



A Paint Shop Pro 8 Tutorial

Using the Power of PSP!



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This is my favorite technique, using a colored background or a photo to make decorative text.

For this tutorial I used a digital photo of a neighbor's Oleander bush. If you wish to use my photo, click here: [cluster.jpg](#). (Right click on the link and use *Save Target as* or *Save Link as*)

Open cluster.jpg image in PSP 8.

Activate the Text Tool. (Keyboard Command: T) **A**

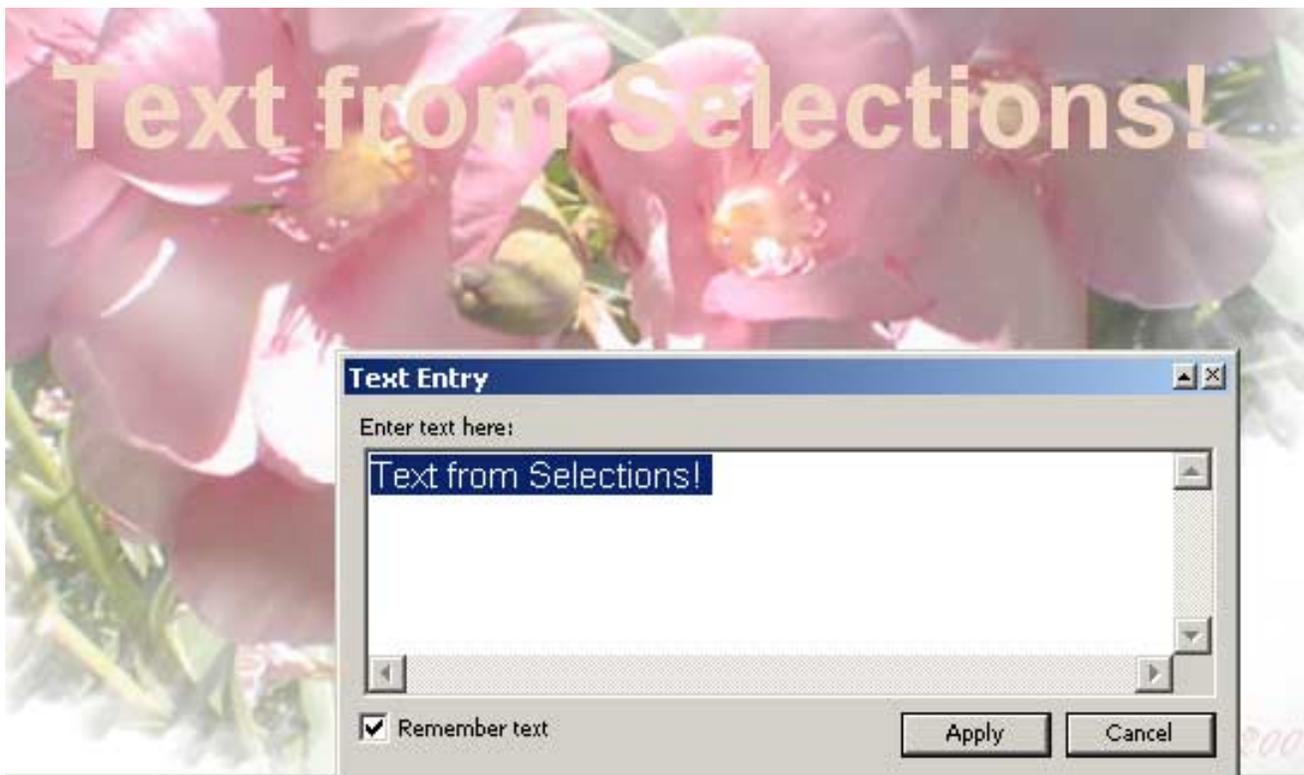
The method for creating text is a bit different with version 8. The Text options are now on a toolbar. In the CREATE AS list box, use the small arrow to open the dropdown menu and highlight SELECTION with your mouse. We are going to "cut out" the background and paste it back into our image, so we want to choose Selection.



Note, the settings are Font: Arial, Size 36, Stroke 1.0, Anti-alias, Alignment is set for Align Center and Bold is activated.

(This gives us a nice wide selection to incorporate part of the background. Wider fonts make a bolder statement. I'm Arial TTF for this tutorial because it is always available. Every font turns out a bit different with this technique. Try the Arial font first, then find a nice wide font and experiment.)

Type the desired text and click Apply.



Notice we now have the option to "Remember text." I use that because I may want to undo where I placed the text selection and I won't have to type it over and over again.

If you are not satisfied with your placement of the selection, use Undo (Control + X) and try again. When satisfied, cut or delete the selection so it goes to the clipboard by using Keyboard Command: Control +X or use the Scissors icon on the top Taskbar.

Well, now we have something, we have a floating selection and we cut out part of our image! Not to worry!



We have a series of keyboard shortcuts to do now.

Keyboard Command: Control + X.(Cut)

Keyboard Command: Control + Z (Undo) (*Have faith!*)

Keyboard Command: Control + L (*Hmmmm...*) (This pastes the copied portion back as a new raster layer..)

Keyboard Command: Control+D (This well deselect the text selection.)

