



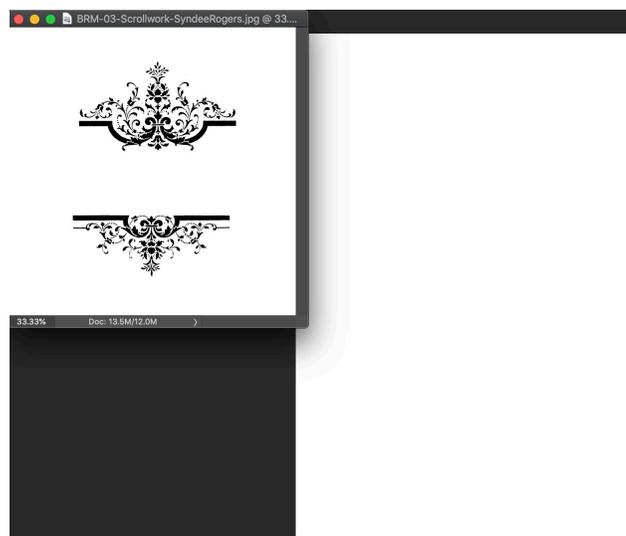
Brushability: Masks - Weathered Mask

Lesson 1: Easy Extraction Manual (Photoshop Elements) © Syndee Rogers
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In this lesson we'll create the first layer of our mask brush by extracting a vintage image with minimum fuss.

Step One: Prepare Your Workspace

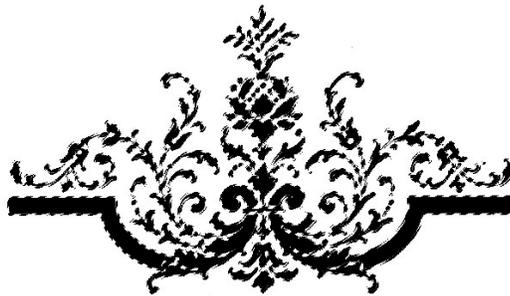
- Begin in Photoshop Elements by creating a new 6 x 9 inch document (File > New > Blank File) at 300 ppi with a white background.
- Open the BRM-Scrollwork-SyndeeRogers.png (File > Open) from the class downloads.
- Make a duplicate copy (File > Duplicate).
- Close the original.
- Press the letter D to reset the Color Chips to the default of black over white.



Step Two: Delete the White Background

This method of extracting elements is great for things that don't need a precise or smooth edge, which makes it's perfect for grungy designs like the one we will be creating.

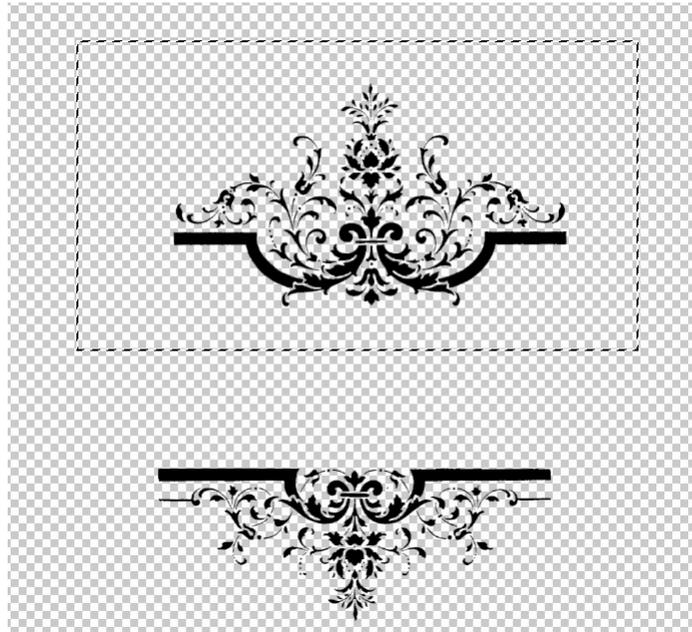
- Activate the BRM-Scrollwork-SyndeeRogers.png document.
- In Layers panel, click on the Lock icon of the Background layer to unlock it.
- Get the Magic Wand tool. (The Magic Wand tool is great for selecting solid colored areas.)
- In the Tool Options, click on the New Selection icon, set the Tolerance to 40, make sure Sample All Layers and Contiguous are unchecked and Check Anti-aliasing.
- Press Ctrl + (Mac: Cmd +) to zoom in.
- On your document, click anywhere on a white area to make a selection of the white background.



- Press the Backspace key (Mac: Delete key) to delete the white background.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Select > Deselect.

