Christmas Greetings 2
Cable Knit Mitten Transcript – Photoshop Elements
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Turn a mitten into a knit looking element using the cable sweater pattern we created in the first video. Are you excited to create some cable sweater elements for our Christmas card? In this lesson, we're going to customize a mitten and put our cable sweater pattern to use.

So to get started, make sure you have downloaded and unzipped the files for this lesson. Open the mitten layered PSD file as I've done here. Then in the menu bar, choose file, duplicate and then click okay. And then close the original mitten PSD file. The first main step to complete is that we need to customize the mitten. Now before we get started, I just want to point out that if you want to follow along and do exactly as I'm doing, I've included the three solid papers I use in the downloads for this lesson. If you wish to use your own solid papers, just keep in mind that the color you use for the main portion of the mitten needs to be not too light or too dark. A medium shade of any color should work well for adding the cable pattern.

Okay, let's get started customizing the mitten. To do that, the first thing we need to do is open a paper that we'll be clipping to the main portion of the mitten. I've already opened the solid for paper from the downloads, so feel free to open that paper now or use one of your own.

Now get the move tool and on the document while holding down the shift key, click and drag the paper onto your mitten document. And then in the menu bar, choose layer, create clipping mask. Depending on your program settings, your paper may need to be resized smaller. To find out press control T in windows or command T on a Mac to get the transform options. If your transform handles are at the document boundaries, you can skip the next part. If however your paper is so big, you can't see the transform handles, do the following. Press control zero in windows or command zero on a Mac to resize the document to fit. And then hold down the alt key and click and drag from a corner handle to resize the paper smaller until the transform handles are just outside the document edge and then click the checkmark to commit.

Now before we resize our document larger, let's add another solid paper to the mitten band layer. So in the layers panel, click on the mitten band layer to activate it. I've already opened the solid six paper, so

feel free to open that paper or a paper of your own now. Then on the document while holding down the shift key, click and drag the paper onto the mitten document and then in the menu bar, choose layer, create clipping mask, and then repeat those same resizing steps from the first paper here. Once you're done, click the checkmark to commit. And then to resize your document back up to size, press control zero in windows or command zero on a Mac.

Now we need to add the cable sweater pattern we created in the last video. So in the layers panel, click on the teal paper layer to activate it. Then in the layers panel, click on the create a new fill or adjustment layer icon and choose pattern. In the dialog box, the pattern showing should be the cable sweater pattern we just defined in the last video. Then set the scale to 150%, check link with layer, and then click okay. Now in the layers panel right click in windows or control click on a Mac on the name of the pattern fill layer and choose simplify layer. Then in the menu bar, choose layer, create clipping mask.

Now click on the foreground color chip to open the color picker and sample the teal color from the document. The specific hex number is 5EA3A9 and then click okay. Now press shift alt backspace in windows or shift option delete on a Mac to recolor the pattern layer.

The last thing we need to do is add an embossing style to the pattern layer. To do that, first we need to load the cable sweater embossing layer style. You can find this layer style in the downloads for this lesson. Now go to the styles panel and then click on the styles panel menu icon and choose load styles. Navigate to the cable sweater emboss layer style file, and then click open. And then in the styles panel, click once on the cable sweater emboss layer style. Now you can go back to the layers panel.

Now you can save this file as a layered PSD file so that you can have access to the layers for the future in case you want to change the colors or papers used for a different project. Also, save this as a flat PNG file and name it cable knit mitten dot PNG. So that's how you use the cable sweater pattern to make a knit looking mitten. In the next video, we'll do much of the same to customize a hat. This is Jenifer Juris with Christmas Greetings 2.