Patterns and “Masking”

Imagine that we have worked on creating an image with the look that we want, and that we would like to use that image as a sort of painting pattern for creating a kind of “stencil” effect…
One way to accomplish it…

– Use the Text tool from the palette to add a new layer with some text on it. Use a color such as black for the text.
– Use the Move tool from the palette to position the text.
– Go to Layer, choose to add a New Fill Layer, then select Solid Color, and choose something like black or white.
– Hide that new fill layer temporarily and select the layer with the text and use the Magic Wand tool with the “Contiguous” option unchecked to select all of the text characters’ region, and then hide the text layer.
– Make the fill layer visible, select its mask, and Cut that.

Getting Creative

Once we know the features and capabilities of a tool, it can inspire our creativity.

Alternatively, our creative ideas and/or visions can inspire us to seek out new tools, or even build them (or have them built for us).