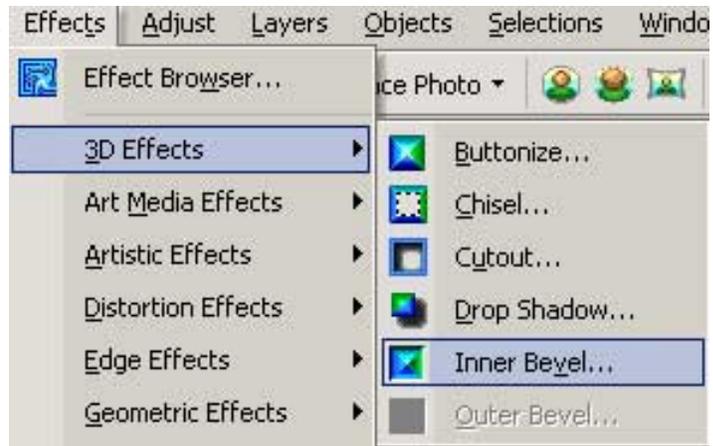
I like to use the keyboard option, it saves time. You could do the same thing by using your options on the top toolbar, but this is so much faster

OK, it looks somewhat interesting, (NOT!) We'll use PSP's built in bevel to make it MUCH more interesting.



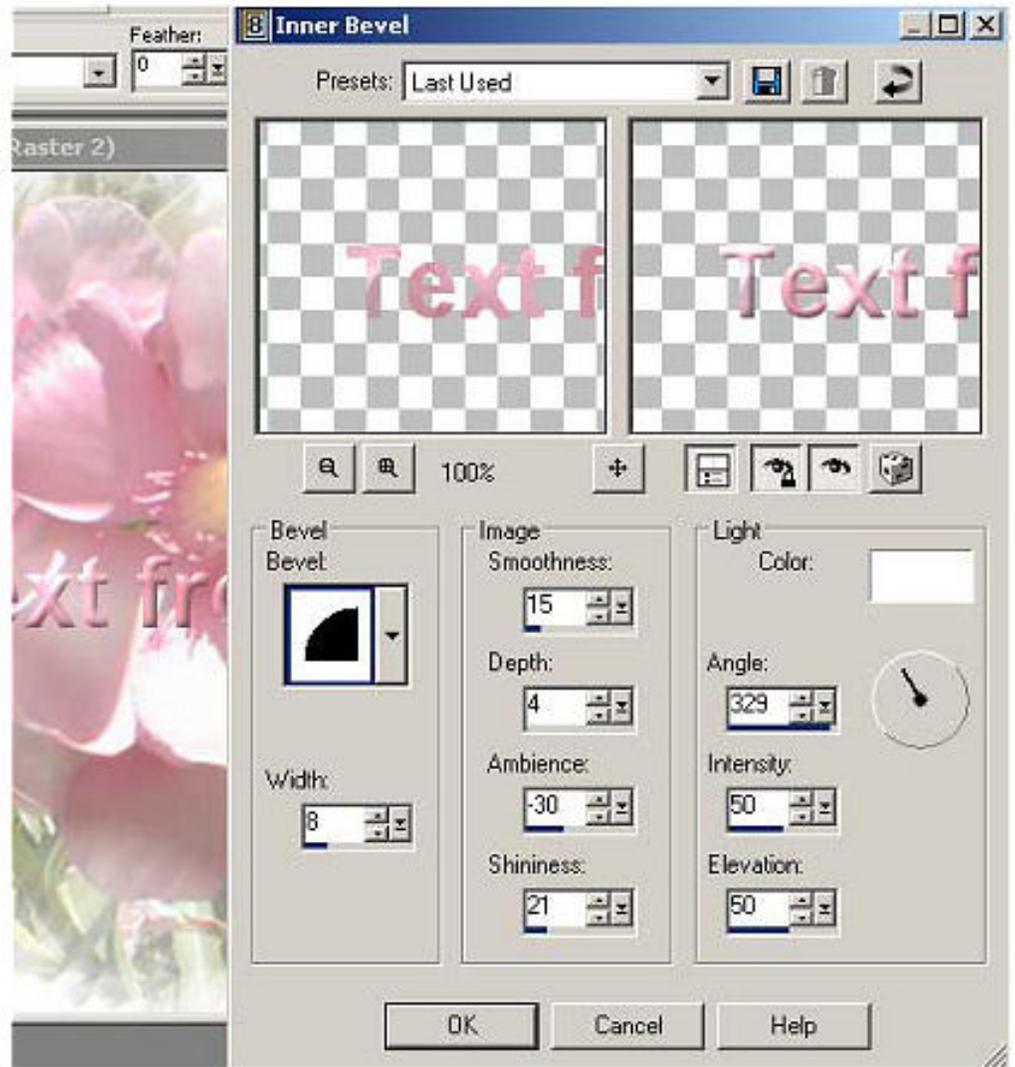
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Click on Effects > 3D Effects > Inner Bevel



Width: 8
Image:
Smoothness: 15
Depth: 4
Ambiance: -30
Shininess: 21
Color: White
Angle: 329
Intensity: 50
Elevation: 50

OK



If you like you can add a drop shadow to your text. This makes it stand out slightly from your background. For a different effect, I used PSP's Metallic bevel to make a strong text effect. Experiment!

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If you have any questions or comments you can [E-mail](#) me.

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