



Lesson 4 : Basic Diagonal Stripes Transcript © Syndee Rogers

In this lesson we're going to expand on our basic striped pattern and create a fun diagonal version.

I'm filming this video in Photoshop Elements but the instructions are just the same in Adobe Photoshop and unless where noted.

Just like we did with the striped pattern I've created a new document that is 100 pixels by 100 pixels with a resolution of 300 pixels per inch and a transparent background. I've also added center guides to my document with both the horizontal and vertical position set to 50%. And I've made sure that View is still set to Snap To. I'm going to zoom in by pressing Ctrl + or Cmd + on a Mac, so that I can see what I'm doing. We'll want to make sure that our Color Chips are the default of black and white. And if not, go ahead and press the letter D to reset them.

Okay, let's get the line tool, it's nestled with the Shape tools. And in the Tool Options, we want to choose Create New Shape Layer. Choose No Arrowhead, and then set our Width to 40 pixels. If you're using Photoshop, in the Options Bar, choose Pixels, check the Anti Alias box and enter 40 pixels for the weight. To give us more room to create our diagonal line, grab the bottom right corner of your document window and drag down and out a bit, so that some of the area outside your document canvas is visible. Now, on your document click at the bottom left corner, hold down the Shift key and drag at a 45 degree angle up to the top right corner and let go. And let's press Simplify in the Tool Options to rasterize our shape. You won't need to do this if you're using Photoshop since we set it to Pixels.

We need to crop our image because the Offset Filter won't work if we don't. I'm guessing there are little pixels that are falling outside of the document and that's why. So press Ctrl A or Cmd A on a Mac to select the entire document. And then in the Menu Bar, choose Image Crop. Then press Ctrl D or Cmd D on a Mac to Deselect.

Next, we'll press Ctrl J or Cmd J on a Mac to duplicate the layer. In the Menu Bar, choose Filter > Other > Offset. Now in the dialog box, enter Horizontal 50 pixels right and Vertical 50 pixels down and the Defined Areas should be set to Wrap Around. And then click OK. Now this time we're going to merge our two layers together by pressing Ctrl E or Cmd E on a Mac.

Let's go ahead and save our Pattern swatch as a PSD. So in the Menu Bar, choose File > Save As, and I'll call this Basic Diagonal Stripes Pattern, then click Save. Next, we want to define our pattern, so let's go into the Menu Bar, and choose Edit > Define Pattern, in the Pattern dialog box, name the pattern Diagonal Stripes. Then click OK. We can go ahead and close the Pattern swatch.

Now it's time to create our pattern overlay, so we'll need to create a new 12 inch by 12 inch document at 300 pixels per inch with a white background. And now, in the Menu Bar, we want to choose Layer > New Fill Layer > Pattern, and click OK. Our diagonal Stripes should show up since we just defined the pattern. And just like our previous patterns, we can move the slider to reduce or enlarge the scale, and now click OK. And now we want to save our overlay, so go up to File > Save As, let's name this Basic Diagonal Stripes Overlay, and then click Save.

And that's it for this video. Join me in the next lesson where we'll create a chevron pattern. This has been Syndee Rogers with Passion for Paper.