

How to create text shadow in Photoshop

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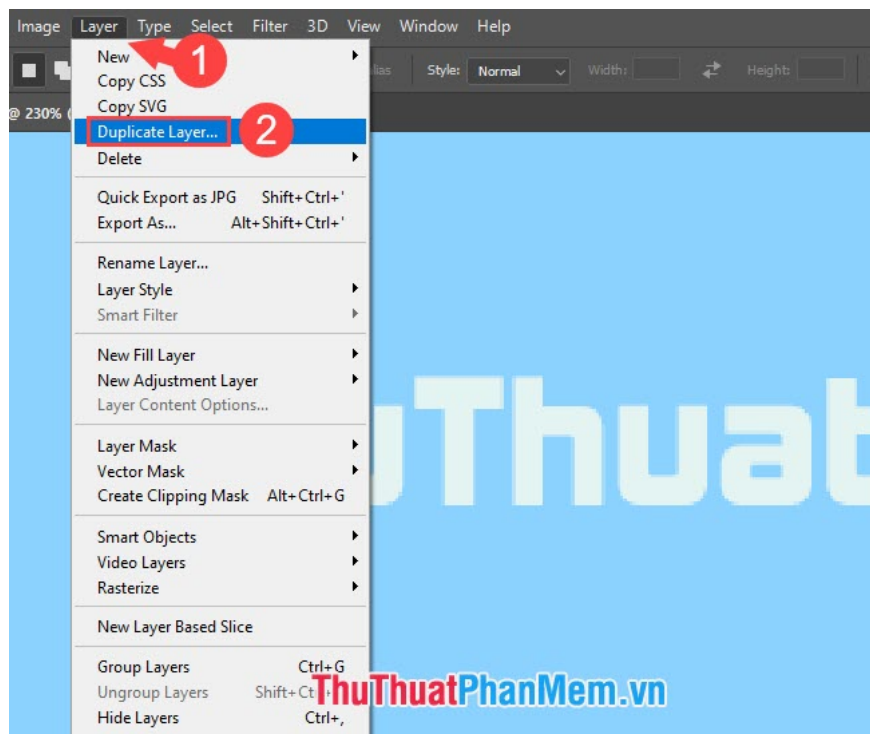


There are two common ways of casting shadows in Photoshop: to create a reflection shadow effect and to create a light shadow effect.

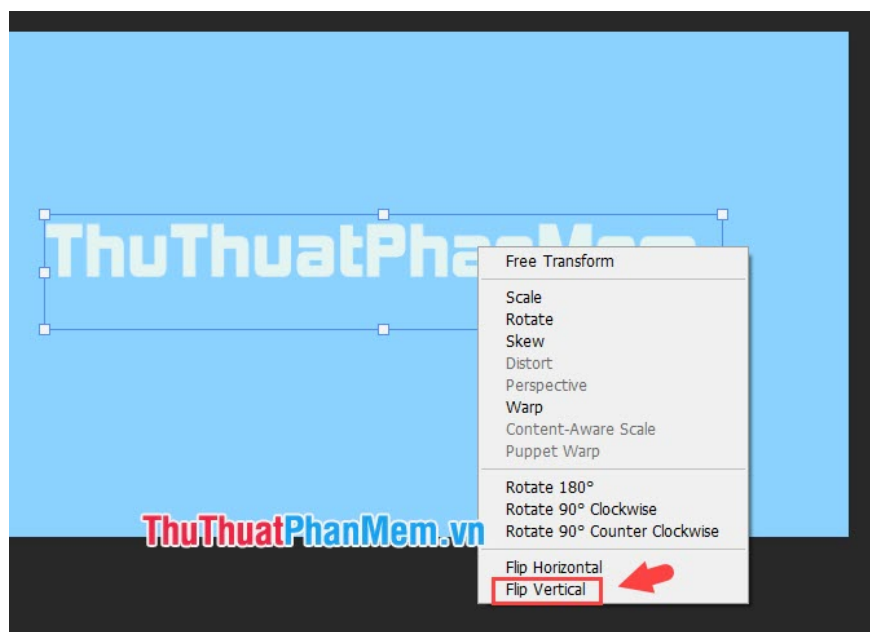
1. Create a reflection shadow effect

The reflection shadow effect is like the image projected on a water surface or a mirror and creates this unique effect, as follows:

