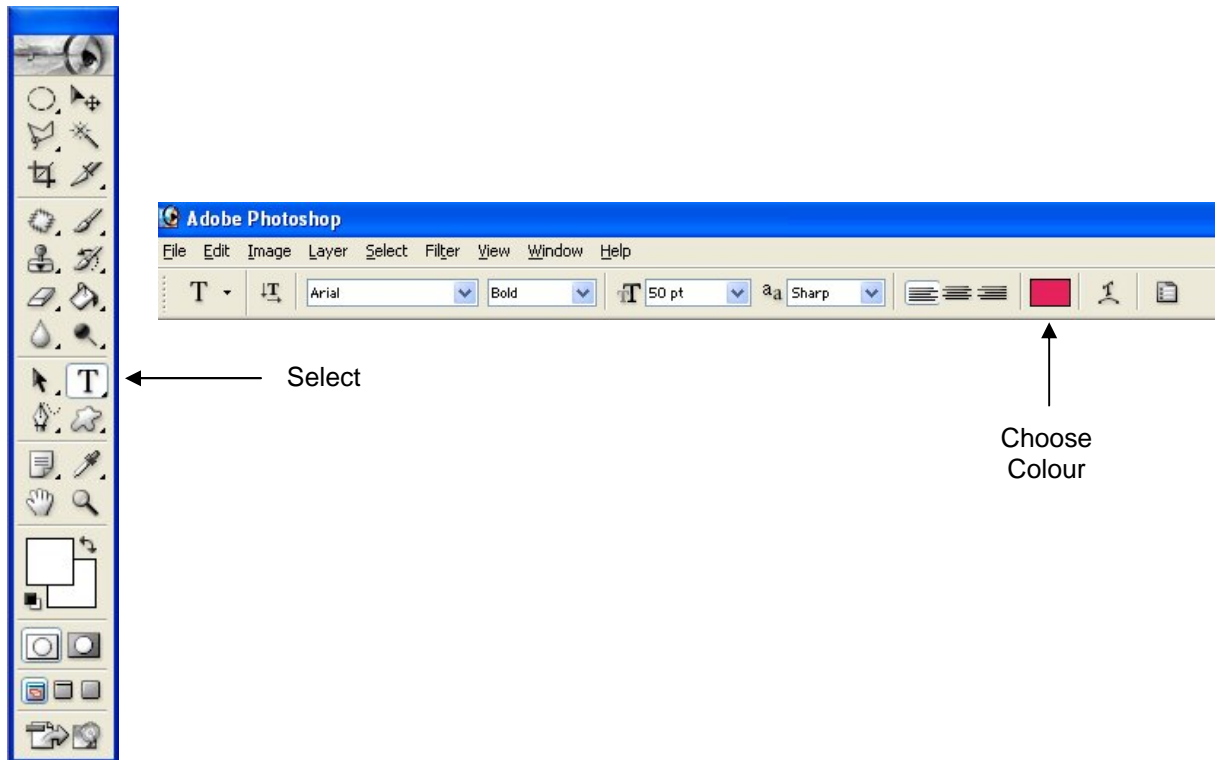


Design Workshop

Mirror Text Tutorial

Start with a new document maybe 300x150 pixels with whatever colour background you wish, we have used white. You may want to change the size depending on what size item you want to create. To create a new document click on File at the top menu bar and select New.

Select the Text tool from the tools window and chose your desired colour.

