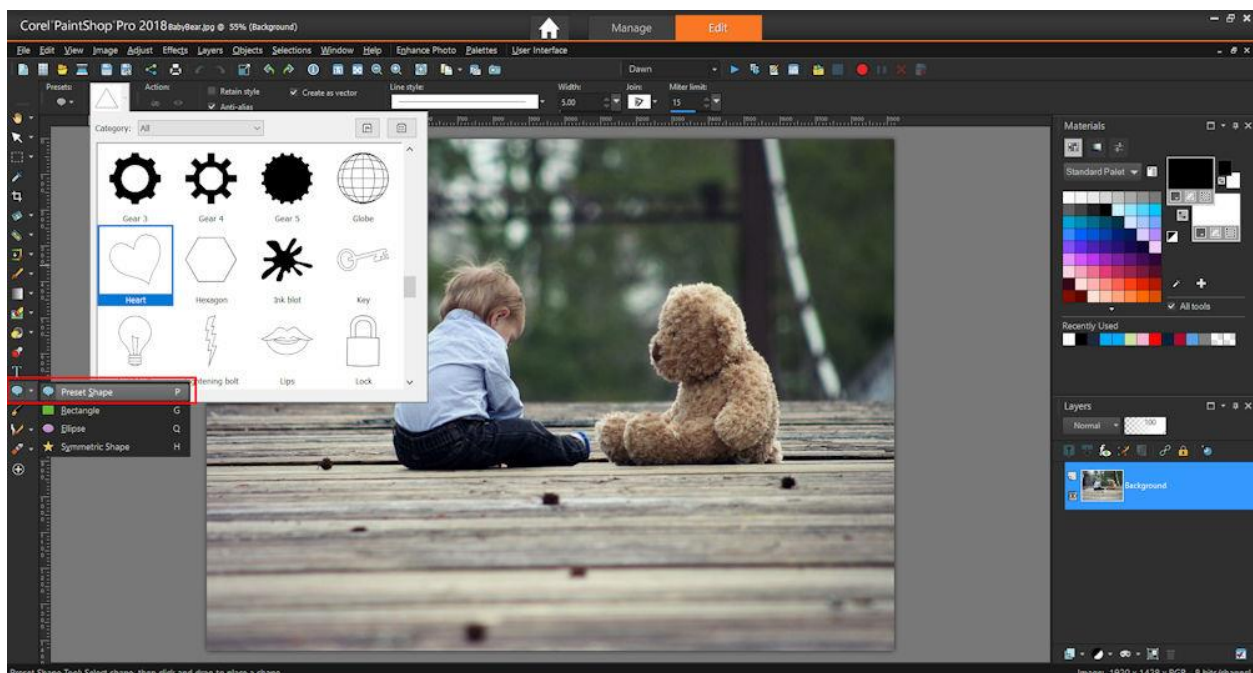


How to Cut Out Shapes and Text

This tutorial will help you understand the Shape and Text Cutter tools that allow you to crop your photos into shape or text objects with transparent backgrounds.