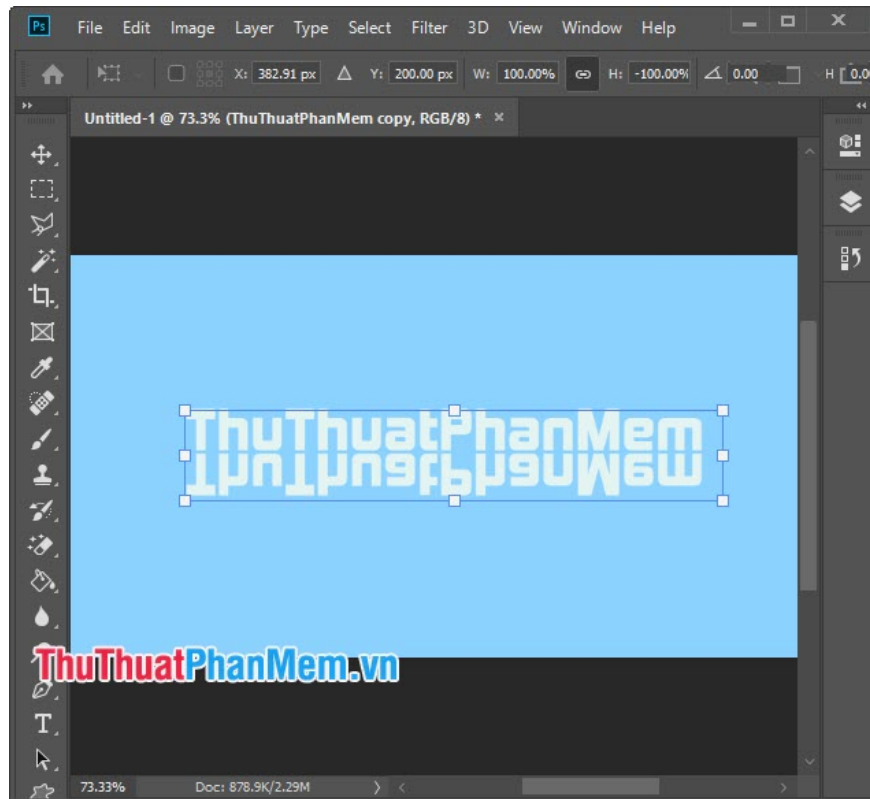
Step 1: After inserting the text, open the menu **Layer => Duplicate Layer** . to duplicate the original.



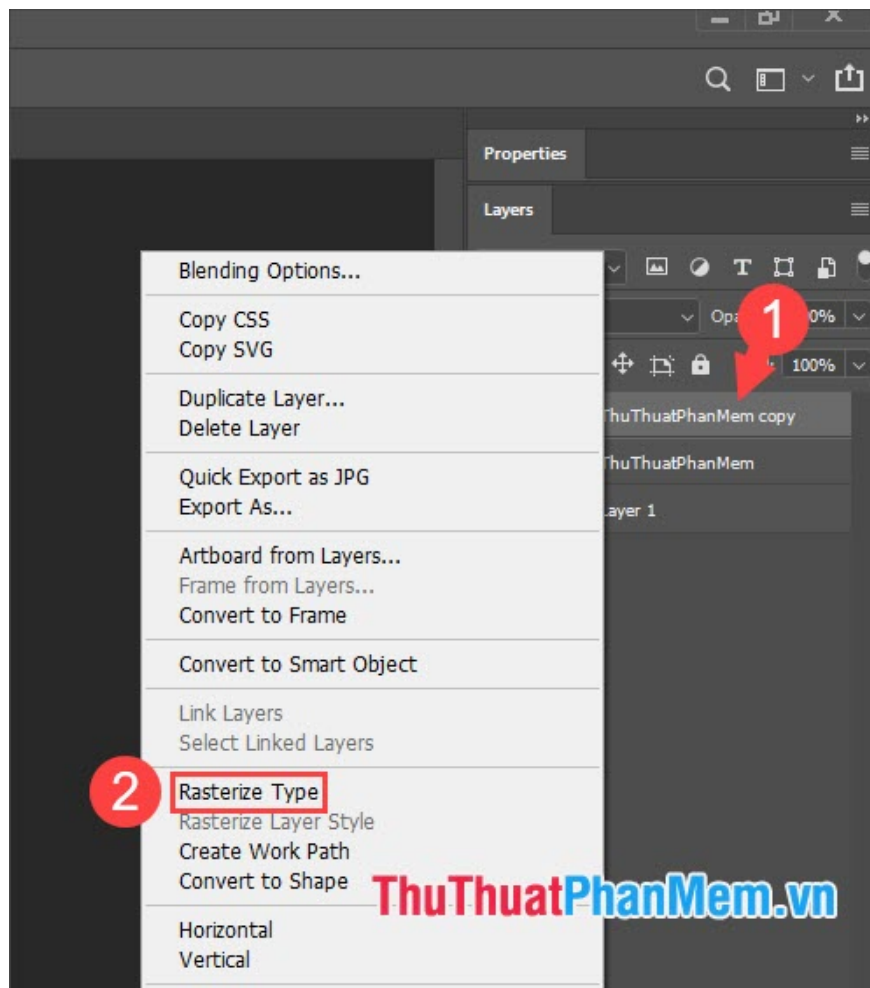
Step 2: At **Duplicate Layer**, press **Ctrl + T** and right click on the text area and choose **Flip Vertical** .



