



Multi Layered Banner (Photoshop)

This tutorial will teach you how to make a banner using several layer options to create a texture.

This is what we'll be making:



We have included the names of the resources we've used in this tutorial. You may have to vary the settings on the opacity depending on the colours and the image you've used.

- Load Photoshop and create a new image measuring 350x150 and set the resolution to 72 pixels per inch.

- Open the image you want to use on your banner. We're using an image of singer/songwriter Neil Diamond.

- Flood fill the icon with a colour of your choice. We have used #085054.

- Create a new layer by going to Layer > New Layer. You can give this layer a name if you want to. We're going to call this layer Brush Layer 1.

- The first brush we're going to use is from [In Obscuro](#) and you'll find it in the [textures set](#). Set the brush colour to a shade lighter than your canvas colour, we have used #0e868d.

- Use any of the brushes from this set to create your first texture. Keeping everything you're doing on the same layer.

- Create a new layer and call this layer Brush Layer 2.

- The next brush we're going to be using is called [Rising Sun](#) and it's by [JavierZhX](#). You can download the set from [DeviantART](#). As these brushes are rather large you'll need to resize them to get them to fit on your image. This brush needs to be an even lighter shade than what we used on the other brush, we've used #41f2fd.

- You only need to use one brush out of this set and we've chosen the one that has the sun towards the bottom right. Once you're happy with the positioning we need to set the layer to Overlay. You'll find this in the layers panel on your Photoshop workspace. We also need to change the opacity as it's quite light. we've set the opacity to 28%.

- We've now got a texture that's starting to take shape but it still looks a little bit dull so we're going to add some sparkles.

- Create a new layer and call this Brush Layer 3.

- The Sparkles Brush we're using is one of our favourite brushes and it's from [Hybrid Genesis](#) and you'll find it in the [Star Sparkles Set](#). Set the brush colour to white.

- You don't have to place the stars on your image in any ordered fashion and it quite often looks nice when they're just done randomly.

- Create a new layer and call it Brush layer 4.

- The final brush set we're going to use is [Light Beams and Rays](#) by [Redhead Stock](#). We're going to use white for this brush.

- Now we need to go to our picture. If it's not already in black and white then desaturate it. You could also sharpen it at this point too if you think your image needs it.

- Use the Magnetic Lasso tool to select the subject out of the image and once you have the marching ants around your selection you can move it on to your banner.

- If your picture is too big use the squares at the edge of the image to resize it and click the 'Commit Transform' button to confirm your changes.

- Set this layer to Hard Light.

- Duplicate the picture layer and set it to Normal and the opacity at 46%.

- To add to the look of the image we're going to place a gradient over the top.

- Create a new layer and call it Gradient Layer.

- On the Gradients tool select Reflected Gradient and use one of the 3 Colour gradients and replace the colours with #085054, #1eb4a8 , #085054.

- Draw a straight vertical line down the centre of the image. Set the layer to Soft Light and the opacity to 55%.

- That's pretty much your completed image. If you wish to add text to your banner this would be the time to do it and put the text either underneath or on top of the gradient layer.

- Save your image and you're done.

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