

## Using Adobe PhotoShop to place a photographic image inside of letterforms...

For this exercise you need to think of a word that would look good with a picture inside the letters and then you need to find the right picture to go with your word. You must use your own original image. The picture should be about the same size as your enlarged text. 1200 pixels wide and 600 pixels high works well with the dimensions listed below. (You can use smaller images but you will have to use either a short word or more steps to make the project work.) Now you are ready to begin the actual project.

1. Open PhotoShop
2. Go to File > New
3. When the "New" dialogue box opens, fill in the following information:
  - Name: Picture in Letterform
  - width: 12 inches
  - height: 6 inches
  - Resolution: 100 pixels / inch
  - Mode: RGB
  - Contents: White
  - Click OK
- (\* Remember from your reading... one pica = a printer's unit of type size, equal to 12 points or about 1/6 of an inch.)
4. Your new canvas area should appear.  
(It should look like a checkerboard because you selected transparent background.)
5. Choose the type tool from your side toolbox. (The type tool is the one with the letter T in it.)
6. Click in the middle of your canvas window.
7. When the "Type Tool" dialogue box appears, fill in the following information:
  - Font: Impact
  - Size: 250 Points
  - Anti-Alias = Crisp
  - Click on the center alignment icon
  - Click once in the window in the bottom of the dialogue box and a cursor should appear.
  - Type the word you want to put the image inside.
  - Click OK
  - The dialogue box should close and the word should appear on your 'canvas' window.
8. Use the arrow tool to position the word the way you want it to appear in your window.
9. Open the image you want to place inside your letterforms.
10. While the image window is active, go to Select > All  
(or press & hold down the control key and press the "A" key to select all of the image.)
11. Go to Edit > Copy  
(or press & hold down the control key and press the "C" key to copy all that is selected)
12. Click back to the 'canvas' window that has your word typed on it.
13. Go to Window > Show Layers
14. Hold down the control key and click on the layer that has the word typed into it.
15. The "marching ants" should now encircle only the letters of your word.
16. Go to Edit > Paste Special > **Paste into**
17. The image should appear inside the letterforms.
18. You can use the arrow tool to move the image around within the letter form.
19. Go to Layer > Flatten Image
20. Use the marquee tool to surround only the part of the canvas window that has your letterforms.
21. Go to Image > Crop to cut away all the empty space.
22. Go to File > Save As
23. Save your image as Picture in Letterform.