



Lesson 3: Basic Stripes Manual © Syndee Rogers

This video was filmed in Photoshop Elements but the instructions are just the same in Adobe Photoshop unless where noted.

Prepare the Workspace

- Create a new 100x100 pixels document (File > New > Blank File) at 300 ppi with a transparent background. (Photoshop: File > New)
- Press Ctrl + or (Mac: Cmd +) to Zoom in on the document.
- Get the Move tool.
- In the Tool Options, check Auto Select Layer and Show Bounding Box. (**Photoshop:** Check Auto-Select Layer and Show Transform Controls.)
- In the Menu Bar, choose View > New Guide, and set Horizontal to 50% then click OK.
- In the Menu Bar, choose View > New Guide, and set Vertical to 50% then click OK.
- Press the letter D to reset the Color Chips to the default of black over white.

Create the Pattern Swatch

- Get the Rectangular Marquee Tool.
- In the Tool Options, set Feather to zero pixels and Aspect to Fixed Size. (**Photoshop:** set the Style to Fixed Size. Enter 30 pixels for the Width and 100 pixels for the height.)
- On your Document, right in the middle on the crosshairs of your guidelines, click and hold with your mouse and then press the Alt key (Mac: Option key). This will snap the selection to the center.
- Press Alt Backspace (Mac: Option Delete) to fill the selection with Black.
- Press Ctrl D or Cmd D to deselect.
- Press Control J (Mac: Command J) to duplicate the layer.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Filter > Other > Offset. Set Horizontal and Vertical to 50 pixels and Undefined Areas to Wrap Around and press OK.

- Basically, when using the Offset Filter you want this number to be half the size of your document. Our document is 100 pixels x 100 pixels so half would be 50 pixels. It makes it much easier if you start out with an even number of pixels when you create your document.

Save the Pattern Swatch

- Save the pattern swatch (Save as) as a PSD in an easy to find location.

Define the Pattern

- In the Menu bar, choose Edit > Define Pattern. In the dialog box, name the pattern Stripes1. Click OK.

Create the Overlay

- Create a new 12"x12" inch document (File > New > Blank File) at 300 ppi with a white background. (Photoshop: File > New)
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > New Fill layer > Pattern. Click OK. If your pattern doesn't show up right away, open the Pattern Picker and choose your newly created Stripe Pattern. Then click back on the Pattern Fill dialog box. Click Snap to Origin and select Link with Layer. Click OK.

Save your Overlay Document

- Save your Overlay (File > Save As) as a layered PSD in an easy to find location.

LICKETY SPLIT TIP:

Once you have created and saved your pattern overlay you can easily change the scale and position by double-clicking on the pattern thumbnail in the Layers panel. You can also change the pattern by opening the Pattern Picker and choosing a new pattern.