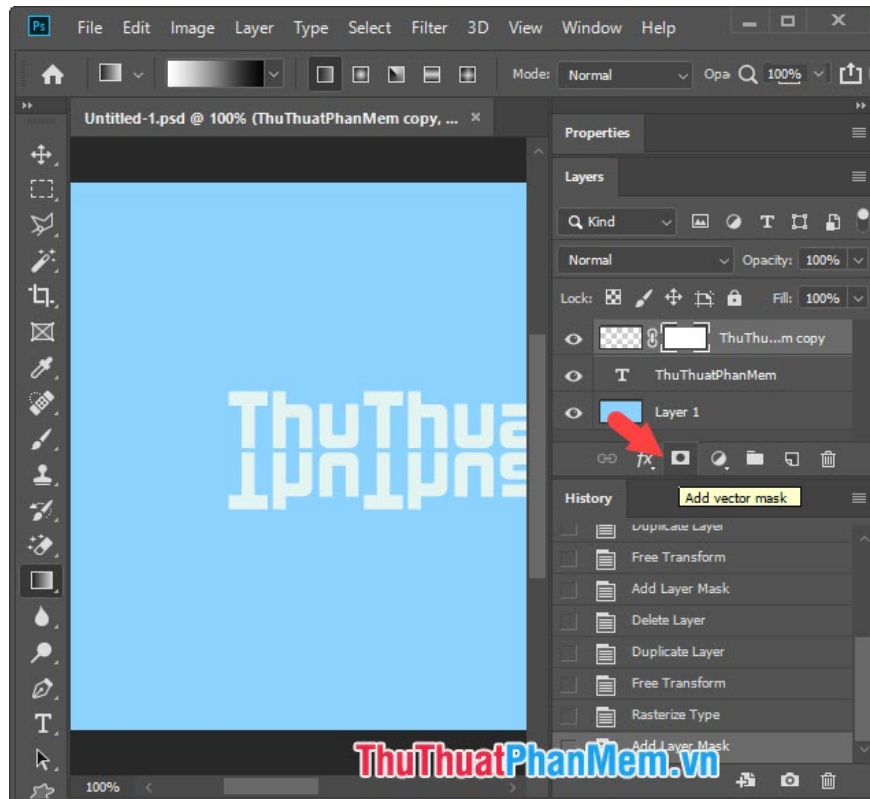
Then you hover the mouse, drag the duplicated layer down a bit for easy viewing.



