



Zombie Text effect

In this tutorial you will learn how to create a Zombie Text effect that works great for Halloween flyer's, pamphlets and forum signatures. The steps to create this effect are relatively easy to accomplish with a little time and effort. Follow this tutorial as closely as you can! You will be submitting 2 images, the tutorial and then your own name.

Assignment 1:

Here is an example of the text effect that we will be creating with this tutorial:



Step 1.


Find a picture of a zombie and a moon that you can use to add like in the picture above. You DO NOT have to use the same pictures as above. Open an existing document in Photoshop, or create a new one. I will be working with a 400x400 canvas.

Fill the background with your desired color, something brown or tan looking would work fine.

Step 2.

Press Ctrl + Alt + Shift + N on your keyboard to create a new layer.

Set your foreground color to: #392700

Go ahead and get out the Text Tool () and select a nice looking font. Here I'm using a font called Accent SF, you probably don't have it on your computer so look through the fonts and look for a spooky looking one.

Here are the exact Text settings I've used:



Type out your text near the center of the canvas as I have done here:



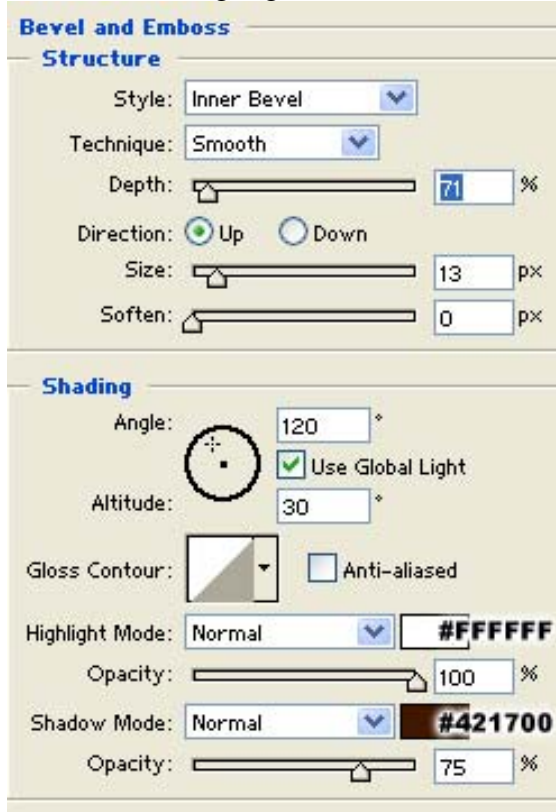
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Step 3.

Double click this layer, and apply the following blending options:

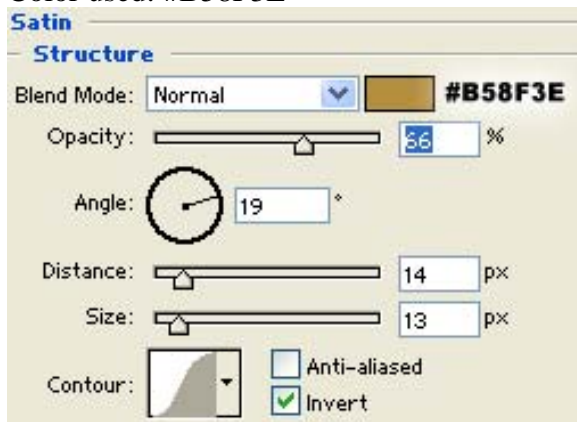
Bevel & Emboss:

Colors Used: Highlight Mode: #FFFFFF Shadow Mode: #421700



Satin:

Color used: #B58F3E

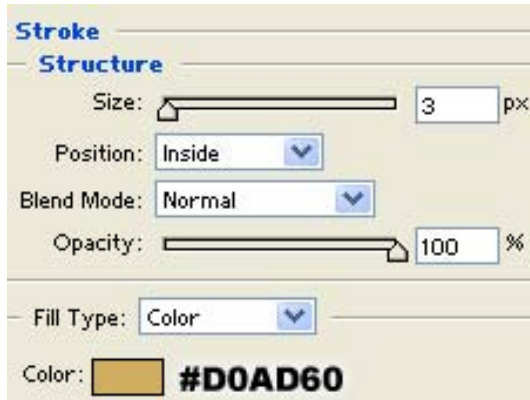


Stroke:

Color Used: #D0AD60



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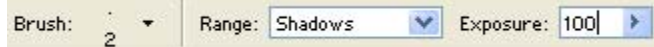
Result:



Step 4.

Press Ctrl + J on your keyboard to duplicate this layer.

Select the Burn Tool () and apply the following settings:



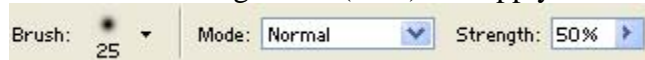
Randomly brush around the text to create various little dots and squiggly lines as shown:



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Step 5.

Get out the Smudge Tool () and apply the following settings:




Now Distort the bottom part of each letter using the smudge tool until you have something similar to what I have here:




The smudge tool did this!

Step 6.

Press Ctrl + Alt + Shift + N on your keyboard to create a new layer.

Get out the Lasso Tool () and make a selection as I have done here. Just draw a squiggly looking line and make sure both lines meet:



Fill this selection with #896A28 using the Paint Bucket Tool ().

Double click this layer, and apply the following blending options:

Bevel & Emboss:

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Structure

Style: **Pillow Emboss** ▾

Technique: **Smooth** ▾

Depth: 181 %

Direction: Up Down

Size: 3 px


Soften: 0 px

Shading

Angle: °

Use Global Light

Altitude: °

Gloss Contour:  Anti-aliased

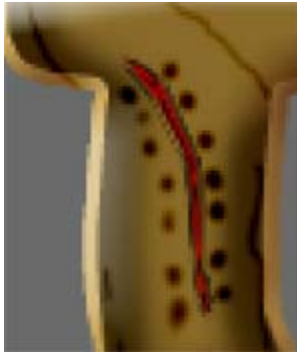
Highlight Mode: **Screen** ▾

Opacity: 75 %

Shadow Mode: **Multiply** ▾

Opacity: 75 %

Color Overlay:
Color used: #BD0000
Result:





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Step 7.


Repeat step #6 several times to create many different "cuts" in each letter of your text:

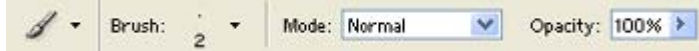


Step 8.

Press Ctrl + Alt + Shift + N on your keyboard to create a new layer.

Set your foreground color to black (#000000).

Get out the Brush Tool () and set it up with a round soft 2 pixel brush as I have done here:



Now draw lines across each of the "cuts" that we made in steps #6 and #7 to add the effect of stitches to each letter of our text:



Here is how my text ended up, as you can see this is a very easy and fun effect to create a very scary looking text effect that works great on all sorts of Halloween related applications:



Here's what I came up with after messing around with the text a little more, and adding some graphics to the background with a few effects:

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Now you go ahead and add your moon and zombie behind your text.
Submit your jpg at ustudy.org, call it `lastname_zombie1.jpg`

Assignment 2:

Follow the tutorial above, but this time type your name as the text. Find a picture of another zombie and a spooky looking tree to add to your background. Submit your image as a jpg at ustudy.org call it `lastname_zombie2.jpg`