Step Three: Separate the Scrollwork Elements

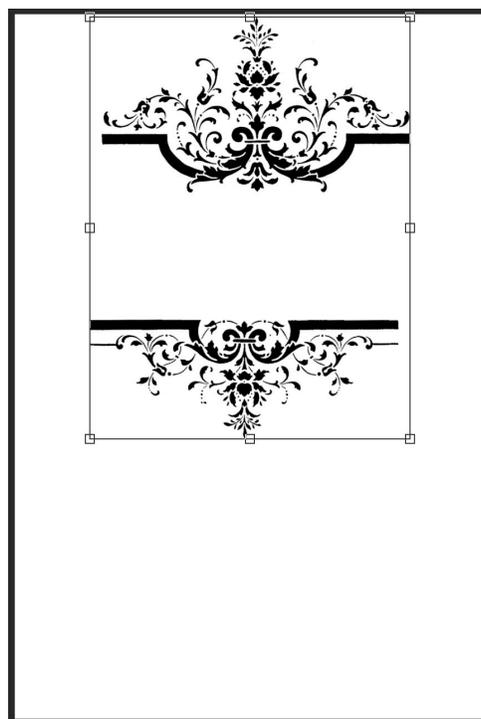
- Get the Rectangular Marquee tool.
- Press Ctrl - (Mac: Cmd -) to zoom out.
- In the Tool Options, click on the New Selection icon, set the Feather to 0 px and the Aspect to Normal.
- On your document, click and drag out a rectangular selection over the top scrollwork element.



- Press Shift Ctrl J (Mac: Shift Cmd J) to place the selection on a new layer.

Step Four: Add Scrollwork to Document

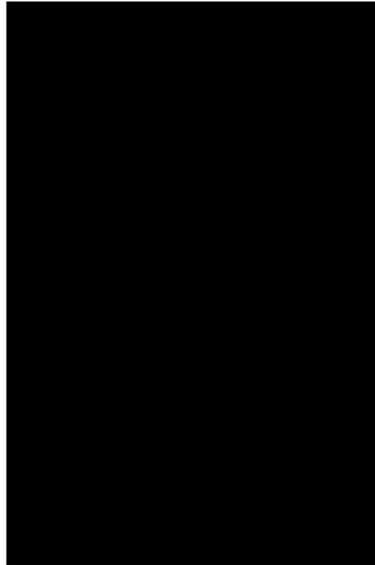
- Get the Move Tool.
- In the Layers panel, hold down the Shift key and activate both the scrollwork layers.
- Holding down the Shift key, click and drag both scrollwork elements over to your 6 x 9 inch document.
- On the document, hold down the shift key and move the scrollwork elements to the top of the document
- In the Layers panel, click on the Visibility icons of both the scrollwork layers to hide them.



- Activate the BRM-Scrollwork-SyndeeRogers.png document.
- Close the document.

Step Five: Create the Photo Mask

- Get the Rectangle Tool. It's nested with the shape tools.
- In the Tool Options, set the Style to None, open the Geometry Operations and choose Fixed Size. Enter 4 inches for the width and 6 inches in height, Check From Center and click on the New Shape Layer icon.
- On the document, in the center, click and drag slightly to create the shape.
- In the Tool Options, click Simplify.

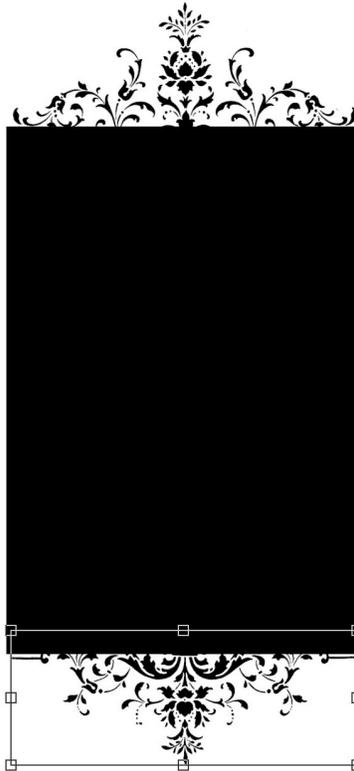


Step Six: Position the Scrollwork Elements

- Get the Move tool.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Visibility icons of the scrollwork layers to turn them back on.
- Activate the top scrollwork layer.
- On the document, click and move the scrollwork element to the top of your rectangle shape.



- In the Layers panel, activate the bottom scrollwork layer.
- On the document, click and move the scrollwork down to the bottom of the rectangle shape.



Step Seven: Save the Document

- Save your document (File > Save As) as a layered .psd. Give it a name, I'll name mine BRM-03-01-WeatheredMask. Navigate to your class folder for this lesson (BRM-03-01-WeatheredMask). Click Save.