

Text Workshop

Copyright Watermark

Action Method

- Open image
- Press the text symbol in the tool box (the T)
- Choose font – a fat one is preferable so it shows up more. Make it a large size.
- Holding the alt key down, type 0169 (the copyright symbol)
- Type your name
- Click the tick to complete
- Open the actions palette and press the small arrow on the right to bring up the palette menu.
- Pull down the menu and choose “text effects”
- Open the text action set and choose “Clear Emboss(type)”
- Play the selection (third icon on the left at the bottom of the action palette)
- Move the layer into position where it can be seen without being overpowering.

Automating this procedure

- Delete the previous signature to start fresh
- Create a new action set (fourth icon on the left at the bottom of the action palette) call it “signatures”
- Create a new action (fifth icon on the left at the bottom of the action palette) call it “action signature”. Make sure it is part of the signatures set. Press the record button.
- Press the text symbol in the tool box (the T)
- Choose the font again – do not let it default – if necessary choose a different font then choose your preferred font again.
- Make the font large – again do not let it default –choose a smaller font then choose a larger font if necessary
- Type the copyright symbol and your name as before and click the tick.
- Play the “Clear Emboss(type)” as before
- Press the Stop Playing/Recording icon (first on the left).

This will have created a layer as before. Now delete this layer and run the “action signature” action you just created. This action is now available whenever you want it for no effort.

Styles Method

If you are starting fresh follow the actions method up to “click the tick” so you have a text layer to work with. If you are following on from the previous tutorial – go the history palette and press “snapshot 1” (the actions provided by adobe usually take a snapshot of your work before going into action)

Open the style palette and press the small arrow on the right to bring up the palette menu.

Choose “text effects” from near the bottom of the menu

When it says “replace current style...” Etc choose “append”

Hover over the icons until you find one of the following: Clear Die Cut, Frosted Glass, Clear Emboss (outer bevel), or Clear Emboss (inner bevel) and click on it

Automating this procedure

- Delete the previous signature to start fresh, reset the styles by pulling down the menu and choosing “reset styles” – when the box appears saying “replace current styles...” etc press OK.

Close the styles palette.

- Create a new action (fifth icon on the left at the bottom of the action palette) call it “styles signature”. Make sure it is part of the signatures set. Press the record button.
- Press the text symbol in the tool box (the T)
- Choose the font again – do not let it default – if necessary choose a different font then choose your preferred font again.
- Make the font large – again do not let it default –choose a smaller font then choose a larger font if necessary
- Type the copyright symbol and your name as before and click the tick.
- Open the styles palette
- Pull down the menu and choose “text effects”
- Click on your chosen effect.

Signature

Create a signature any way you choose:

- Write in black on a piece of white paper and scan
- Write on a graphics pad using black on white
- Use a mouse to write – black on white
- Use a predefined font to write black on white

As you can see the final version must be black on white other than that it does not matter how it was produced.

- Crop your signature as close as you can without cutting any off.
- Check the size of the image – make sure it’s no longer than about 1000 pixels – if its longer resize the image/
- On the Edit menu choose Define Brush Preset – change the name to something meaningful.

Now you can add the signature to the image

- Choose the Brush Tool from the tool box
- In the options bar open the brush menu and go to the bottom of the brush list and your brush will be there.
- Choose the foreground colour
- Choose the size of your signature by changing the square bracket keys