

To Create your own watermark using a custom shape:

Choose the Type tool, and create a type layer of the copyright symbol, plus your name (option g, or on the pc: alt 0169 for copyright symbol) Note: you may have to add the function key on a laptop for this to work.

for example: ©anna cary

Click on the check mark or the move tool to complete the type layer (the layer name now shows your actual type)

Go Layer>Type>Create Work Path

Go Edit>Define Custom Shape> then name your shape. It is now shown as the last shape in the custom shapes palette.

Go to the Custom Shape tool (right below the Type tool), and look at the options bar at the top of your screen:

Select the FIRST icon (Shape Layer);
Under Shape, select the last one, which should be your copyright;
Under Style, choose None (it's the white box with a red line through it)

Now you're ready to draw your copyright symbol!

Click, hold and drag your cursor, and notice that you can make the shape different sizes and proportions. Also, a new layer has automatically been created in the layers palette.

In order to make your copyright "transparent", go to the Layers palette **Fill Opacity**, and drag the slider all the way to the left for a setting of zero.

Now we're going to add a slight drop shadow in order for the copyright to be visible, yet transparent:

With your new Shape Layer active, go Layer>Layer Style>Drop Shadow to bring up the Layer Styles Dialog Box. In order to see the choices, the words Drop Shadow must be selected. Set the distance to around 15, Spread and Size to 0. You can visually check the results on your image. Then click OK. You will now have a layer subset that can be edited at any time.

With the Move tool selected, move your watermark wherever you like on the image.

If you want to change the size or shape