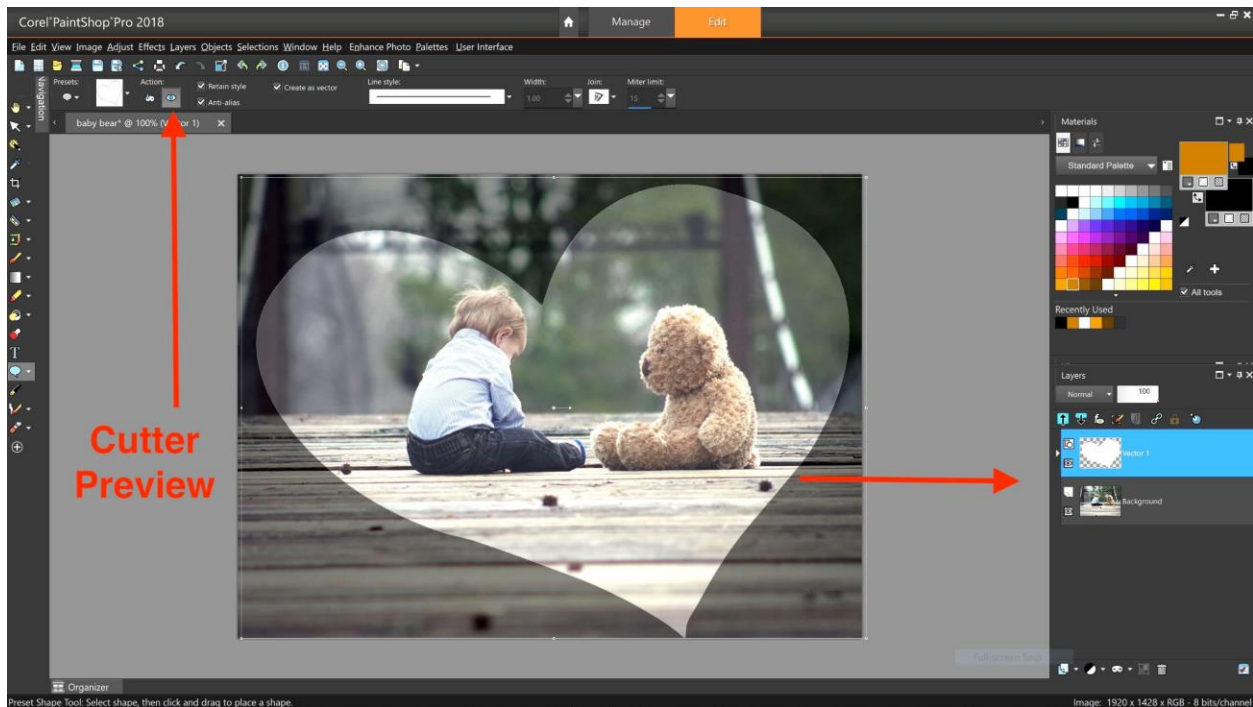
Using the Shape Cutter tool

Open PaintShop Pro in the **Edit** tab and open the first image [BabyBear.jpg](#). Activate the **Preset Shape** tool and select the **Heart** shape from the **Shape List**.



Drag your mouse across the screen to draw a heart shape to cover the child and stuffed bear. If your heart shape is not sized or placed exactly the way you want, you can activate the **Pick** tool and use it to resize or reposition the heart.

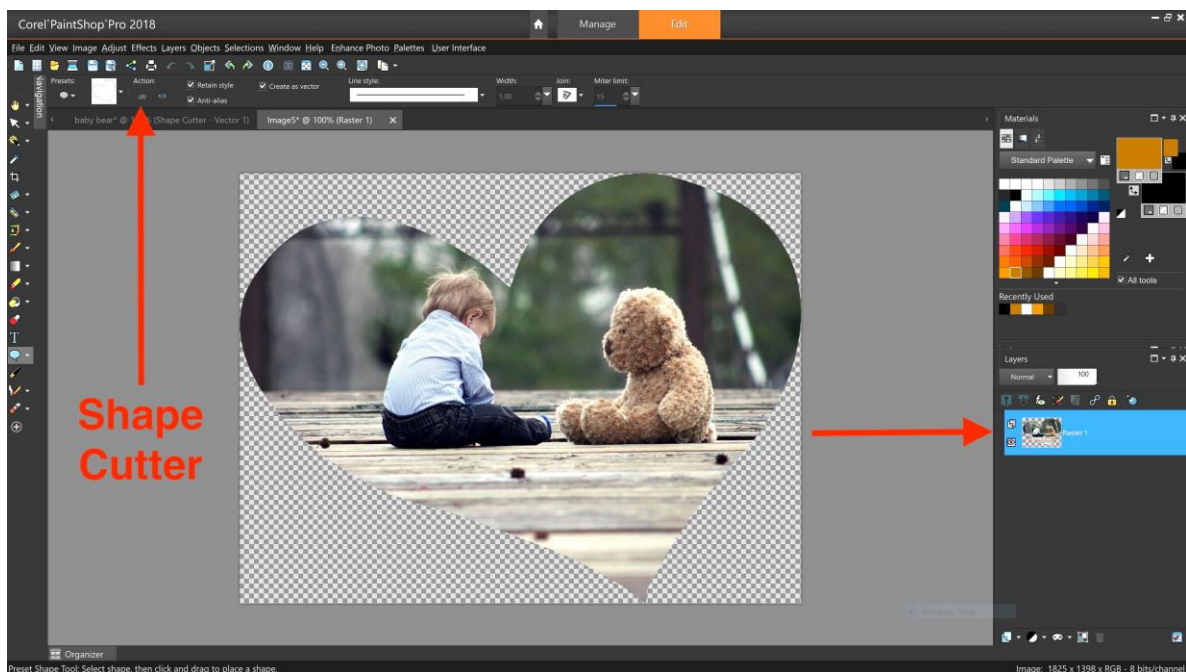
If you used the **Pick** tool, now reactivate the **Preset Shape** tool by selecting it in the left side toolbar. In the **Property Bar** at the top of the interface, click on the **Cutter Preview** icon.



