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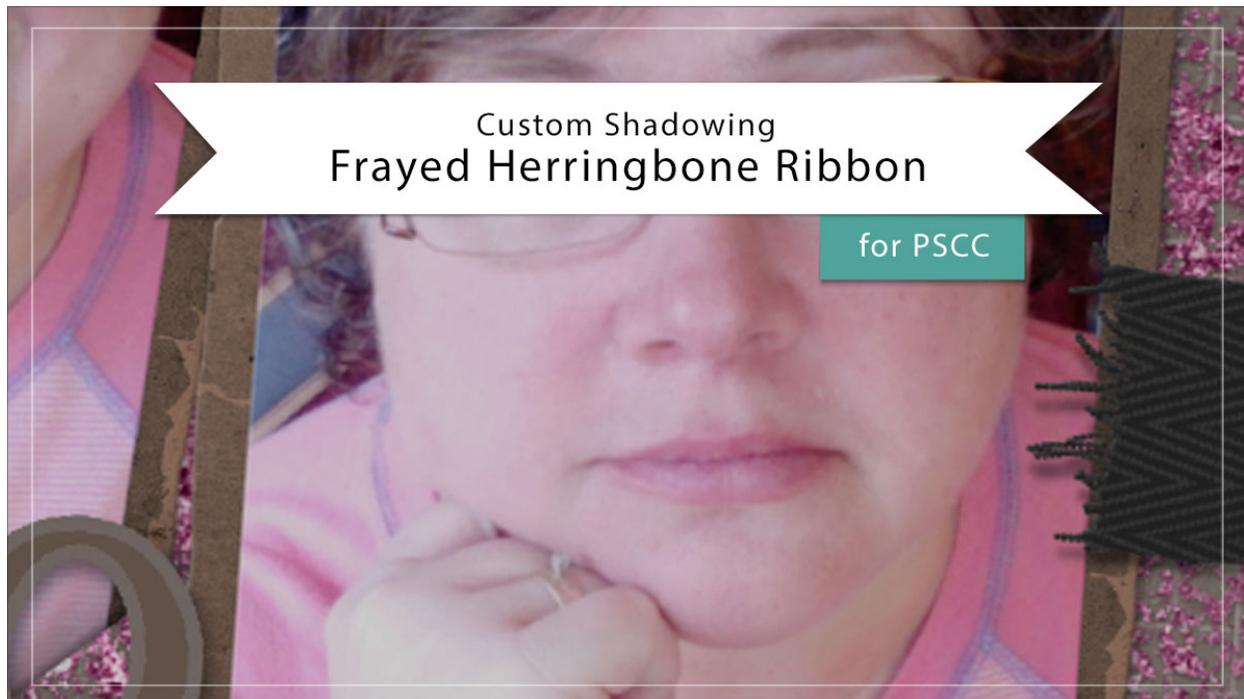
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Custom Shadowing Lesson 8: Frayed Herringbone Ribbon for Adobe Photoshop
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Custom shadowing on a ribbon can make a big impact. In this video, I'll show you how to add a custom shadow to the Frayed Herringbone Ribbon from Lesson 8 of Mastery 2.

Begin in Adobe Photoshop by opening a document that contains the Frayed Herringbone Ribbon group from a Lesson 8. I'm wanting to add a custom shadow to the ribbon on the right side of this page. I know this is the correct group because if I click on the Visibility icon of that group, it will turn on and off. Click on the arrow of that group to open it, and then scroll down until you see the Ribbon Template group. Click on the arrow beside the Effects icon to twirl that open, and temporarily click and drag the Bevel and Emboss style down to a different layer. Now only the Drop Shadow style is left. Right click Windows, or Ctrl click on a Mac, on the word Drop Shadow and choose Create Layer. Now Click and drag the bevel from the temporary holding place back up to the Ribbon Template group.

And then, click on the Drop Shadow layer to activate it. Get this Smudge Tool, and in the Tool Options you'll need a soft round brush. You can find one in the General Brushes or the Legacy Brushes. The Mode should be set to Normal, the Strength to around 50%, Sample All

Layers should be unchecked and Finger Painting should be unchecked.

Then you'll want to zoom into the area that you're working on. To do that, hold down the letter Z and I'll click here at the end of that ribbon several times to zoom in. Next, hover your cursor over the end of the ribbon so you can see the size of the brush. Then press the Left or the Right Bracket key to make the brush about the same size as the ribbon. Then on the document, click in the center of the frays and drag slightly straight down. Notice how the shadow on the left side of the ribbon went down, but the shadow over here on the right edge, where the ribbon travels off the page, did not go down, it stayed up. This will give your herringbone ribbon a custom shadowed look. When you're finished smudging the ribbon, in the Layers panel, go up and click on the arrow of the Frayed Herringbone Ribbon group to close it.

So that's how you add a custom shadow to the Frayed Herringbone Ribbon for lesson 8 of Mastery 2. This has been Jen White with Digital Scrapbooking Mastery.