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Custom Shadowing Lesson 8: Frayed Herringbone Ribbon for Photoshop Elements
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Custom shadowing on a ribbon can make a big impact. In this video, I'll show you how to add a custom shadow to the Frayed Herringbone Ribbon from Lesson 8 of Mastery 2.

Begin in Expert Mode of Photoshop Elements by opening a document that contains the Frayed Herringbone Ribbon group that we created in Lesson 8 of this class. On this document, I'm wanting to add a custom shadow to the ribbon that is peeking out on the right side of the page. So first, I'll zoom into that area and then in the Layers panel, open the group that contains that ribbon. To figure out which group that is, I'll click on the Visibility icon to toggle it on and off, and it looks like this is the group that corresponds with this ribbon. Click on the arrow to open the corresponding group, and then scroll down to the Ribbon Template group, and double click on the style or the Effects icon of that group to open the Style Settings dialog box. Unchecked Drop Shadow and then click OK.

Next we'll need to get a selection outline around the ribbon and the fray. All of these adjustment layers contain a layer mask that has that selection outline ability. So if I hold down the Ctrl key in Windows, or the Cmd key on Mac, and click on one of these layer masks, I'll

get a selection outline around the ribbon.

Next, navigate to the Custom Shadow action that you downloaded at the beginning of the Custom Shadow section. You'll find that in the Actions panel. Click on the arrow to open the Custom Shadow Action folder. Then, click on the arrow to open the Custom Shadow Black 50% action. Here you'll see a list of the tasks. We're going to skip that first task because we've already set the selection. And then I'll click on Make Layer because that's the next step after Set Selection. And then, press the Play icon. Elements will give us some instructions on using the Smudge Tool. Click Stop, then close the Custom Shadow Black action by clicking on the arrow, and then click on the arrow to close the Custom Shadow Action folder, and then I'll return to the Layers panel.

You can see that the Custom Shadow layer is now active in the Layers panel and we have the Smudge tool. In the Tool Options of the Smudge tool, you should have a Soft Round brush. The Mode should be set to Normal, the Strength to 50%, and Sample All Layers and Finger Painting should both be unchecked. Now on the document, hover your cursor near the ribbon and press the Right or the Left Bracket key to make the brush quite a bit larger than the ribbon. Then on the document, click and drag from the center of the fray downward slightly. You can see now that there is a drop shadow here on the left side of the ribbon, and over here on the right side, where the ribbon travels off the page, the shadow is very slight. It did not drop down. And that gives a really nice custom shadowing look to this ribbon. When you're finished with the custom shadow, back in the Layers panel, click on the arrow to close the Frayed Herringbone Ribbon group and then save the document.

So that's how to add a custom shadow to the Frayed Herringbone Ribbon from Lesson 8 of Mastery 2. This has been Jen White with Digital Scrapbooking Mastery.