

## MA2-L09-el-Shadowing-manual



### Digital Scrapbooking Mastery, No. 2

### Custom Shadowing Lesson 9: Bent Paper Flower for Photoshop Elements

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After you've completed your Mastery 2 scrapbook page or other project using the bent paper flower, you'll likely want to add a custom shadow to that flower in order to help make it look more realistic.

NOTE: I recommend saving all custom shadowing work until after you've completed your scrapbook page.

- Begin in Expert Mode of Photoshop Elements.
- Open a document (File > Open) that contains the Bent Paper Flower group from Lesson 9 of Mastery 2.
- In the Layers panel, click on the arrow of the Bent Paper Flower group to open it.
- Double click on the Effects icon (style) of the Flower Template layer to open the Style Setting dialog box.
- In the dialog box, uncheck Drop Shadow and click OK.
- Press Ctrl + (Mac: Cmd +) to zoom way into the flower. To reposition the Zoom, hold

- down the Space bar and click and drag on the document.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Flower Template layer to activate it.
  - In the Actions panel, click on the arrow to open the Custom Shadow Action group and then click on the Custom Shadow Black 50% action to activate it. Press the Play icon.
  - In the dialog box, click Stop.
  - In the Smudge tool Tool Options, open the Brush Picker and choose a Soft Round brush from the Default Brushes. Set the Mode to Normal and the Strength to 50%. Uncheck Sample All Layers and Finger Painting.
  - On the document, hover your cursor over the flower. Press the Left or Right Bracket key to make the size of the brush about half the size of the flower.
  - On the document, slightly click and push the shadow back under the flower as shown in the image below.
  - In the Layers panel, click on the arrow of the Bent Paper Flower group to close it.
  - Save the document (File > Save).

