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Custom Shadowing Lesson 9: Bent Paper Flower for Adobe Photoshop

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After you've completed your Mastery 2 scrapbook page or other document 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. Here's how to do that.

Begin in Adobe Photoshop by opening a document that contains the Bent Paper Flower group from lesson 9 of mastery 2. Then click on the arrow to open that group and then scroll down to find the Effects icon. Click on the arrow to open the Effects icon on the Flower Template layer. Click and drag the Bevel and Emboss style to a temporary location. The temporary location would be a place that already does not have a style. Then Right click in Windows, or Ctrl click on a Mac, on the word Drop Shadow and choose Create Layer. Now you can click and drag that style back from the temporary location back to the Flower Template layer and then activate the Custom Shadow layer.

Next, get the Smudge Tool and in the Tool Options, open the Brush Picker and choose a Soft Round brush from the Legacy > Default Brushes or from the General Brushes. Set the Mode to Normal, the Strength to around 50%, uncheck Sample All Layers, and uncheck Finger

Painting. Then I'll hold down the letter Z and click on the flower several times to zoom in. And then I'm going to click and move that flower over here onto the paper so that we can better see what we're doing. So with the Smudge Tool and the Custom Shadow layer active in the Layers panel, hover your cursor over the document to see the size of the brush. For this shadowing, you want the size of the brush to be about half the size of the flower. You can see in the Tool Options that I've set my brush to 250 px. Now take a good look at the bend. The bottom right side of the flower is meant to look like it's bending down. Therefore, this part of the flower would be closer to the background paper, then the part that is not bending down. So specifically on the two ends here, on the right end and the left end, I'm going to click and drag that shadow back under the flower. Same thing over here on the right side, click and drag the shadow back under the petal of the flower. This middle petal right here would also probably be touching the paper. So I'll click and drag that shadow back under on the sides, and then also push it back under on the end of the flower. So now it looks like the flower is being lifted up off the paper in the center. But on the tips of the petals, it looks like the flower is touching the paper.

I'll open the History panel and show you what that looked like before and after. Here's what it looked like before and here's what it looks like now. Now, because of the placement of this little tiny flower on my scrapbook page, a custom shadow on this particular page is probably not necessary. But if you're adding the flower to a different document that has like a white background, then it's really gonna make a difference to add a custom shadow. When you're finished, you'll want to close the Bent Paper Flower group and then save your document. So that's how to add a custom shadow to the Bent Paper Flower from lesson 9 of mastery 2. This has been Jen White with Digital Scrapbooking Mastery.