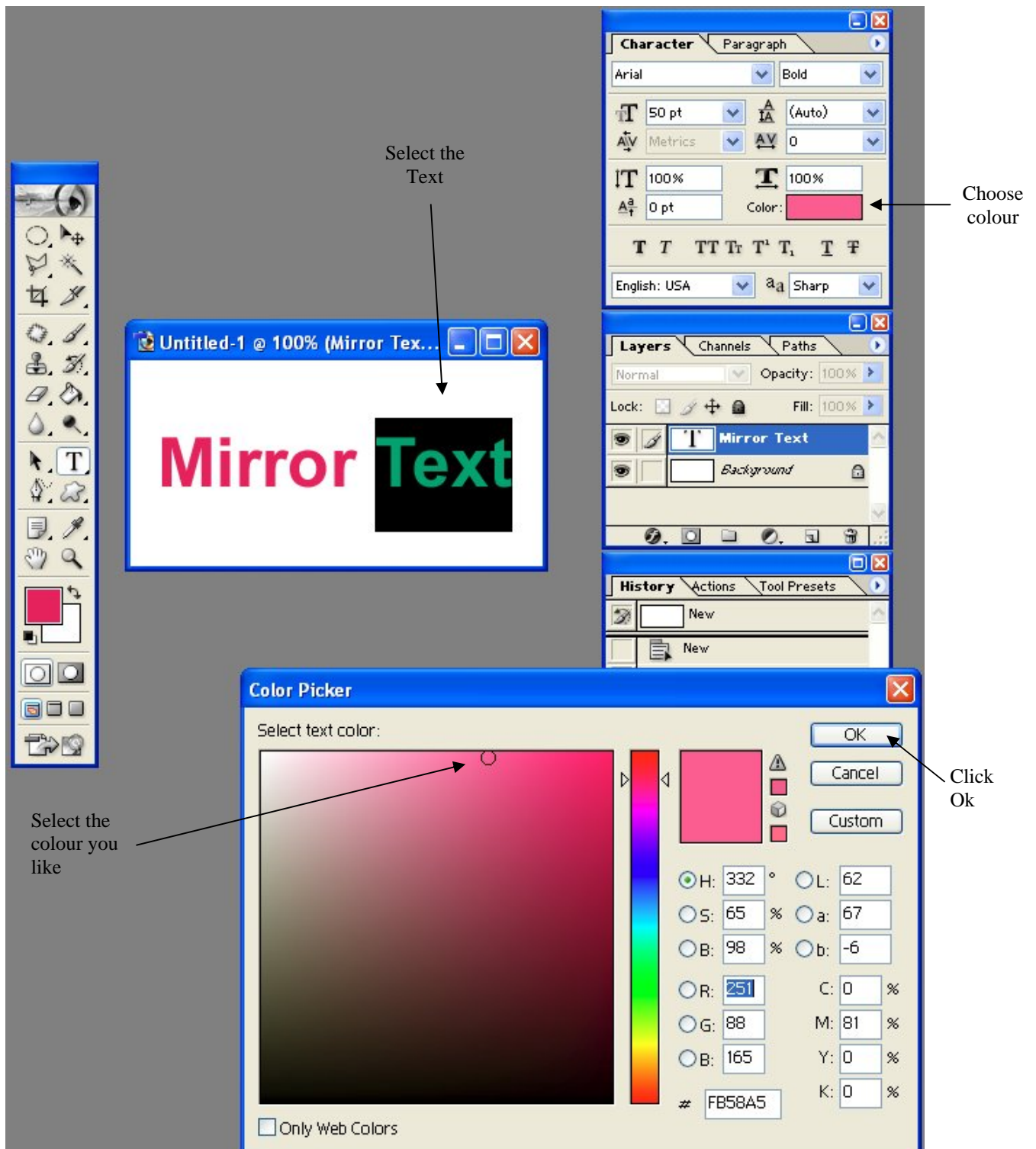


Type the text you want in the middle of the white box, and click on the green tick at the top of the screen to accept the action.



To give our text more of an effect we have changed the last word to a different shade, but add as many effects as you like, different font types, different size text etc.

For our effect select the text you wish to change and click on the colour pallet. You will now see a colour picker screen, here you can change the colour. Again you will now need to click on the green tick at the top of the screen to accept the action.

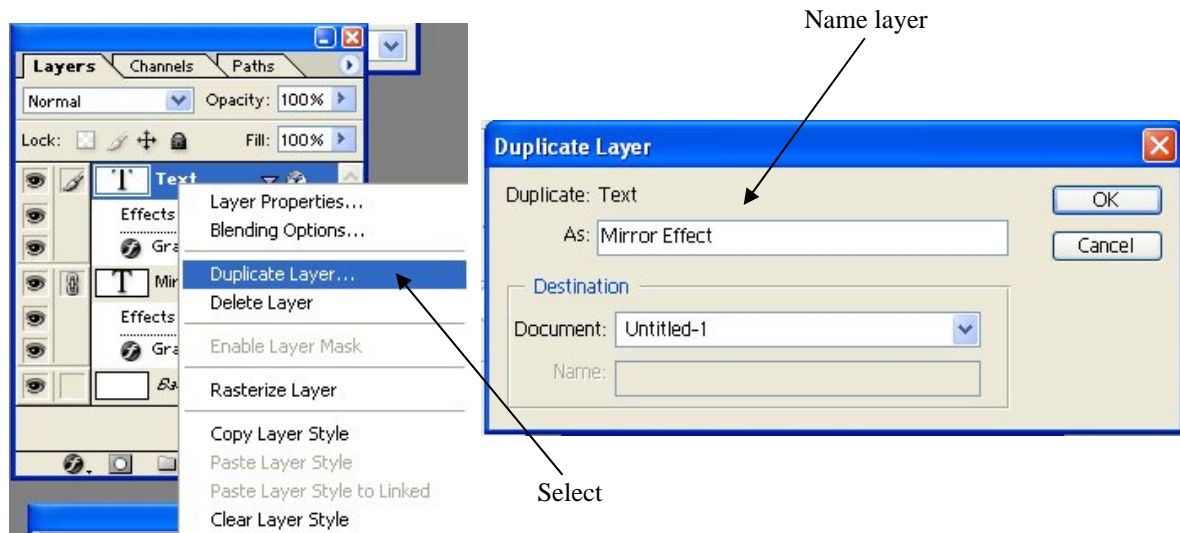


If you wish to add any more effects to the text you will need to use the Layer Style option explained in the Badge Tutorial, a link is included in the May Newsletter for those who missed it.

