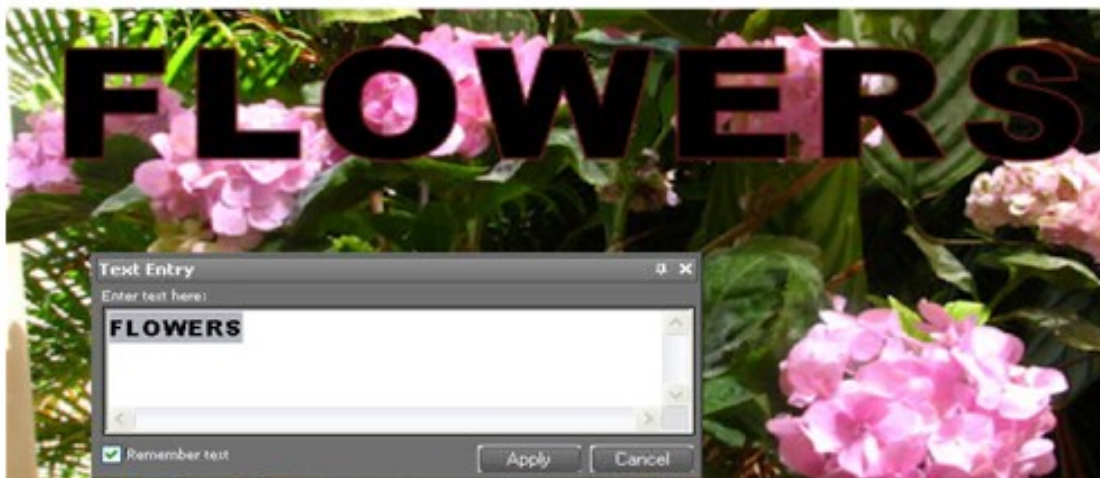
That's it, now you can make drippy, bloody text of your own.

Pattern Filled Text

Open a colourful image and resize to approximately 500 pixels width.



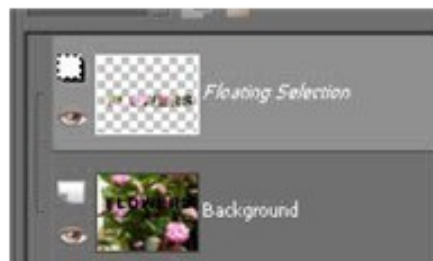
. Create as a Selection and type in large bold text FLOWERS or something similar, Click Apply.



Click Apply. Your text is now a selection.

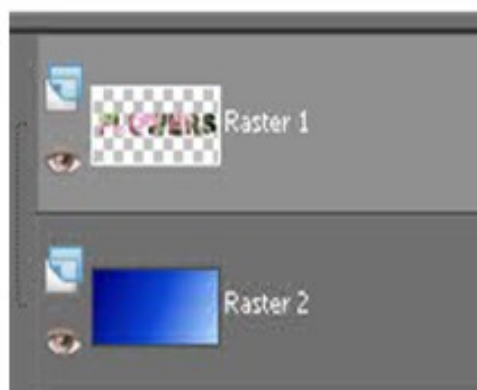


Grab the text, hold and move. You will see in the Layer Palette the layer has now become a Floating Selection.



The Selection text you just made is now sitting on its own layer.

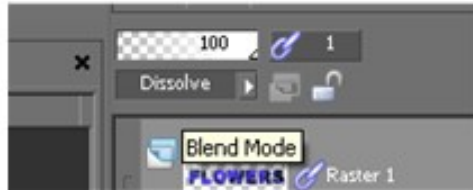
Copy the Text, open a new canvas and paste as a new layer. Add another Raster layer and place the text above as shown here. You can now resize, add effects etc. etc.



Add a Drop Shadow from Effects, 3D. There's many effects you can give your text from the Effects and opening the Effects Browser. Try a few of them out and see what great effects you make.



The image below was made by choosing Effect Browser, Colour, Red/Green/Blue Extreme Blue. On the Layers Palette I chose the Blend Mode of Dissolve.



Below I applied Coloured Foil, Effects Browser, Artistic Effects, Coloured Foil



Lastly, Neon Glow from Effects, Artistic Effects.