A semi-transparent mode is activated that lets you preview and edit the cutout. You can adjust the position, size, or rotation of the cutout using the adjustment handles.

Now click on the **Shape Cutter** icon (also on the **Property Bar**) to create the heart-shaped cutout on the photo

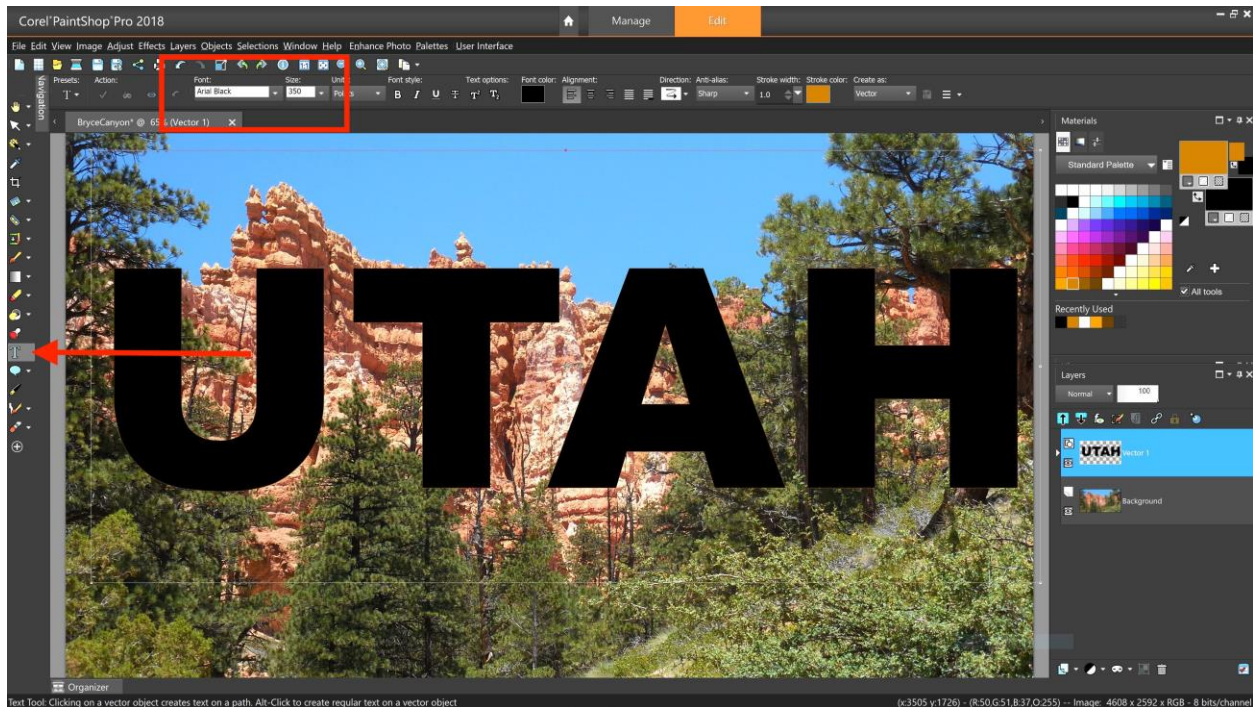
In a few seconds, your image is complete.



