

BUTTON MAKER - OPERATING PROCEDURE

Required 1:1 Trainings



Scan the QR Code to see availability and book the required trainings to utilize the Alkek Makerspace resources. ***Not Required for Button Maker***

Makerspace Store



Check the store for availability and price of required materials for this resource.

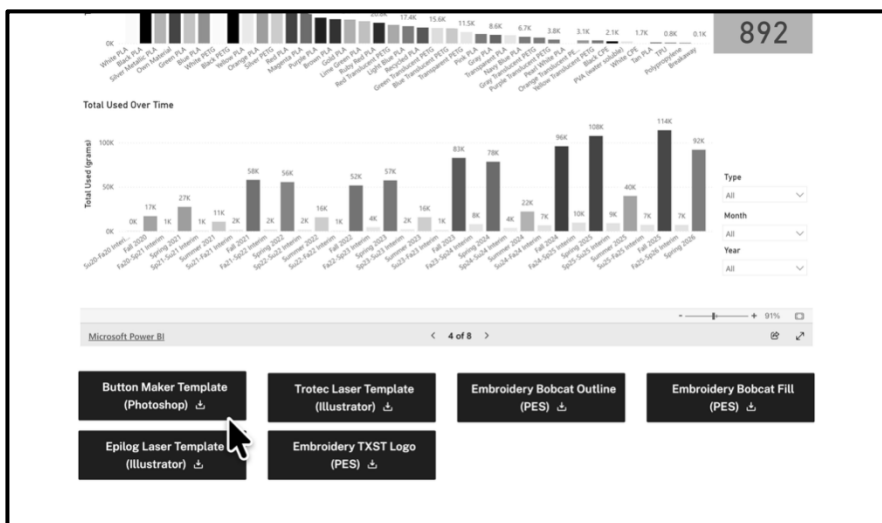
***Ask an Alkek Makerspace Employee for any assistance needed**

How to Design Your Buttons

Step 1

Download The Template

Visit the Alkek Makerspace website and download the free button maker template for Photoshop. Photoshop is available to students on the computers on the first floor of Alkek Library.



Step 2

Select The Button You Want to Edit

Use the move tool and click the button you want to edit.

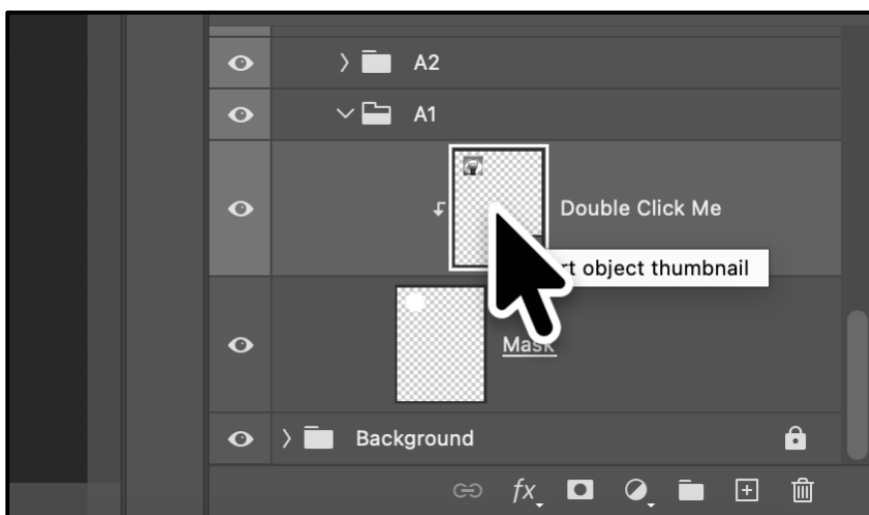


Step 3

Open The Button's File

In the layers panel, the button you clicked should have highlighted a "double click me" layer. Double click that thumbnail image and it will open a new window.

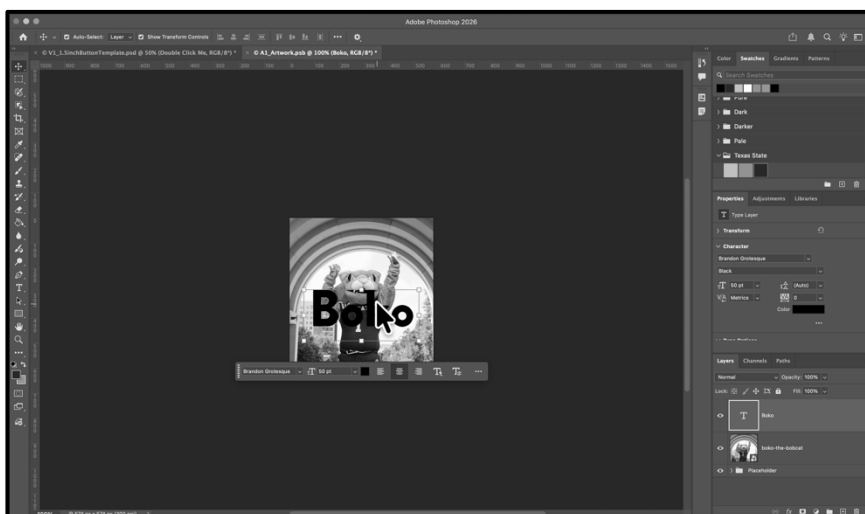
If a layer is locked or red you don't need to edit it



Step 4 Create Your Design

In this new window you can begin importing images, creating text, or anything else you need to make your button design, and it will appear in the main button template file. Repeat this process for every button you want to make.

You must hit save for it to update the main file



Step 5 Check The Guidelines

In the main file you should see smaller grey circles inside each button inside a “guidelines” folder. The smallest circle is what will show up on the face of the button, and anything else will be folded over the metal and may get cut off. It’s important you make sure any important elements are within that small circle so it shows up clearly.



Step 6 Print Your Design

With your designs complete and your guidelines layer hidden, you can export it as a PDF file and print it! You can use SendNPrint or the Alkek PrintShop if you don’t have access to your own printer.

Before printing hit the eyeball icon next to the “guidelines” layer to hide it