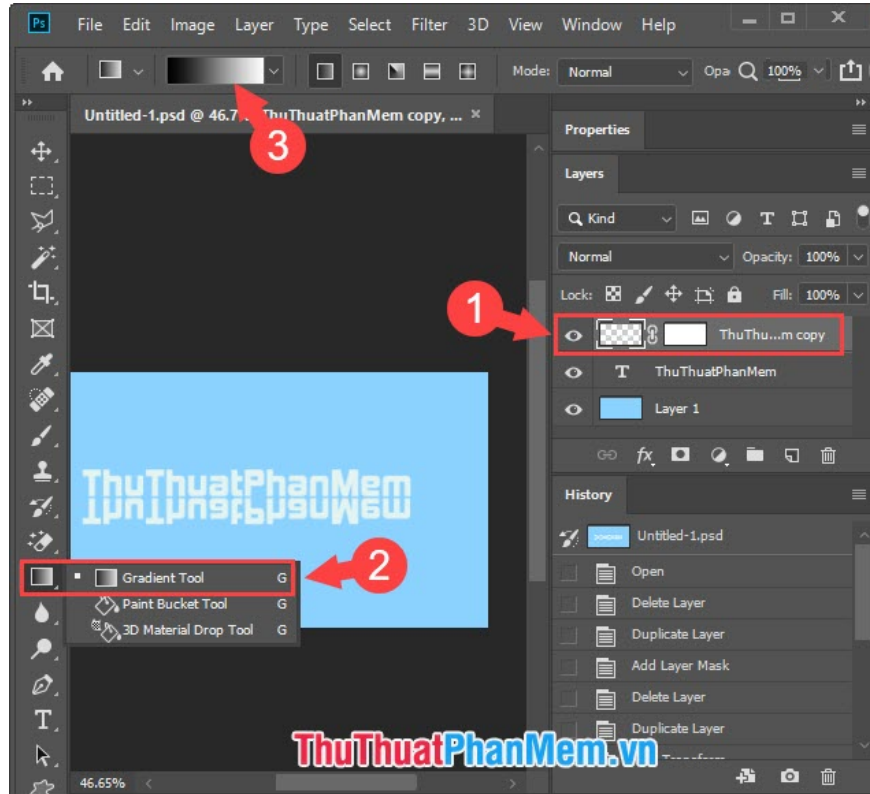
Step 3: Right-click the copy layer and select **Rasterize Type** to convert the image layer into a graphic.



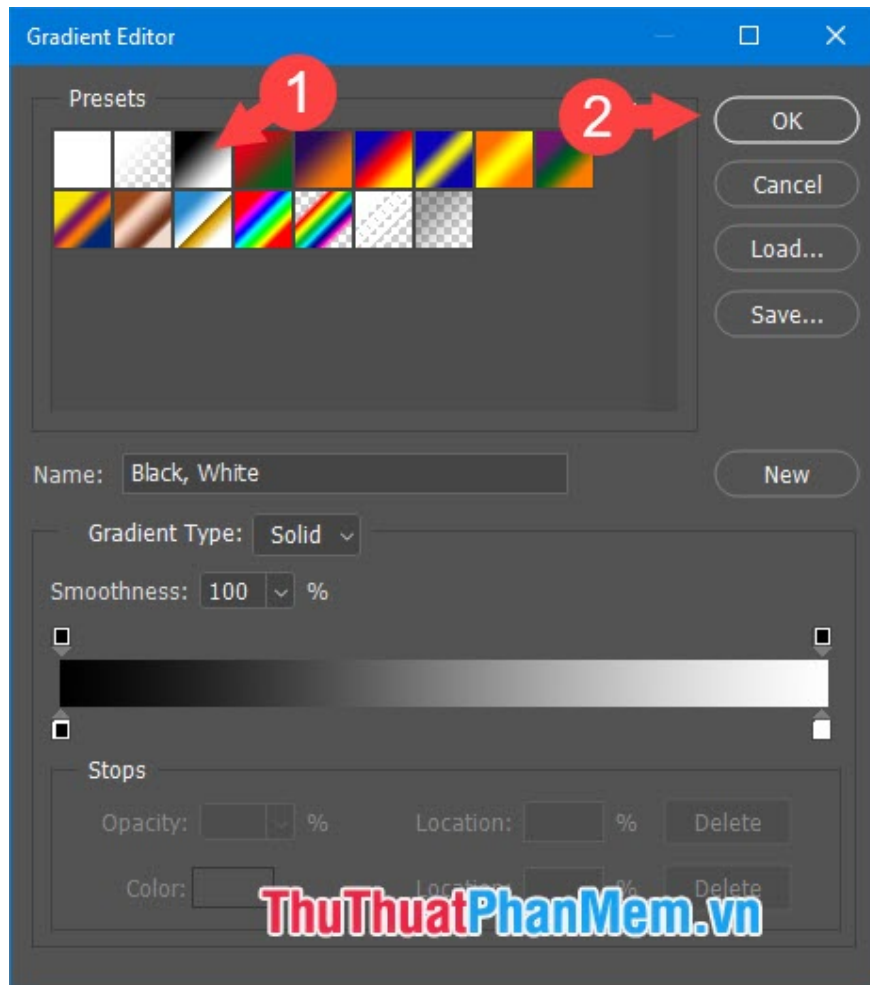
Step 4: Click the **Add vector mask** button as shown below to add a vector layer image mask.



