

# Color Tricks

**A Mini-Tut for Photoshop by Karen Stimson**

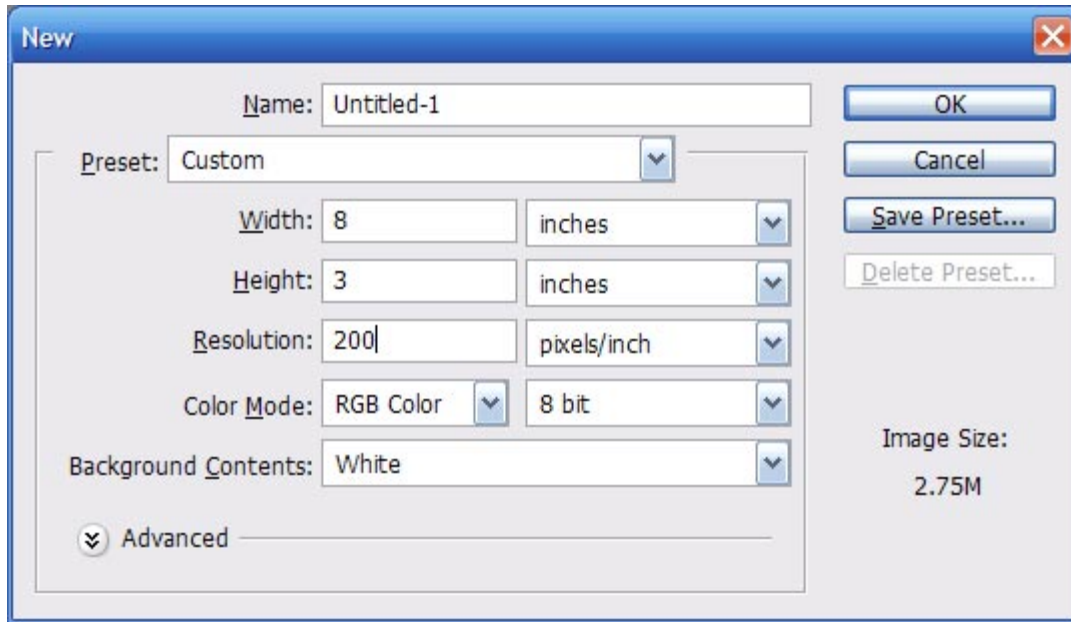
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Step 1

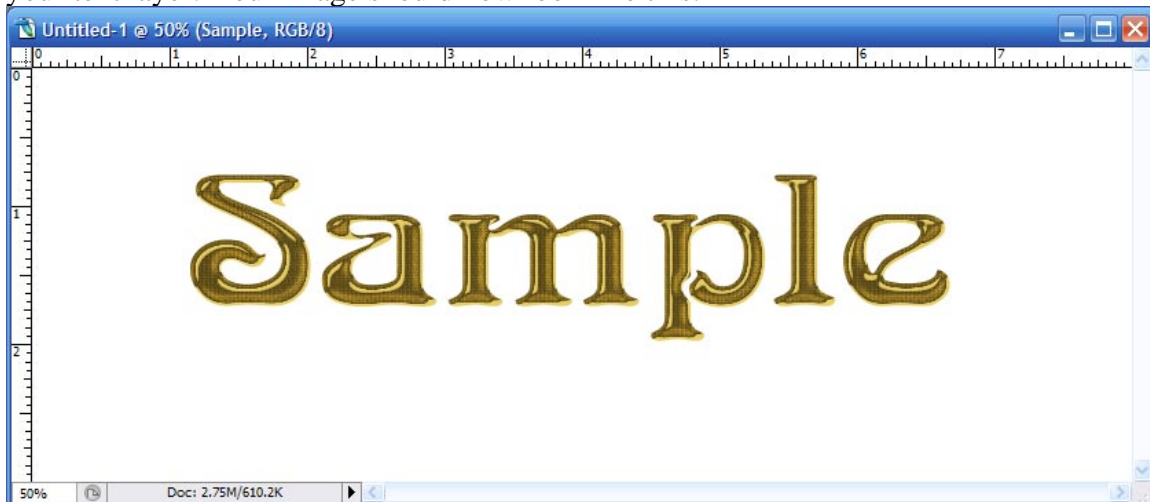
Open a document using the following settings:



