

Bloody Text

1. Make a new file: 600x400 px or whatever size you want. White background or other colour to match your needs (white or black work best). Write one or two words with a round looking font.

Size: 140px.

Colour of text: #870000 (a dark red)

Layer → Layer to Image size. After this the text cannot be changed because it is rendered.



2. If you need to move the text position use the Move tool and while you mouse is over the text, drag to the position you desire.
3. Create a new layer and choose the Pencil-tool. Make sure the colour is the same as before #870000.

Paint even vertical lines down now. (You get exact lines when clicking a single dot somewhere into the text - this is the starting point - then hold SHIFT and set the endpoint). Do this a few times as seen on the image below.

The strength of the pencil should be around 7.



4. After being satisfied with the lines click "Merge down" by clicking right in the layers dialog. The Text and the lines should then be on a single layer.

To make the lines look like a part of the text use Filters → Distorts → IWarp. Choose "grow".

Deform radius: 9
Deform amount: 0.26

All work is done in the preview window of this filter. Now first work on the area where the 'blood' is coming out of the text and running down.

Click and hold your mouse down at the exit point of the blood of the text and make small circular movements. The hard edges look more as they would have been a part of the text. Repeat this for every line.

The next step is work with the endings of the lines. They should look like drops in the end. Do this with the same technique as with the exit points.

After that use "shrink". Now shrink the middle parts of the lines so that they become much thinner. To do this, move the mouse (while holding down the mouse button) from top to bottom until you find it thin enough. It should be uneven to look real!

You are done and you should have something like:

