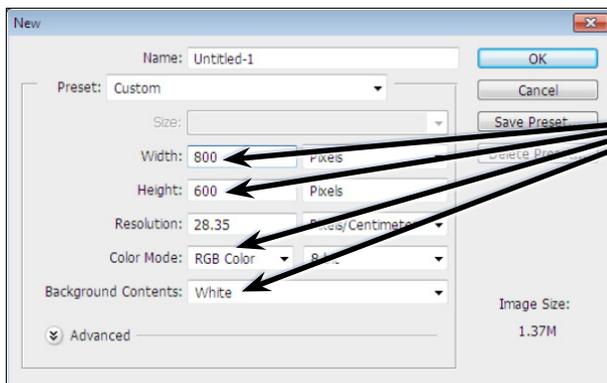


Adding Text to Designs

Text can be added to photographs and manipulated. There are text effects available to curve letters, display them vertically, set text to follow a path and applying similar effects to those you added to shapes in the last chapter.

Starting a New Document

- 1 Load Photoshop or close the current file and select NEW from the FILE menu.

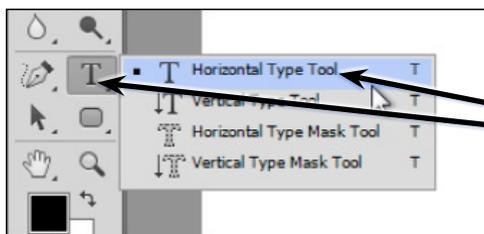


- 2 Set the WIDTH to 800 pixels, the HEIGHT to 600 pixels, the COLOUR MODE to RGB COLOUR and the BACKGROUND CONTENTS to WHITE.

- 3 Select OK to start the page.

Entering Text

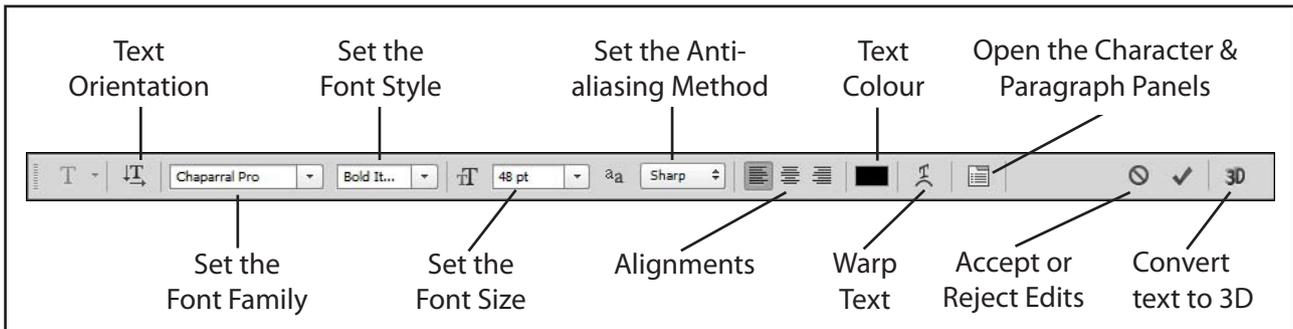
The TEXT TOOLS are housed within the TYPE TOOL in the TOOLS panel.



- 1 Click and hold down the mouse button on the TYPE TOOL and select the HORIZONTAL TYPE TOOL.

- 2 Set the VIEW to FIT ON SCREEN by pressing CTRL+0 on the Windows system or COMMAND+0 on the Macintosh system.

- 3 Click the cursor (which is now an I-Beam) near the top left of the canvas.
- 4 The OPTIONS BAR should display the text options which are labelled in the following diagram.



The screenshot shows the Photoshop interface with the text 'Annabel' on the canvas. The Options Bar is visible at the top, showing the following settings: Myriad Pro, Bold, 18 pt, Sharp, and Red. Arrows point from the text on the canvas to the corresponding settings in the Options Bar.

