

Adobe Photoshop Elements
FAKE 3D TEXT
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Here's a "quick & dirty" way to create the look of 3D type, when you want a thick blocky look that bevel and emboss doesn't provide. Just remember that the text (and the effect) is not editable, so you'll have to start over if you change the type.

1. Add some type, using a color other than black, and ideally a fairly thick font (this example uses "Impact" font).
(**Figure 1**)

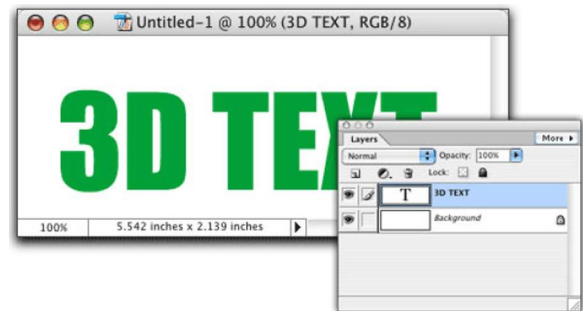


Figure 1

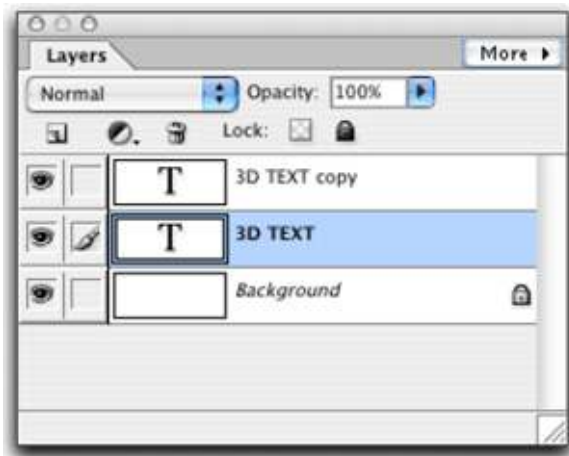


Figure 2

2. Duplicate the Type Layer by pressing *Control+J* (Duplicate Layer) or by using the layer menu (**Figure 2**).

3. Click on the original type layer and change its color to black (you won't see the results since the black text will be covered by the colored text).
(**Figure 3**)

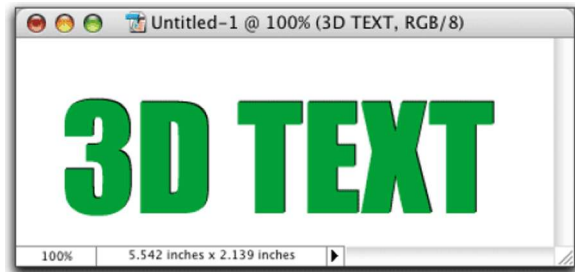


Figure 3

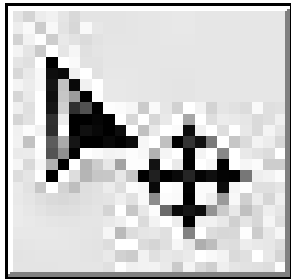


Figure 4

4. Click on the “Move” tool (**Figure 4**) — first tool in the Tool Palette (on left-side of screen) — and then press the Up arrow key once, and the Right arrow key once to nudge the black text so it's slightly visible.

5. Holding down *Alt* key, on the keyboard, continue to press the arrow keys. I found it worked best if I pressed the Up arrow key twice, the Right arrow key once and then repeated. Each time you press the key you will be duplicating the black text layer, so you'll end up with a “ton” of copied layers (**Figure 5**).

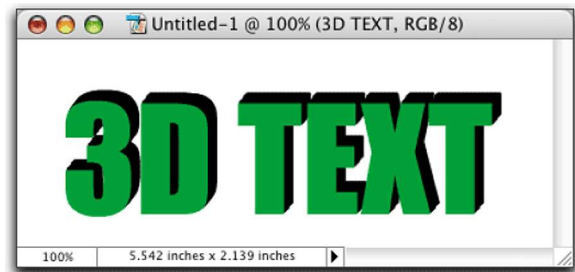
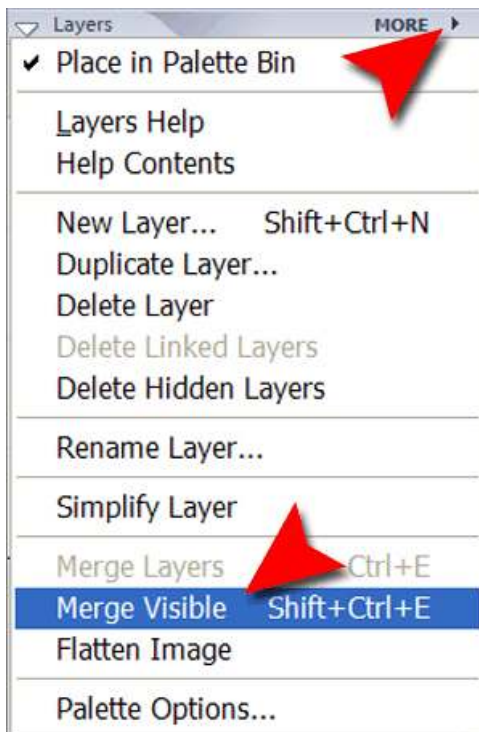


Figure 5

6. Hide the colored text layer and the Background layer by clicking to remove the “eye” in the left column (**Figure 6**).



Figure 6



7. From the More menu, choose “Merge Visible” (**Figure 7**).

Figure 7

8. There you have it, a quick & dirty 3D text effect. Needless to say, you can experiment with the color of the text you use for the 3D effect. Here I used darker green for the 3D type instead of black (**Figure 8**).



Figure 8