Set your View to 50%. Select the Horizontal Type tool, and choose a font for your text--I'm using Medusa, a free font which you can download from this site:

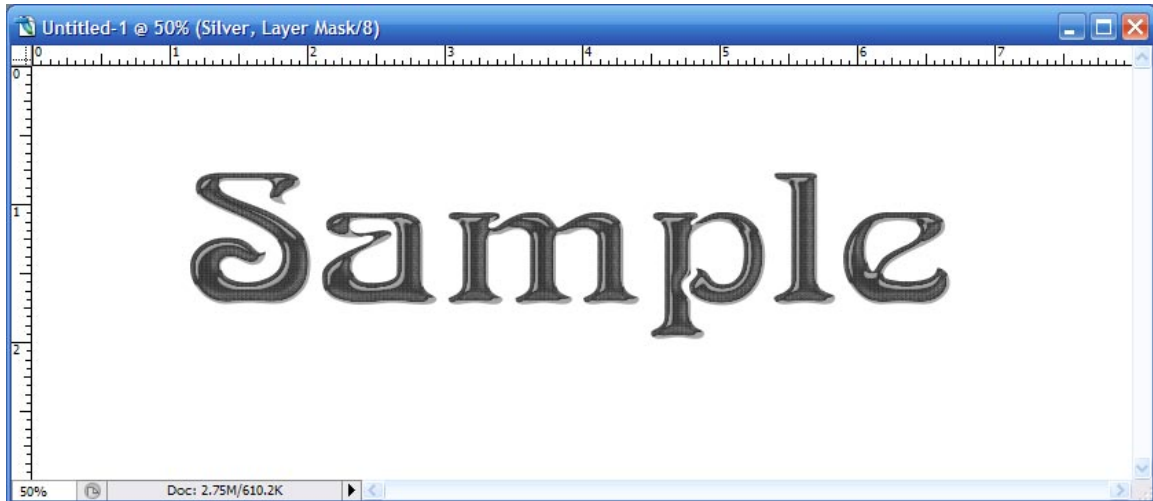
<http://www.urbanfonts.com/fonts/Medusa.htm>

Type in the word "Sample" in 100 point text--you can use any color you like, because the layer style will completely cover it up. Click one of the other tools to confirm. Make sure that the layer style "ks\_gold styles sample.asl" is loaded into your current Styles directory. Click on your Styles palette and locate that style, then click on it to apply it to your text layer. Your image should now look like this:



## Step 2

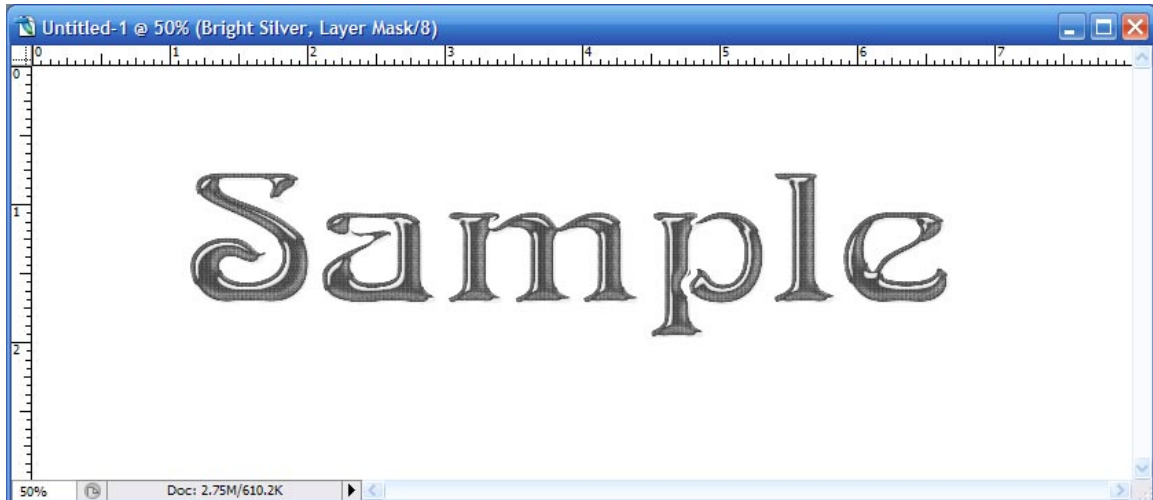
Go to Layer, New Adjustment Layer, Hue, Saturation...and name your new layer "Silver". Click OK and in the dialogue box that comes up, move the Saturation slider all the way to the left. Click OK. Your gold has now turned to silver, as shown below:



