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Custom Shadowing Lesson 11: Corrugated Whimsical Heart for Photoshop Elements

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I'm not planning to add a custom shadow to the corrugated heart on my Mastery 2 scrapbook page, but there will be times when I want to add a custom shadow to the heart on a different project. For example, on this card, I'd like to make the heart look as though it's curling inward a little here at the tip. Here's how to achieve that look in Photoshop Elements.

You'll want to begin in Expert Mode by opening a document that contains the Corrugated Whimsical Heart group. And then we'll want to remove the current drop shadow, so click and drag that Effects icon from the Corrugated Whimsical Heart group up to the Trash icon. Next, click on the arrow to open that group, and then we'll want to get a selection outline. Hold down the Ctrl key and Windows, or the Cmd key on a Mac, and click on the thumbnail of the Corrugation layer to get a selection outline. Then hold down the Shift and the Ctrl key, or the Shift and the Cmd key on a Mac, and click on the thumbnail of the Heart layer. That will add to the selection outline. Click on the Heart layer to activate it, and then open the Actions panel. In this panel, click on the arrow to open the folder that contains the custom shadow action that you downloaded at the beginning of this section, and then click on the arrow to open the Custom Shadow Black 50% action. Now you're going to see all the tasks

associated with that action. We'll want to click on the Make Layer task to activate it, and then click on the Play icon. Elements will give you some instructions on how to use this action. Go ahead and click Stop.

And you should now have the Smudge Tool. In the Tool Options, the Mode should be set to Normal, you should have a Soft Round brush. The Strength should be 50%, and Sample All Layers and Finger Painting should both be unchecked. Now on the document, hover your cursor over the heart and press the Right or the Left Bracket key to make the brush about the same size as the heart. Now hover your cursor in the middle of the right side of that heart and click and drag slightly outward to pull the shadow out. You can see that the shadow still remains in down here at the tip and up here at the top of the heart. So now it looks more like it's bending up just in the center of the heart. Back in the Actions panel, I'll click on the arrow to close the Custom Shadow Black 50% action, and then click on the arrow to close the Custom Shadow Action folder. Back in the Layers panel, if you scroll down, you can see that new custom shadow right below the Heart layer. When you're satisfied with the results, click on the arrow to close the Corrugated Whimsical Heart group and then save your document. So that's how to add a custom shadow to the corrugated whimsical heart from Lesson 11 of Mastery 2. This has been Jen White with Digital Scrapbooking Mastery.