CG2-SR-03-el-SnowGlobeCard-Details-manual

Christmas Greetings 2
Snow Globe Holiday It's in the Details (Photoshop Elements)
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Learn a cool technique using a brush to add snowflakes and then we'll finish off the card with details to make it really shine!

Step One: Prepare the Workspace

- Open the Snow Globe Card document (File > Open) we created in Lesson 2.
- Open the MintStripe-Paper-CG2-SyndeeRogers.jpg (File > Open)from the class downloads.
- Install the brushes CG2-SnowGlobe-Brushes-SyndeeRogers.abr from the class downloads.

Install the Class Brushes
- Begin in Expert Mode of Photoshop Elements.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Edit > Presets Manager.
- In the dialog box, click on the dropdown menu and choose Brushes. Click Add.
- Navigate to the CG2-SR-SnowGlobe-Downloads folder, then click to open the folder. Click on the CG2-SnowGlobe-Brushes-SyndeeRogers.abr file and click Open.

Step Two: Add a Paper to the Snow Globe Base

- Get the Move tool.
- Activate the snow globe card document.
- In the Layers panel, activate the snow globe base
- Activate the MintStripe-Paper-CG2-SyndeeRogers.jpg.
- On the document, hold down the Shift key and click and drag the paper over on top of you snow globe base.
- Press Ctrl Alt G or (Mac:Cmd Option G) to clip the layers together.

Step Three: Add the Snowflakes

- In the Layers panel, activate the globe layer.
- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker and choose white.
- Get the Brush tool.
- In the Tool Options, open the Brush Picker and choose a snow brush from CG2-SnowGlobe-Brushes-SyndeeRogers.abr,
- Set the Size to 140 px, the Mode to Normal, and the Opacity to 100%.
- In the Layers panel, hold down the Ctrl or Cmd key on a Mac and click on the thumbnail of the globe shape layer to get a selection outline.

- Click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- On the document, click and brush the Snow to fill the globe with snowflakes.

- In the Menu Bar, choose Select > Deselect.
- In the Layers panel, click and drag the snowflake layer up above the pink tree layer.

Step Four: Add Embellishments and Word Art

- Open (File > Open) embellishments and word art from the CG2-SR-SnowGlobe-Downloads folder.
- Get the Move tool.
- Activate the wordart-Merry-CG2-SyndeeRogers.png word art document.
- On the document, hold down the Shift key and click and drag over onto your snow globe card document.
- On the snow globe card document, click and move into position using the card below as a reference.
- Follow the previous instructions to add the other elements to the card.

To resize the word art or embellishments,
- Press Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) to get the Transform options. Click and drag on the corner handles of the bounding box to resize. Click and drag inside the bounding box to reposition. Click OK to commit the changes.

Step Five: Add a Stroke Outline to the Card (Optional)

- In the Layers panel, activate the Background layer.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Select > All.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Edit > Stoke (Outline) Selection.
- In the dialog box, set the Width to 20 px, the Location to Inside, the Blend Mode to Normal, and the Opacity to 100%. Click on the Color Chip and choose a color. I used Hex Code #fcdedc.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Select > Deselect.

Step Six: Save the Card Document

- Save your card document (File > Save) as a psd file.

Make your card work overtime by transforming it into a scrapbook page.

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