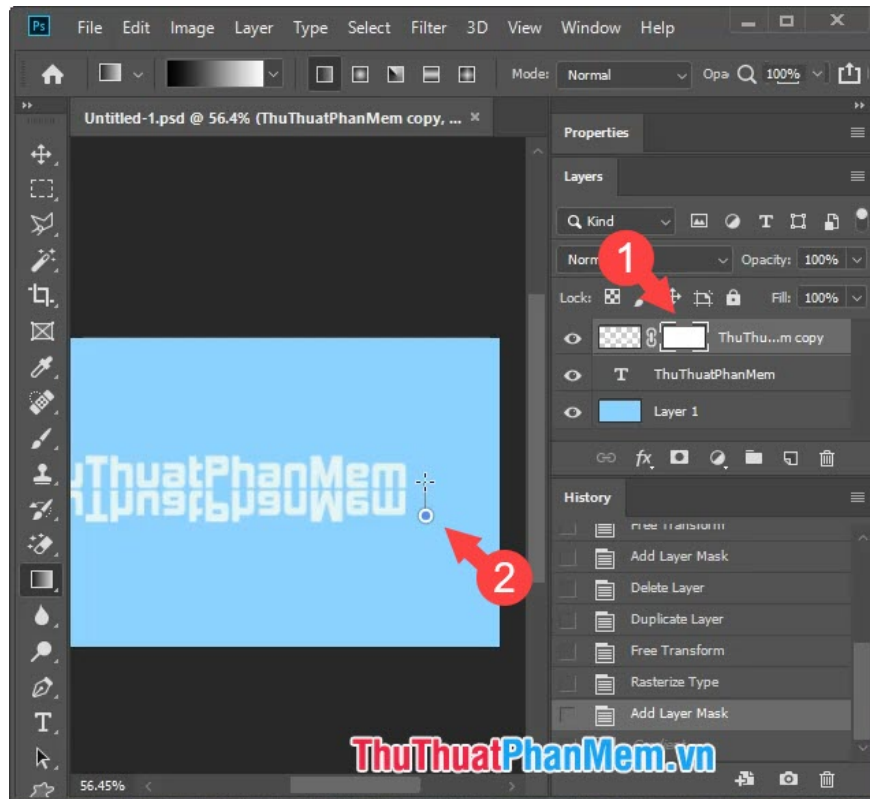
Step 5: Still select the copy layer (1) and click on the **Gradient Tool** (2) as shown below. Next, click the color style (3) in the toolbar.



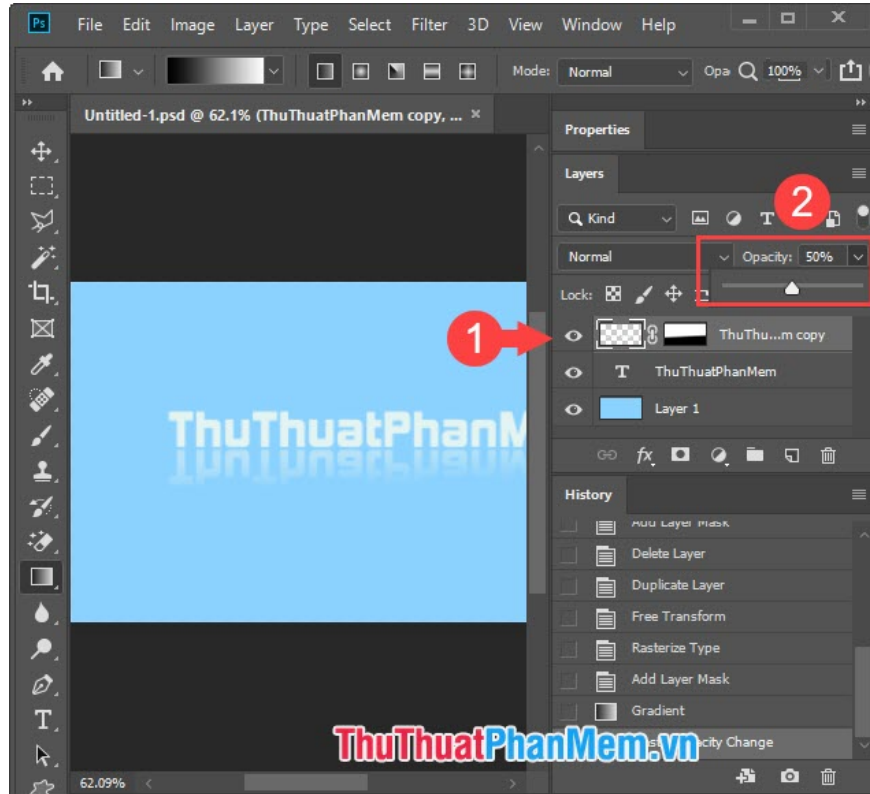
A new dialog box appears, click the Gradient type (1) as shown below and click **OK** (2) .



