

Creating Effects with Blend Modes

DARKEN

1. Place an image in Photoshop
2. Place an image of black text or sheet music with a white background in Photoshop
3. Select the layer with the black text
4. Open the Blend Mode pop up window in the Layers panel (the long white box with two arrows on the right side).
5. Click “darken”
6. The white background becomes transparent, leaving the black text over the image

TO CHANGE COLOR OF BLACK TEXT

1. Select black text in Layers panel
2. COMMAND + J to copy layer
3. Select black text only with MAGIC WAND tool
4. LAYER>RASTERIZE>LAYER
5. Click foreground color
6. Select color in Color Picker window
7. OK
8. OPTION + DELETE to fill selection with new color
9. COMMAND + DELETE to exit selection. Black areas are now new color.

EXPERIMENT WITH BLEND MODES

1. Select copy of black text
2. Try the following modes: Dissolve (adjust opacity), Difference, Exclusion, Saturation, etc.

