**Christmas Greetings 2**
**Cable Knit Mitten – Photoshop Elements**
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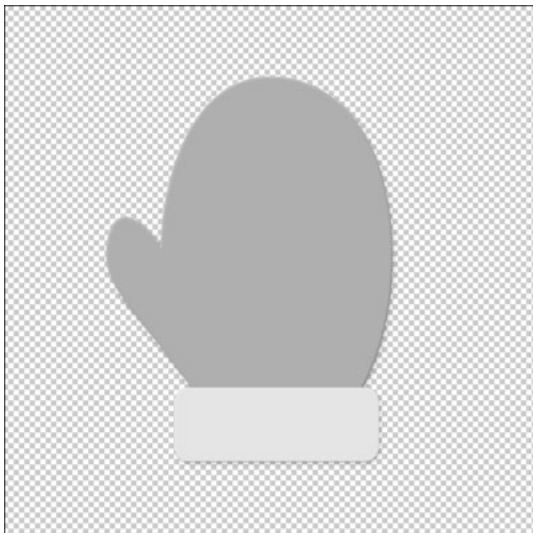
Turn a mitten into a knit looking element using the cable sweater pattern we created in the first video.
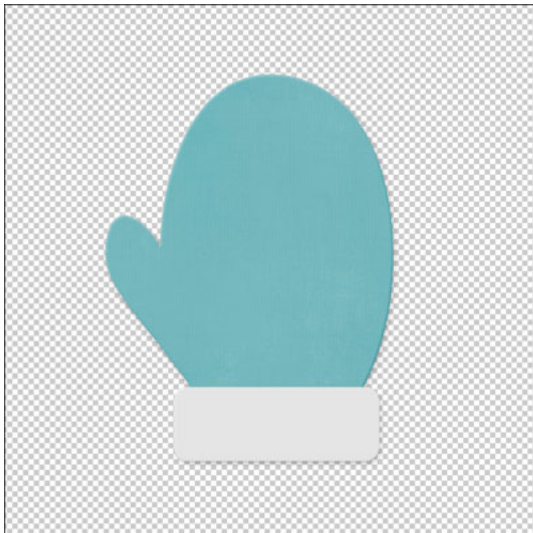
## Step One: Prepare the Workspace

- Make sure you have downloaded and unzipped the files for this lesson.
- Open (File > Open) the Mitten layered PSD file.
- In the Menu Bar, choose File > Duplicate. Click OK.
- Close the original Mitten PSD file.
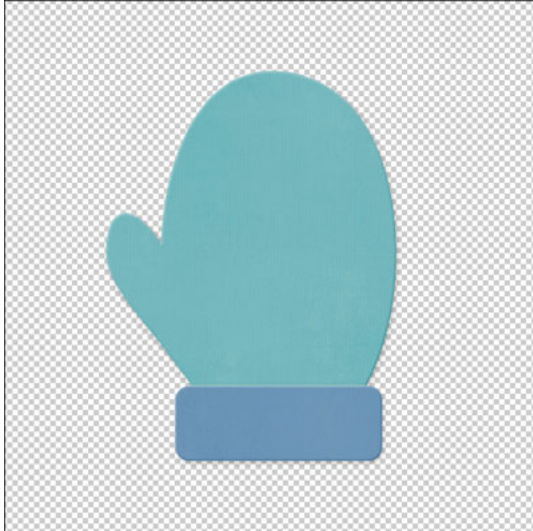
## Step Two: Customize the Mitten

NOTE: 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'm using 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 hat and mitten need to be not too light or too dark. A medium shade of any color should work well for adding the cable pattern.