Step 6: Click on the vector mask area (1) and left click and drag upwards (2) . You pay attention to straight up to the most accurate and most beautiful model.



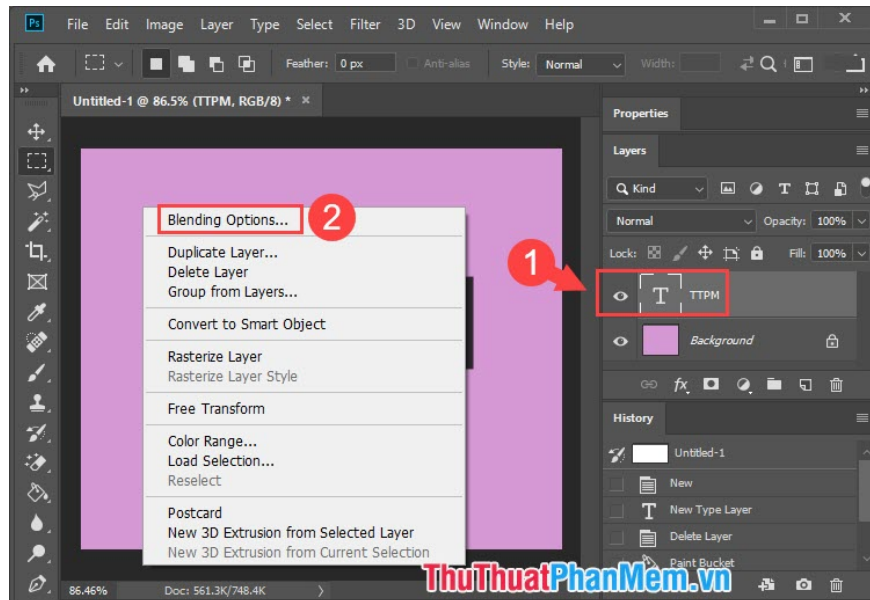
Step 7: Select the copy layer (1) and adjust the **Opacity** (2) at **50-60%** to create the opacity. After completing the steps in the article, you have created a pretty nice shadow lettering template.



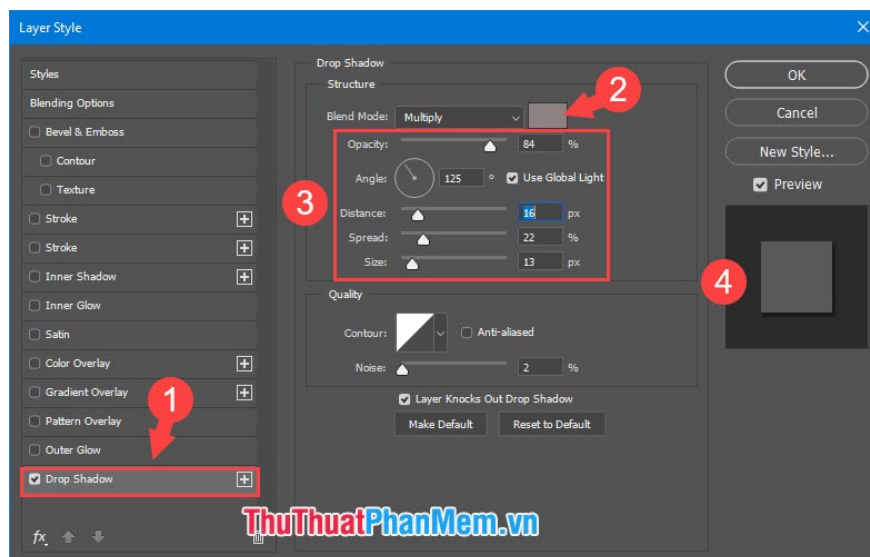
2. Create text shadow in Photoshop with Drop Shadow tool

2.1. Create short shadow with Drop Shadow

Step 1: Select the text layer (1) and right-click on the screen to select **Blending Options** . (2) .