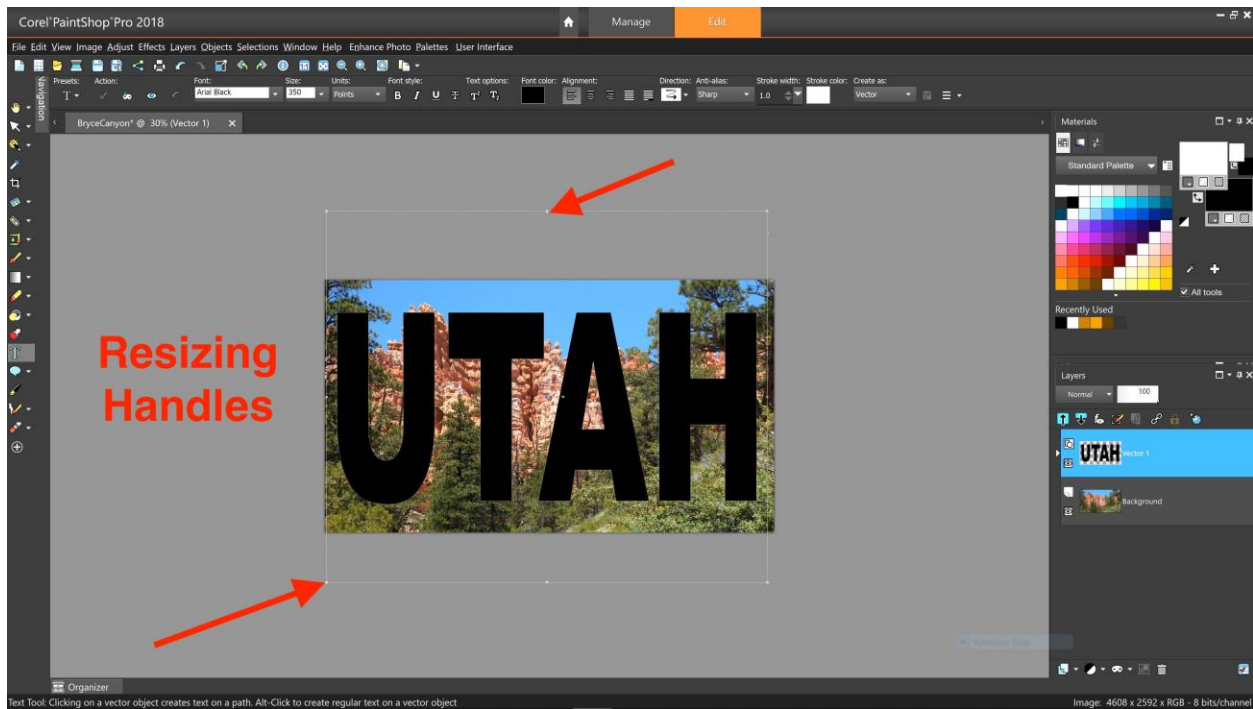
Using the Text Cutter Tool

We can also create the same effect with text as a cutout. Open the sample image [BryceCanyon.jpg](#), or any other photo you would like to use.

