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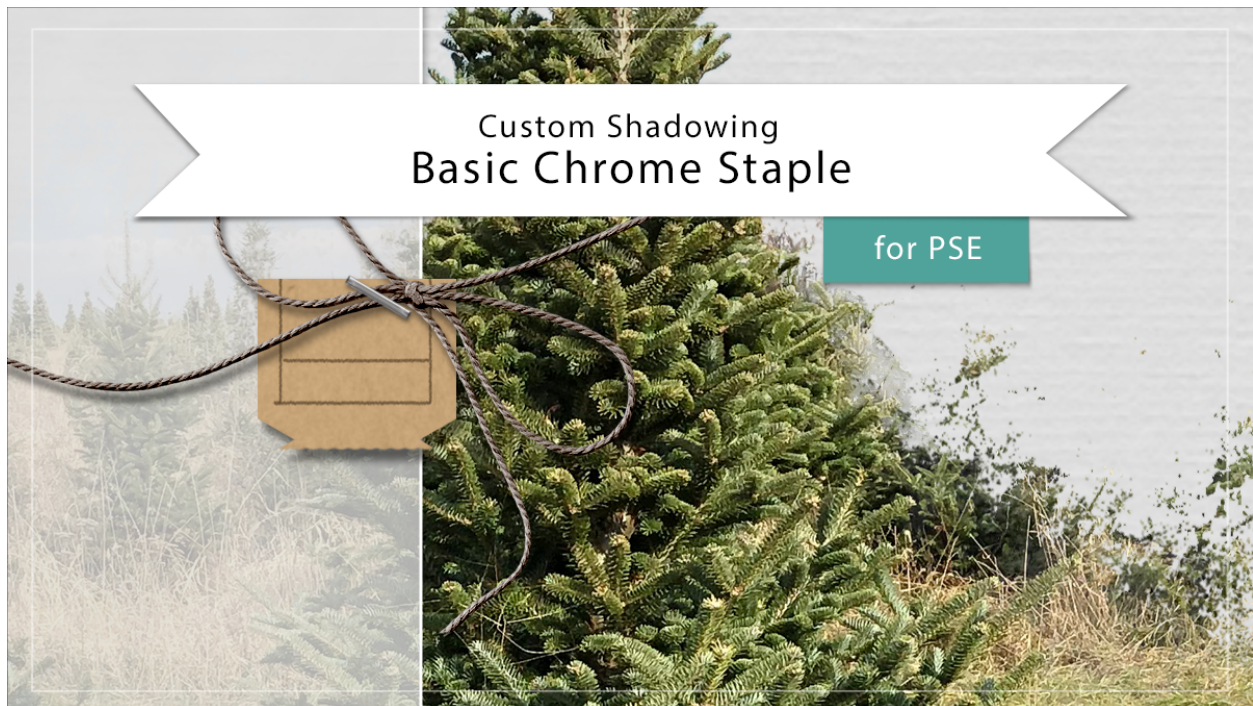

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Shadowing Lesson 11: Basic Chrome Staple for PSE
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Staples on a scrapbook page do not always need a custom shadow, but adding one can give the staple a unique look. In this video, I'll show you how to add a custom shadow to the basic chrome staple that we created in lesson 11.

Here in Expert Mode of Photoshop Elements, I have opened my completed scrapbook page. And in the Layers panel, the Basic Chrome Staple group is active. First I'm going to zoom into the staple, which is located above my ticket. So I'll press the letter Z to get the Zoom tool. And then, click several times on that ticket to zoom in. My staple is currently tacking down this bow. So I'm going to go ahead and hide the bow for the purpose of this video. In the Layers panel, click on the arrow to twirl open the group of the basic chrome staple. And there you should find the effect that has been applied to the staple. Click and drag the Effect to the Trash. Then click on the staple layer to activate it. Next, open the Actions panel and navigate to the custom shadow action. Then, click the Play icon. Click stop to close the dialog box and return to the Layers panel.

We now have the Smudge tool. Open the Tool Options and make sure that the Mode is Normal and you have a Soft Round brush. If you're not sure, open the drop down menu and choose Default Brushes. Then scroll down and choose a Soft Round brush. The Strength of the brush should be no more than 50% and Sample All Layers and Finger Painting should both be unchecked. Now on the document, hover your cursor over the staple so that you can

see the size of the brush. Use the Left or the Right bracket key to make the size of the brush about half as big as the staple. Then with the Custom Shadow layer as the active layer, click and push the shadow underneath the staple just in the middle section. You may have to do both sides. Then hover your cursor over the end of the staple and click and drag down and to the right a little bit. Do the same thing with the other side of the staple. Notice how that shadow gives the staple a slightly different look. When finished, close up that group, and then I'll turn my bow back on. And don't forget to save your scrapbook page. So that's how to add a custom shadow to the basic chrome staple that we created in lesson 11. This has been Jen White with Digital Scrapbooking Mastery.