- Open (File > Open) the papersolid4-ChristmasLights-Julie-Billingsly.jpg paper or another paper you wish to use.
- Get the Move tool.
- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the paper onto your mitten document.
- 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 Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) 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 document boundaries, do the following:
- Press Ctrl 0 (Mac: Cmd 0) to resize the document to fit.
- 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.
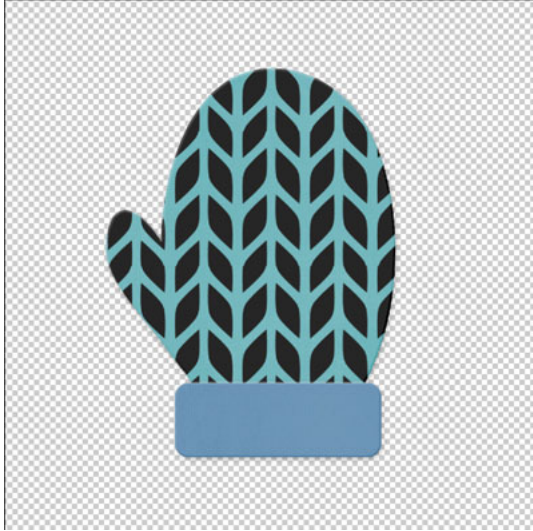- Click the checkmark to commit.



- 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.
- Open the papersolid6-ChristmasLights-JulieBillingsly.jpg paper or another paper you wish to use.

- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the paper onto the Mitten document.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Create Clipping Mask.
- Repeat the same resizing steps from the first paper here.
- Once your done resizing the paper smaller, Press Ctrl + (Mac: Cmd +) a few times to get your document back up to size.
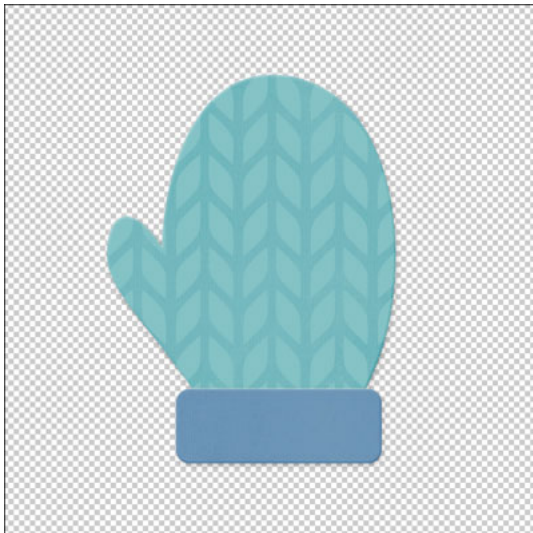


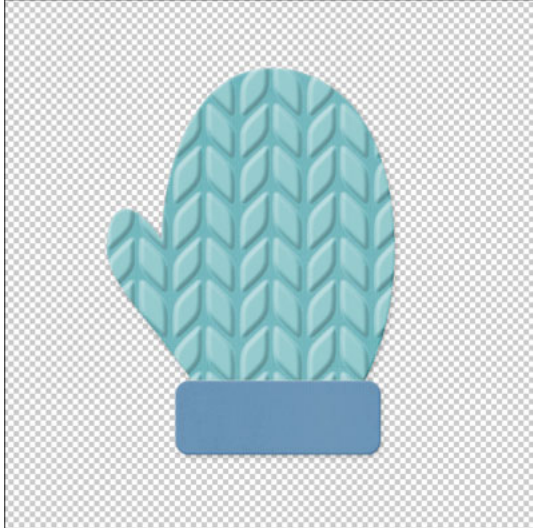## Step Three: Add the Cable Sweater Pattern

- Now, 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 defined in the last video. If it's not, click to open the Pattern Picker and choose the Cable Sweater Pattern.
- Set the Scale to 150%, check Link with Layer and click OK.
- In the Layers panel, Right click (Mac: Ctrl click) on the Name of the Pattern Fill layer and choose Simplify Layer.
- 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 Hex # is: 5ea3a9. Click OK.
- Press Shift Alt Backspace (Mac: Shift Opt Delete) 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.
- Go to the Styles panel.
- Click on the Styles panel Menu icon and choose Load Styles.
- Navigate to the CG2-JJ-Cable-Sweater-Emboss-Layer-Style.asl file and click OK.
- In the Layers panel, make sure the Pattern fill layer is still the active layer.
- In the Styles panel, click once on the cable sweater emboss layer style.

## Step Four: Save As

- 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 is as a flat PNG file and name it Cable Knit Mitten.PNG.

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Papers: Christmas Lights by Julie Billingsly
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