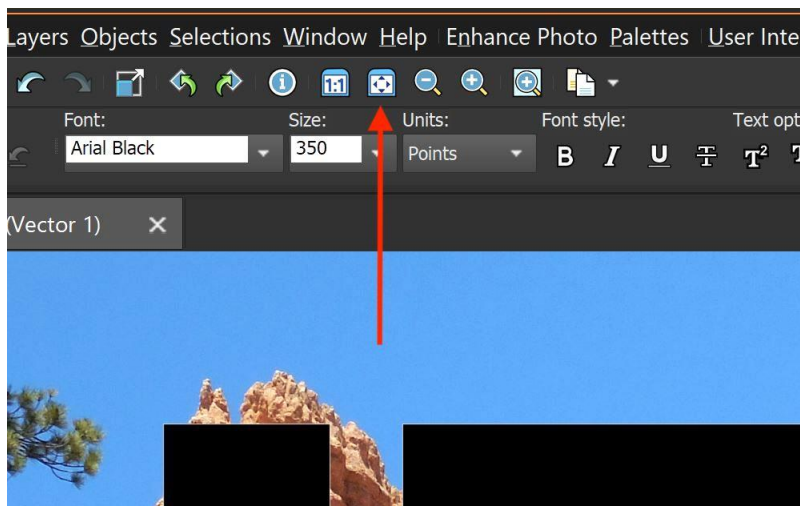
Activate the **Text** tool and type a word that's big and blocky enough to fill much of your photo. Arial Black works well but you can try out different fonts and font sizes to get the look you want.



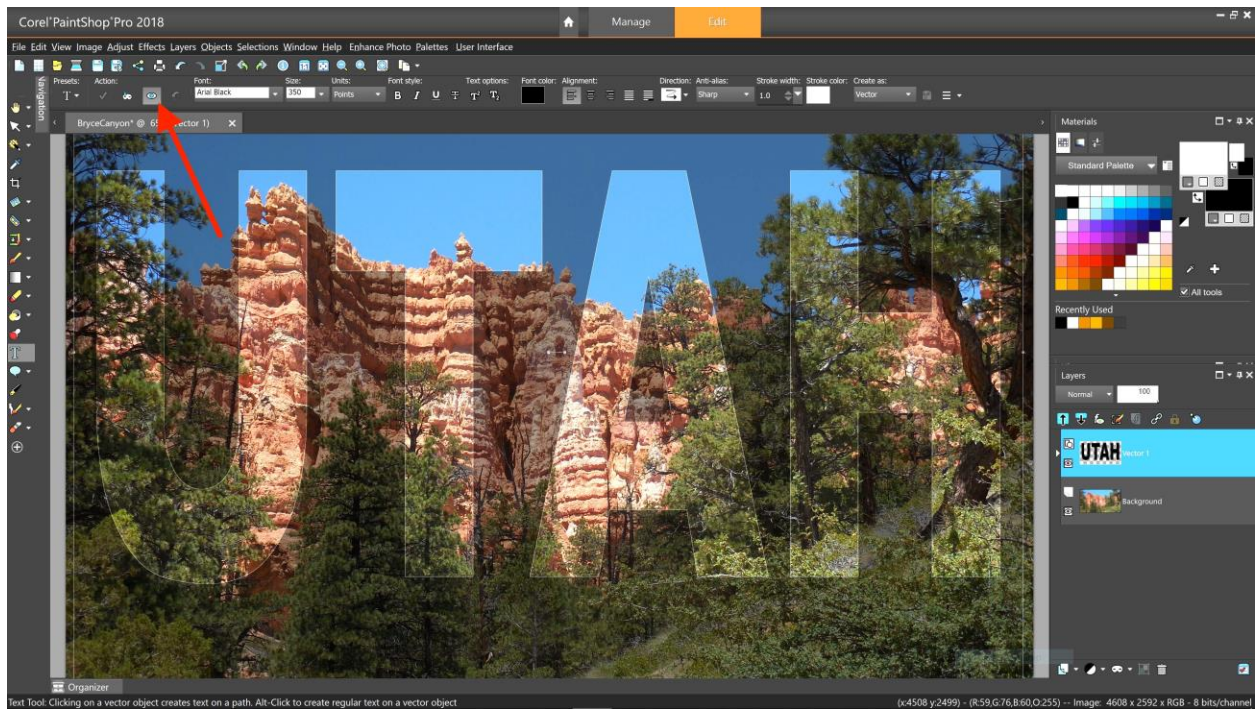
Using either the **Text** tool or the **Pick** tool, resize the text using the handles, including stretching vertically to fully fill the image. You may need to zoom out some to grab the edges for resizing.



