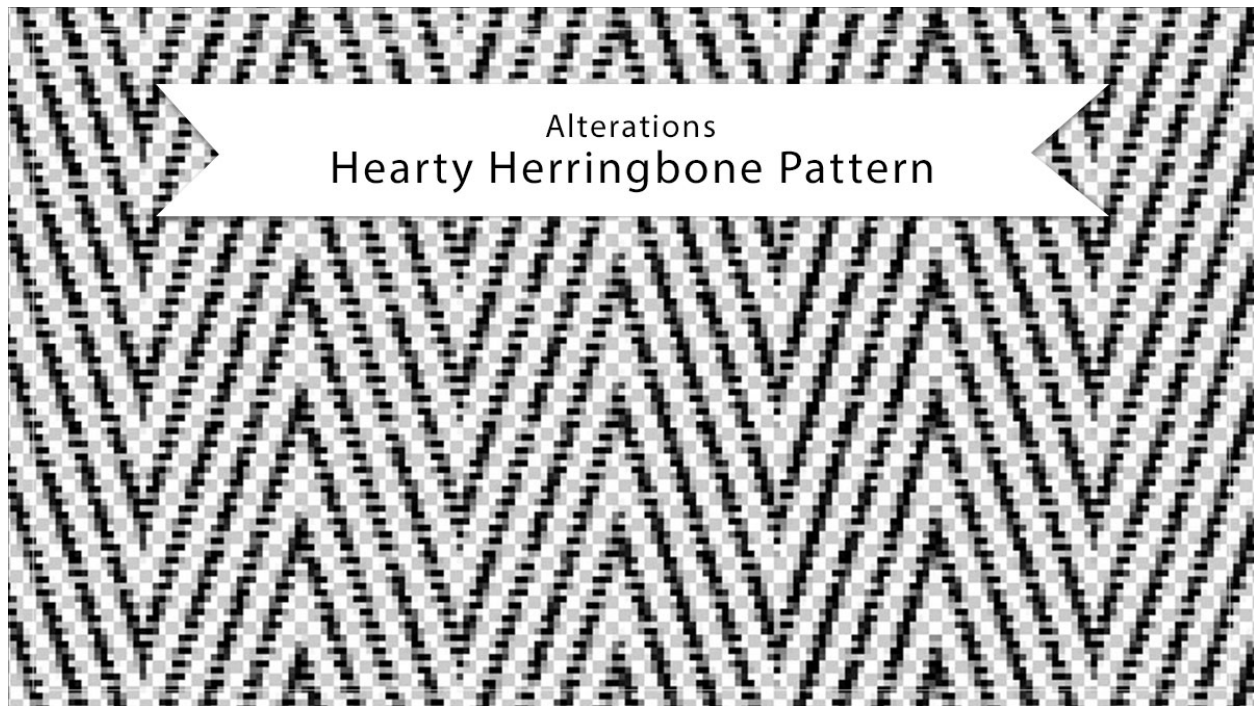# MA2-L07-Altering-transcript

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Altering Lesson 7: Hearty Herringbone Pattern
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Did you know that sticking with a simple black horizontal herringbone pattern is not your only option? Here are three quick ways to alter the look of the pattern in your toolbox. This video is being filmed in Photoshop Elements, but the instructions are exactly the same for Adobe Photoshop, except where noted.

The first thing that you should know is that patterns, unlike brushes, can be any color. So you're not stuck with just a black herringbone pattern. To choose a color other than black for your pattern, click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker and then choose a color from the Color Picker, or you can also choose one from your Color Swatches. I'm going to click white and click OK. Then to fill the pattern with the color that you just chose, press Shift Alt Backspace in Windows, or Shift Opt Delete on a Mac, and that will change the color of the pattern. You would define the pattern in the same way as you did before by going into the Menu Bar and choosing Edit > Define Pattern and then give the pattern a name that's descriptive. I'll name this pattern, Herringbone-White and then click OK. And just as before, when you go to use the pattern, you will see that new pattern show up in the Pattern Picker. Now I have a Herringbone black and a Herringbone White. When you're finished defining the pattern, you can close the document without saving. So I'll go back a couple steps and show you my next tip.

Because the pattern that we created is square and it is a seamless pattern, you have to be careful about warping any of the edges of the pattern, but one thing that you can do is to rotate the pattern so that it will be a vertical herringbone instead of a horizontal herringbone. To do that in the Menu Bar, choose Image > Rotate > 90 Degrees Left. If you're using Photoshop, choose Image > Image Rotation > 90 Degrees Clockwise. And then you would define this pattern just as before. I would name this one Herringbone-Vertical, and just as before you would go ahead and close this document without saving.

My last tip is to show you how to change the color of the herringbone pattern once it's already been applied to an element. In the Archiving & Using video for this lesson, I showed you how to place the herringbone pattern over the end of this tag. Well then, if later I decide that I want to color the herringbone pattern, something other than black, here's how to do that. First, you'll want to open a document that has the Herringbone pattern apply to a layer. Then in the Layers panel, click on that Pattern Fill layer that contains the pattern to activate it. Then in the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Simplify Layer. Again, click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker, and then you can sample a color from the document. I'll sample a brown color up here, and then click OK. Then press Shift Alt Backspace in Windows, or Shift Opt Delete on a Mac, to fill the pixels of that newly simplified layer with the Foreground Color Chip. So those are three quick ways to alter the look of your herringbone pattern. This is Jen White with Digital Scrapbooking Mastery.