Step 2: Choose the **Drop Shadow** tool (1) . In the options panel you choose the color (2) to make the shadows beautiful and more realistic. Next, you set the parameters like **Opacity** (angle), **Angle** (angle of the shadow), **Distance** (the distance between the shadow and the text), **Spread** (the extent of the shadow), **Size** (font size) (3) . To preview the sample, you can see the Preview (4) before setting.



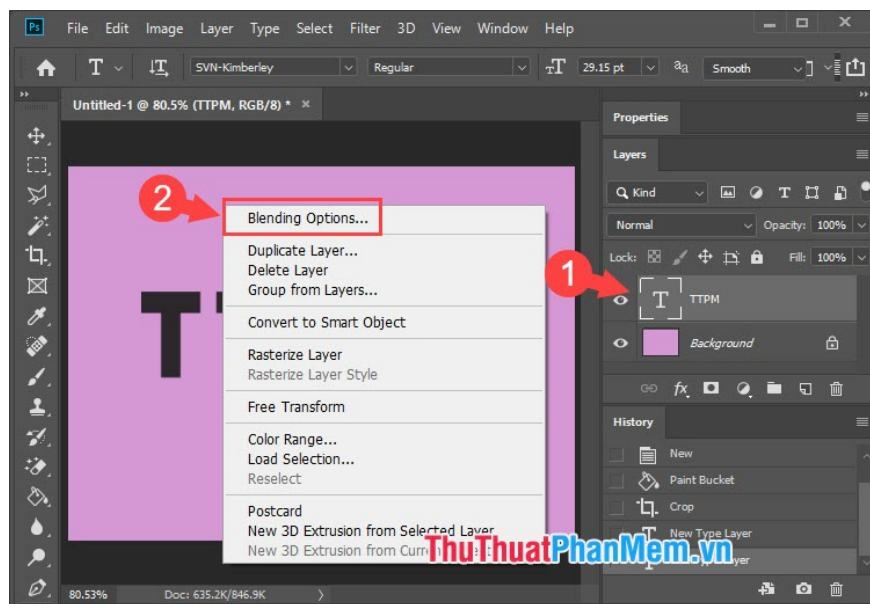
And finally we have the text as the image below is successful.



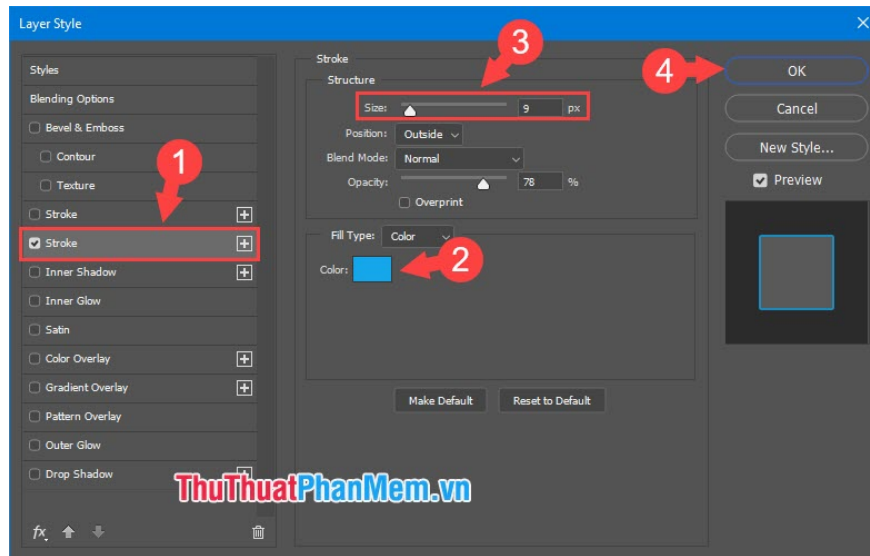
2.2. Create long shadows with Drop shadows

To create a long shadow, you should create more borders for the text and set the border color = shadow color, the shadow text will be more beautiful.

Step 1: Select the text layer (1) and right click on the image area and choose **Blending Options . (2)** .