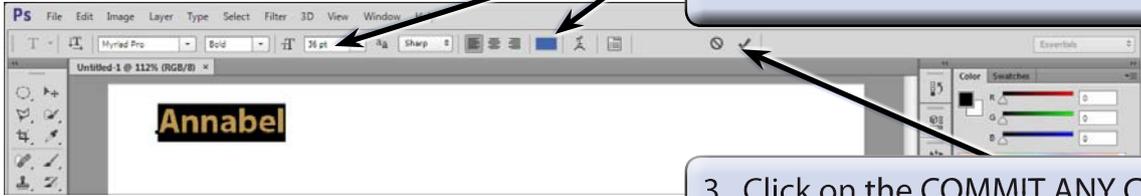
- 5 In the OPTIONS BAR set the FONT to MYRIAD PRO, the FONT STYLE to BOLD, the FONT SIZE to 18 pt and the TEXT COLOUR to RED.
- 6 Enter your first name.

NOTE: A text layer is created in the LAYERS panel when you click the I-Beam on the canvas.

Altering Text

You can alter text once it has been entered.

- 1 Highlight your name by dragging the I-Beam across the letters or by double clicking on the letters.



2 Set the FONT SIZE to 36 pt and your name should become larger, then set the TEXT COLOUR to BLUE.

3 Click on the COMMIT ANY CURRENT EDITS button to accept the changes.

Warping Text

There are a number of special curved effects that can be applied to the text. These are found in the CREATE WARPED TEXT button in the OPTIONS BAR.

A Single Arced Text

- 1 Click the I-Beam anywhere in your name.

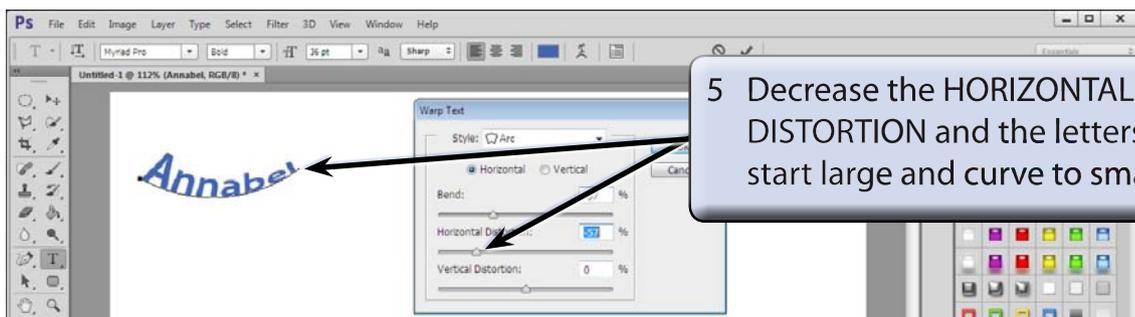


2 Click on the CREATE WARPED TEXT button in the OPTIONS BAR and the WARP TEXT dialogue box will open.

3 Set the STYLE box to ARC and move the WARP TEXT dialogue box so that you can see your name, which should now be curved.

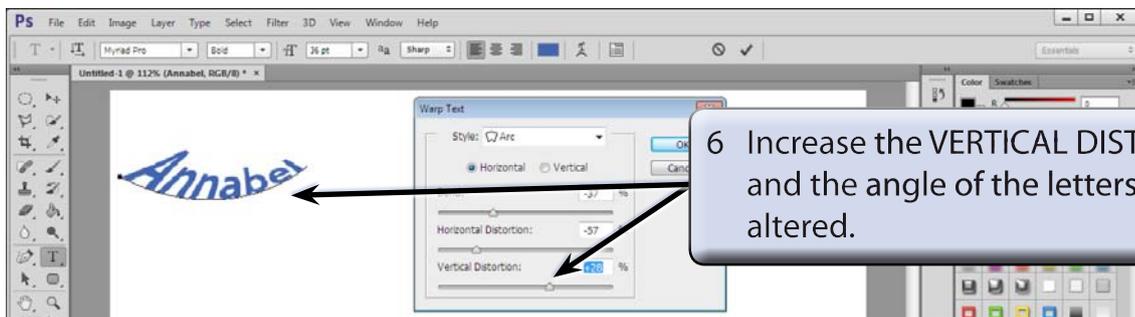


4 Move the BLEND slider and the size and direction of the arc will change. Set it to a negative value.



5 Decrease the HORIZONTAL DISTORTION and the letters should start large and curve to smaller.

NOTE: The reverse occurs if you increase the HORIZONTAL DISTORTION.



6 Increase the VERTICAL DISTORTION and the angle of the letters will be altered.