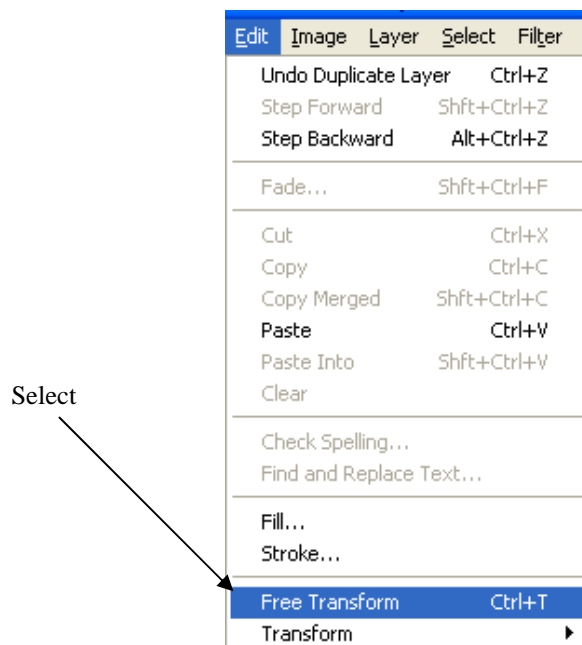
So you should have something like this:



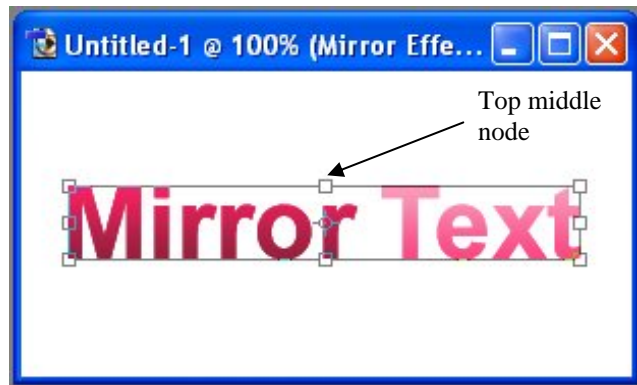
Now it is time to add our mirror effect. Right click on the font layer and select Duplicate Layer. You will then get the option to name the layer. It is best to get into the habit of naming your layers, as later on when you have a large amount it will be easier to find the layer you wish to alter. I have named ours Mirror Effect.



Now you need to select Edit from the main menu at the top of the screen and click on Free Transform.



You will now see a selection around the duplicated text.



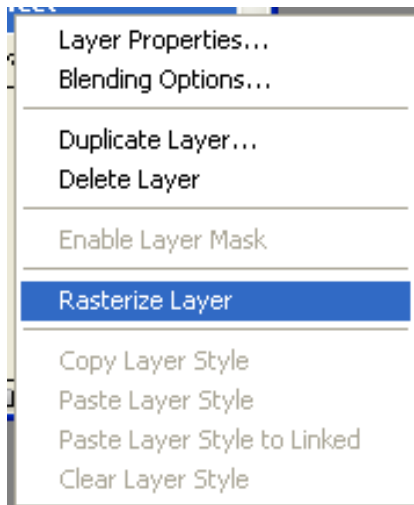
Using the top middle node drag the text down and accept the action. Now you have an image like this:



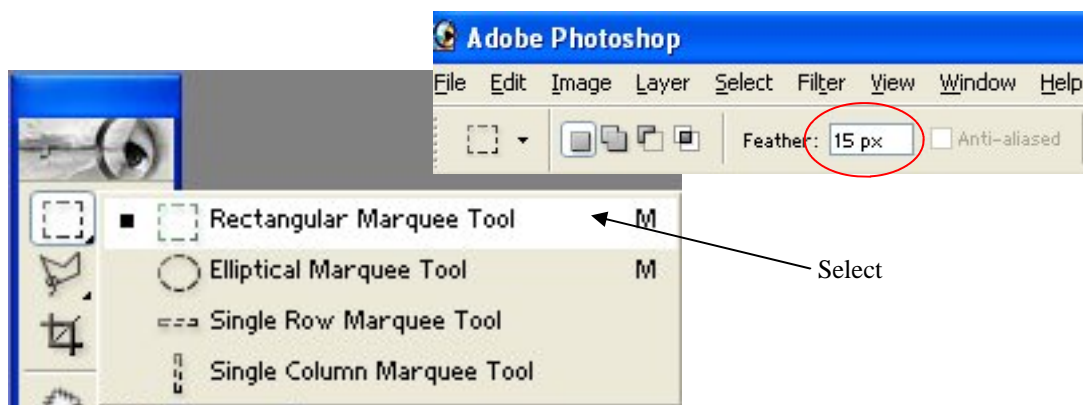
Click on the move tool in the Tools menu and then press the up key once (or twice if needed) to nudge the text together.



Now right click on your Mirror Effect layer and select Rasterize Layer.



Now select the rectangular marquee tool from the Tool menu. At the top of the screen you will see another menu for the marquee tool. Where it says feather change it to 15px. You can change this to whatever you like but we have used 15px.



Make your rectangle marquee over the bottom half of your Mirror Effect layer like this:



Your rectangle will then have round edges this is normal.



All you need to do then is press the Delete key on your keyboard as many times as you wish and your mirror image is finished!