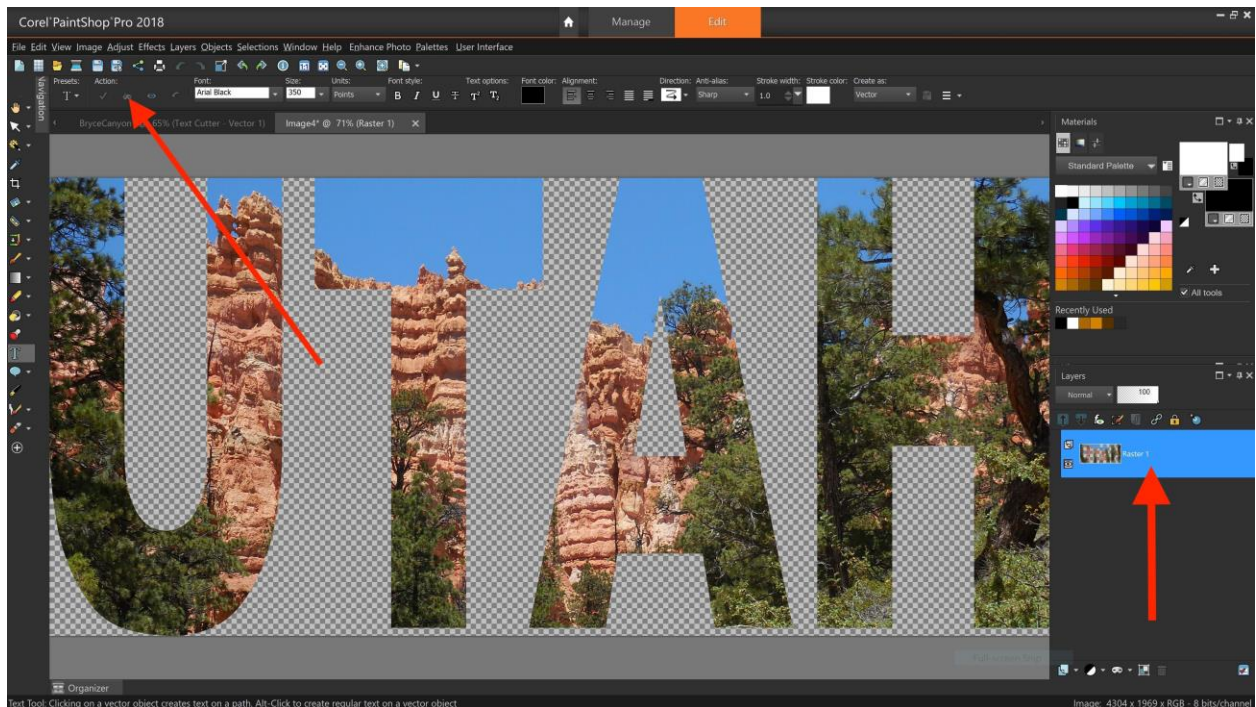
If you did zoom out to better see the resizing handles, click the **Fit Image to Window** icon to bring your photo back up to fill the screen.



With the **Text** tool activated, you can see the same **Cutter Preview** and **Text Cutter** icons in the **Property Bar**. As we did with the shape, click on the **Cutter Preview** to view your cutout and make any adjustments. You can move the text around while still seeing the entire photo underneath.



Once you're satisfied, click on the **Text Cutter** icon and your new image will be created.



Now that you have created a shape and text cutout with transparent background, make sure to save the cutouts as a .PNG file to preserve the transparency. You can use these cutouts on a website or use them in other photo editing projects – for example, combine several shape and text cutouts into a collage image.

You can also use the **Flood Fill** tool to fill in the transparent background of your cutout shapes and text with color, creating a new image.

