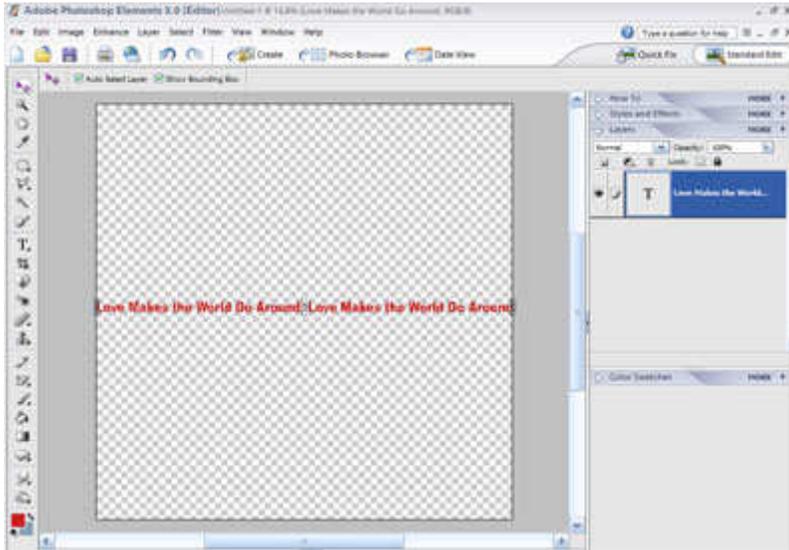


# Circle Text Tutorial

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One of the big disappointments for me in Photoshop Elements is that it does not have paths as in the full program. Making text follow a path is one example for this use. However, with this tweak, text in a circle can be done.



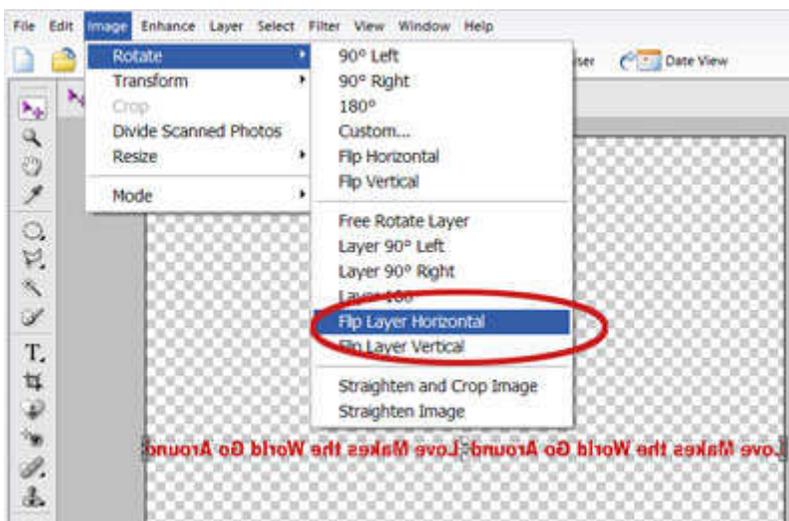
First, open a new page with a transparent background.

Make the text tool active, choose the font settings and click to begin on the very left hand side of the page and in the middle horizontally.

Type the text so that it ends on the far right side of the page. A little playing may be needed

