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Scrap It Now Tips for Making Complex Masks Magical Transforming and Liquifying Masks Manual

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Use Transform and Liquify to make the complex masks on your scrapbook page better fit your photos.

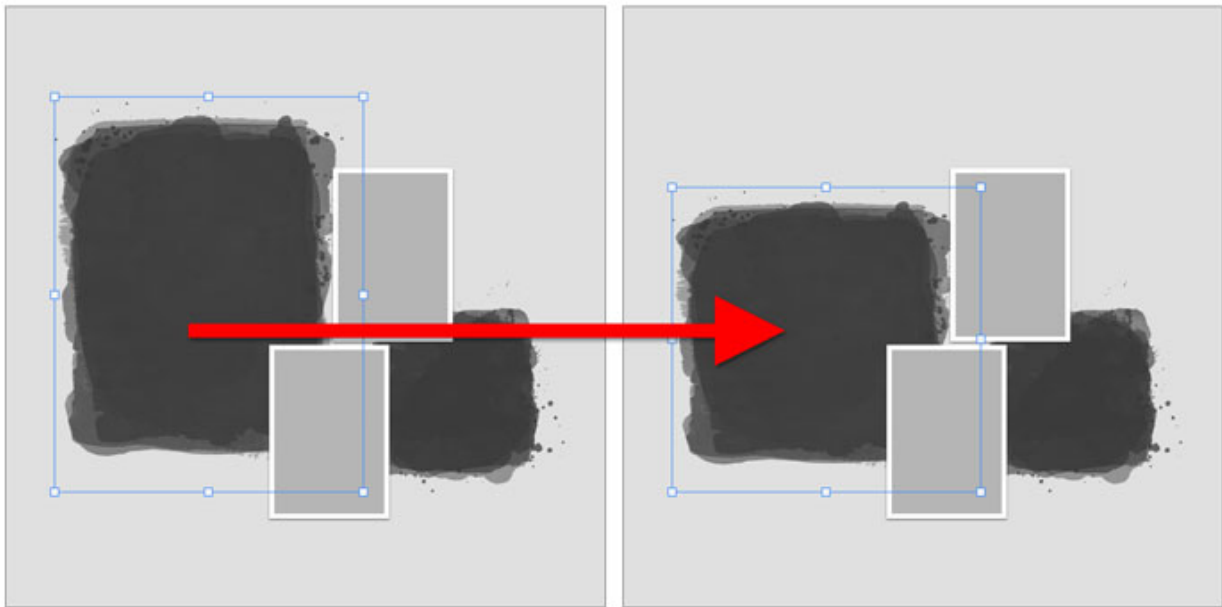
- Open a template (File > Open).
- In the Menu Bar, choose File > Duplicate and click OK. (PS: Choose Image > Duplicate.)
- Close the original file.

Transform Masks Any Which Way

- In the Layers panel, click to activate the layer of the complex photo mask you want to alter.
- To resize the mask, hold down the Shift key and click and drag on the side handles of the bounding box.

Note: You can also use this method for changing the size of photo mask shapes, but do not click and drag on the side handles of a photo.

- To skew the mask, hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click and drag on a corner handle of the bounding box.
- To reposition the mask, click and drag inside the bounding box.



Adjust Masks with the Liquify Tool

If you have extra photo to spare on the outside of a complex mask, you can use the Bloat tool to expand the mask in specific areas.

- In the Layers panel, click on layer of the complex photo mask you'd like to alter.
- **Photoshop Elements Only:** Make a note of where on the mask you want the alteration made.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Filter > Distort > Liquify. (PS: Choose Filter > Liquify.)
- In the dialog box, get the Bloat tool. Press the Left or Right Bracket key until the brush is slightly smaller than the mask. (PS: Also click on Show Backdrop and set the Opacity to 50%.)
- On the image, click where you want the pixels to bloat. A little bit goes a long way. If it's too much, press Ctrl Z (Mac: Cmd Z) to step backward.

Note: You want to make sure the boundaries of the mask are not pushed outside the boundaries of the photo.

- Click OK to see the results. (PS shows the results in the dialog box.)
- If it's too much, press Ctrl Z (Mac: Cmd Z) to step backward and then repeat the process.
- To add more distortion, repeat the process.



In the next video we'll cover three magical mask altering how tos.



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