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Give your scrapbook page a little burst of happy info by adding a stacked tag cluster.

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NOTE: Please complete the lessons in the order they are provided.

For this lesson you will need:

- tag3 from the Class-Files folder
- paper6 from the Class-Files folder
- the sticker from the Class-Files folder
- staple2 from the Class-Files folder



Cluster Recipe 4 - Stacked Tag Cluster

- **Tag**
 - Shadowed
 - Avoid tags with strings
- **Patterned paper**
 - Clips to the bottom tag layer
 - Small, all-over pattern
- **Fastener**
 - Shadowed
 - Examples: staples, ties, buttons, clips, tape, stitches
- **Sticker-style**
 - Shadowed
 - Small



element



Credits: tags from Anita Designs,
from KimB Designs, stickers from Sahin Designs.

papers from Just Jaimee, fasteners

Additional Guidelines for Recipe 4

- All elements should connect at the fastener.
- Resize the patterned paper so that the pattern is more easily seen.
- Use the same kit for all parts of the cluster.

Quick Steps for Lesson 3, Cluster Recipe 4

Step-by-step instructions are below.

- Add a tag, add a drop shadow, and duplicate the tag.
- Clip the patterned paper to the bottom tag.
- Resize the paper to make the pattern smaller.
- Place the fastener over the hole in the tag.
- Place the sticker under the fastener.

Credits: Cluster from Simple Pleasure Designs.



Secret Ingredient of Cluster Recipe 4

Keep all elements connected to the fastener.

Step-By-Step for Lesson 3, Cluster Recipe 4

Prepare Your Workspace

- Create a new 12x12 inch document (File > New > Blank File) at 300 ppi with a white background. (PS: Choose File > New.)
- Get the Move tool.
- In the Tool Options, uncheck both Auto Select Layer (PS: Auto-Select) and Show Bounding Box (PS: Show Transform Controls).

Add Tag 3

- Open tag3 (File > Open) from the Class-Files folder.
- Click and drag the tag onto the center of the new document.

Add a Drop Shadow to the Tag

- **Photoshop Elements Only:** In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Layer Style > Style Settings. In the dialog box, set the Lighting Angle to 120. Click on Drop Shadow to activate it and reveal the settings. Set the Size to 25, the Distance to 15, and the Opacity to 40. Click OK.
- **Adobe Photoshop Only:** In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Layer Style > Drop Shadow. In the dialog box, set the Blend Mode to Multiply, the Opacity to 40, the Angle to 120, the Distance to 15, the Spread to 0, and the Size to 25. Click OK.

Duplicate the Tag

- In the Layers panel, hold down the Alt key (Mac: Opt key) and click and drag a duplicate tag directly below the original one.
- Press Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) to get the Transform options.
- On the document, hover your cursor near a corner handle of the bounding box until you see a curved, double-headed arrow. Then, click and drag to rotate the tag 15°.
- Press the Arrow keys to nudge the tag so that the holes in the tag line up.
- Click the checkmark to commit the change.



Clip a Patterned Paper to the Duplicate Tag

- Open paper6 from the Class-Files folder.
- Holding down the Shift key, click and drag the paper onto the document.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Create Clipping Mask.
- Press Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) to get the Transform options.
- On the document, click and drag inward on the corner handles of the bounding box until you can clearly see the pattern of the paper on the tag. To reposition the paper, click and drag inside the bounding box. Make sure the boundaries of the paper stay outside the boundaries of the tag. Click the checkmark to commit the change.



Add Staple 2

- In the Layers panel, click on the top tag layer to activate it.
- Open staple2 from the Class-Files folder.
- Click and drag the staple onto the document and position it over the hole in the tag. Transform, if desired. See the screenshot.

NOTE: All elements in the tag cluster need to look fastened down by the fastener.



Add the Sticker

- In the Layers panel, click on the top tag layer to activate it.
- Open the sticker from the Class-Files folder.
- Click and drag the sticker onto the document and position it under the staple. See the screenshot.
- In the Layers panel, hold down the Alt key (Mac: Opt key) and click and drag a duplicate layer style from the top tag layer to the sticker layer.



Group the Cluster

- In the Layers panel, click on the top layer to activate it.
- Holding down the Shift key, click on the bottom tag layer. All layers except the Background layer should be active.
- Click on the Create a New Group icon.
- Double click directly on the name of the new group, rename it TAG CLUSTER, and press Enter/Return to commit the change.



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