Step 2: Choose **Stroke (1)** => choose color (2) => set border thickness (3) from 1-10 depending on the font size. Then click **OK (4)** to finish.



And finally we have the text with colored borders as shown below is done.



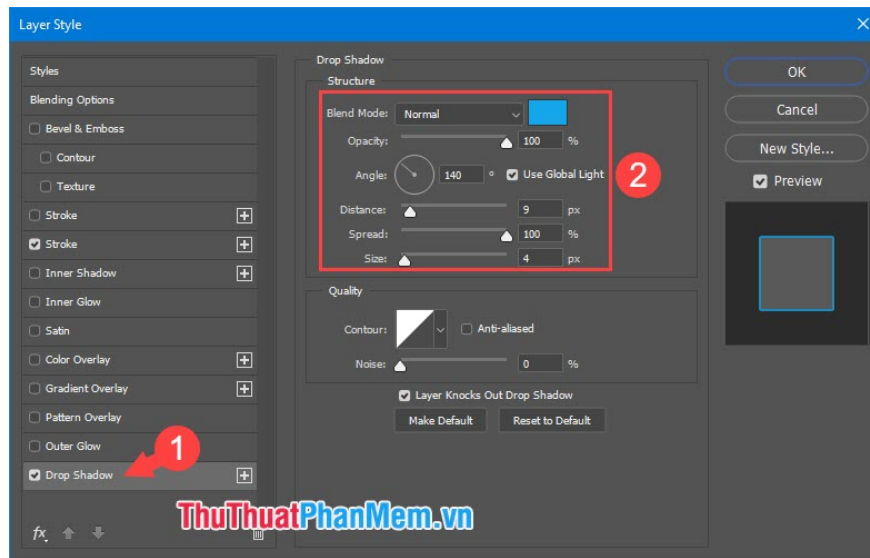
Step 3: Open **Blending Options .** and select **Drop shadow (1)** .

Next you reset the Drop shadow parameters accordingly and are easy to remember.

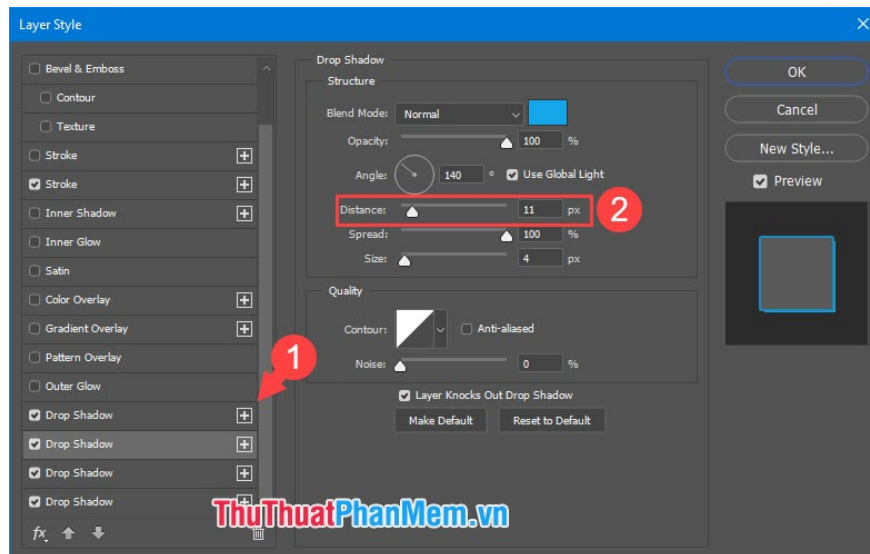
- **Blend Mode** for Normal and the color must match the stroke color (Stroke).
- **Opacity** to at 100 or lower depending on your preferences.
- **Angle** (angle tilt): you set at your liking or you can use the option of 135 degrees angle.
- **Distance:** shadow length you should set from 9 - 15.
- **Spread:** to level 100.

- **Size:** set to less than 5.

Then click **OK** to save.



Step 4: Click the [+] sign (1) to add new **Drop shadows** . Each new Drop shadow you reset the **Distance** (2) item more than the previous item 1-2 pixels.



And finally we have the long shadow pattern as shown below is successful.



With the guide to create shadow text in Photoshop, we can create more artistic and attractive typefaces than regular 2D fonts. If you have any difficulties or questions about the steps in this article, please ask TipsMake in the comment section below!

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