### Step 3

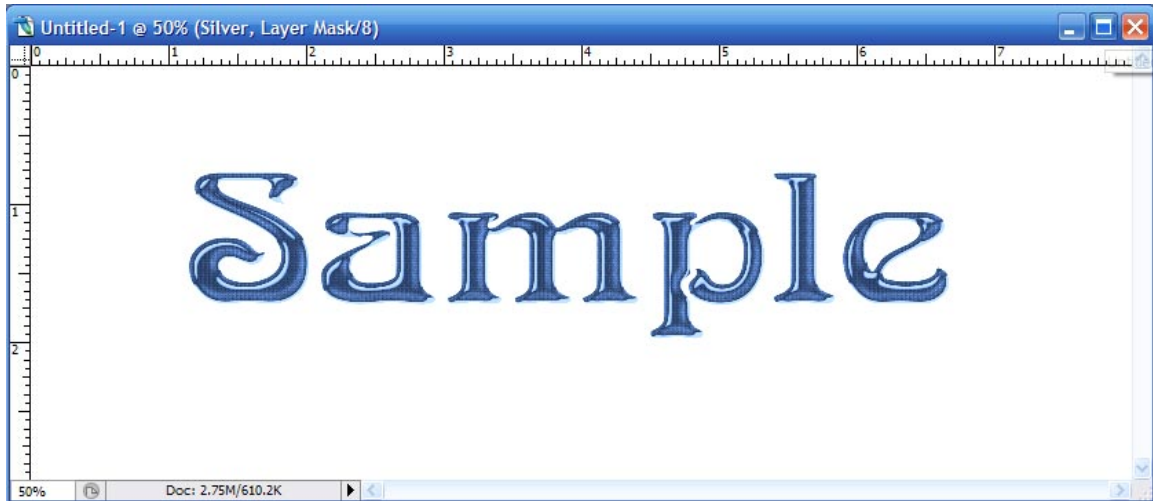
The silver is too dark for my taste. Let's brighten it up. Go to Layer, New Adjustment Layer, Brightness & Contrast, and name it "Bright Silver". Click OK and in the dialogue box that comes up, move both the Brightness and Contrast sliders to +35. Click OK.

There--that's more like it:



### Step 4

Well, that's fine for silver, but what if you want, say, a lovely blue anodized aluminum? It's easy to change the color to anything you like. Just double-click on the layer thumbnail (not the white box) for your "Silver" layer. Click the "colorize" box and move the Hue slider until you find just the color you are looking for. Here, I've moved it to 218, and I've also moved the Saturation slider to +35. This is what I got:



Using this method you can change your gold layer style to any color metal you want. You can also save your HSL settings. Just click the layer thumbnail for the Hue, Saturation & Lightness adjustment layer you want to save and click on the Save box. Settings are saved with the AHU file extension and can be loaded into any other HSL adjustment layer. Have fun!