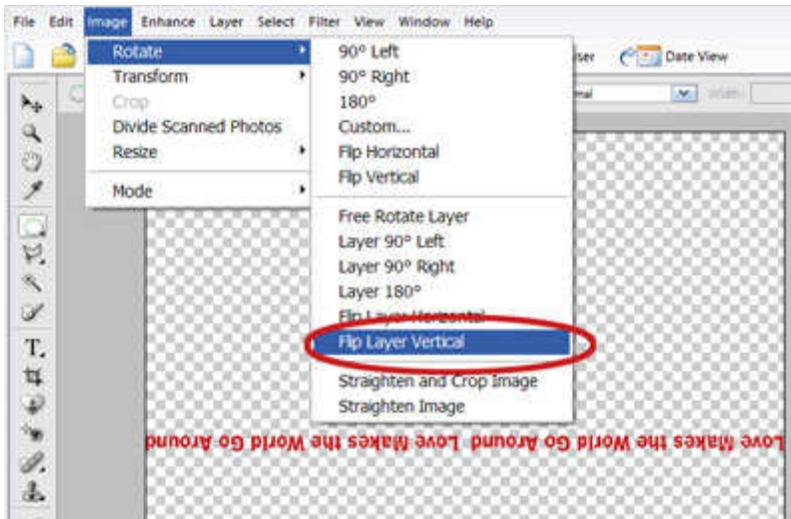
in adjusting the font size and type, or adding spaces between words, so that the text is long enough. If needed, manually type in font size numbers which are between the standard available options or resize the text by grabbing the corners with the mouse. If the text is rather short, repeating the text is an option.

It is important that the text be on each edge of the paper; otherwise, the circle will not close. If I am working on a letter size layout (rectangle) as I most often do, I find it beneficial to make the circle text in a new 12 x 12 size (square) file and transferring the finished element to my layout, rather than making the circle directly in my layout.

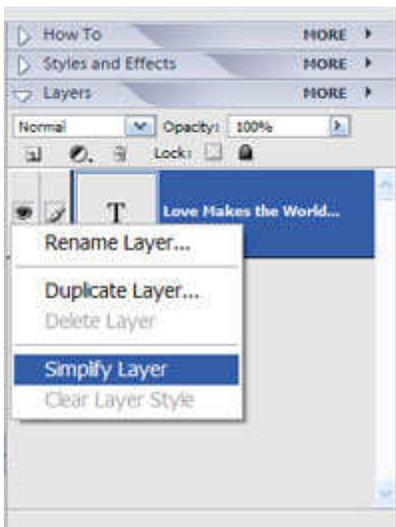


These next two steps are optional, but I prefer using it to have the text reading from left to right. If the text is web dings or graphics, this step may not be desirable.

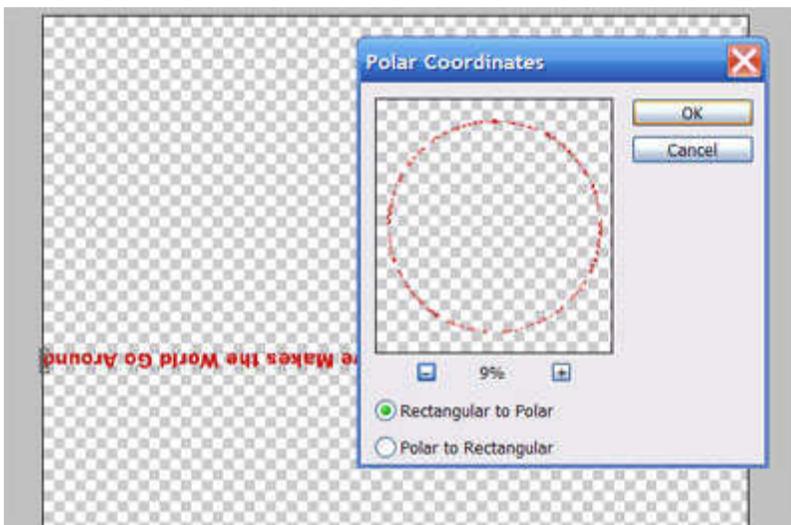
From the image drop down menu, choose rotate, and then click on flip layer horizontal.



Next, from the image drop down menu, choose rotate, and then click on flip layer vertical.



Right click on the layer in the layers palette and choose simplify.



The last step is from the Filter drop down menu, choose Distort, and then Polar Coordinates. In the popup box, choose rectangular to polar and click ok.

Your text should now be in a circle.