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Christmas Greetings 2

Snow Globe Card Base and Globe (Photoshop Elements)

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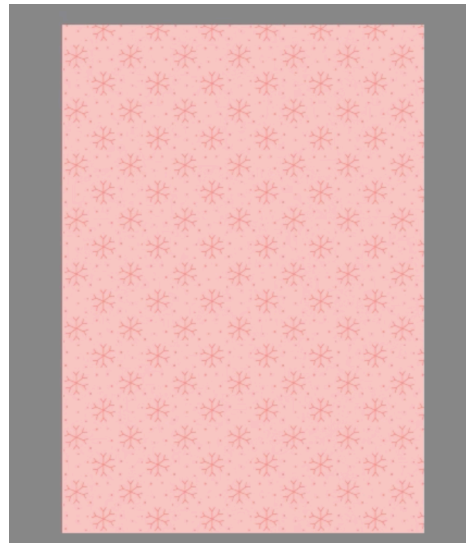
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In this lesson we'll modify basic shapes to create a whimsical snow globe including a snow drift, that's sure to stand out.

- Create a new 5 x 7 inch document (File > New > Blank File) at 300 ppi with a transparent background.
- Open the Pink snowflake paper Snowflake-Paper-CG2-SyndeeRogers.jpg (File > Open) that's included in the class download.
- Press the letter D to reset the Chips to the default of black over white.

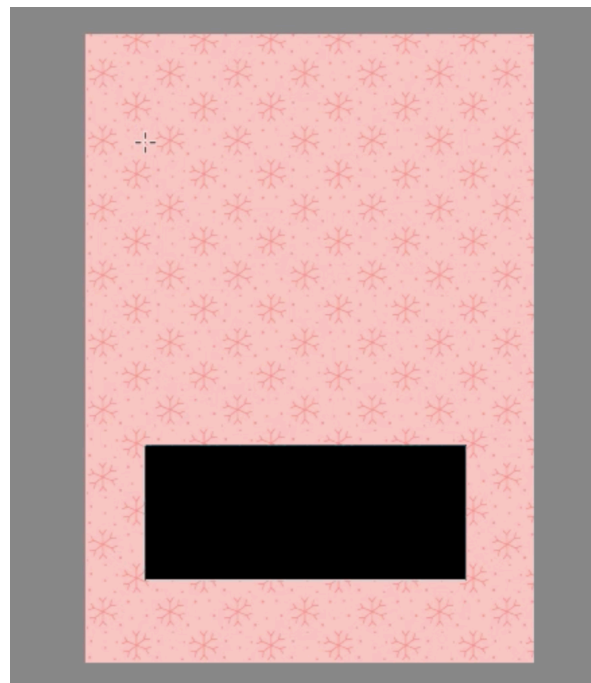
Step One: Add the Background Paper

- Get the Move tool and
- Activate the Snowflake-Paper-CG2-SyndeeRogers.jpg document and then holding down the Shift key, click and drag over to your blank card document.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Lock icon of the snowflake paper layer to keep it in place.
- In the Layers panel, click on Layer 1 and drag to the trash.

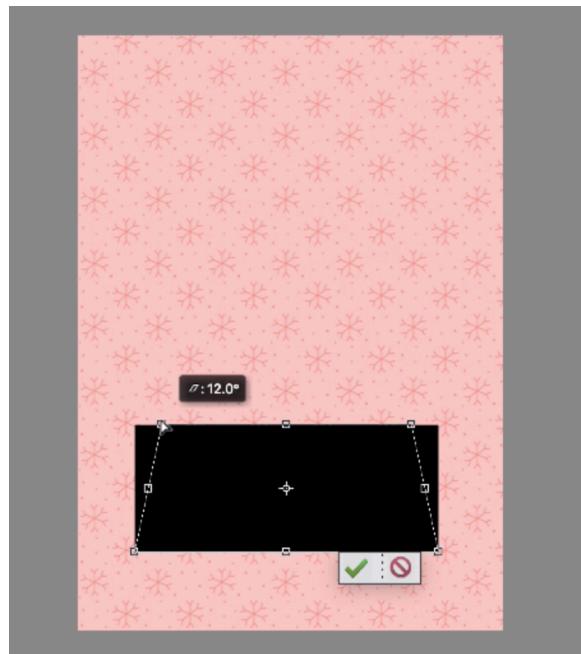


Step Two: Create the Snow Globe Base

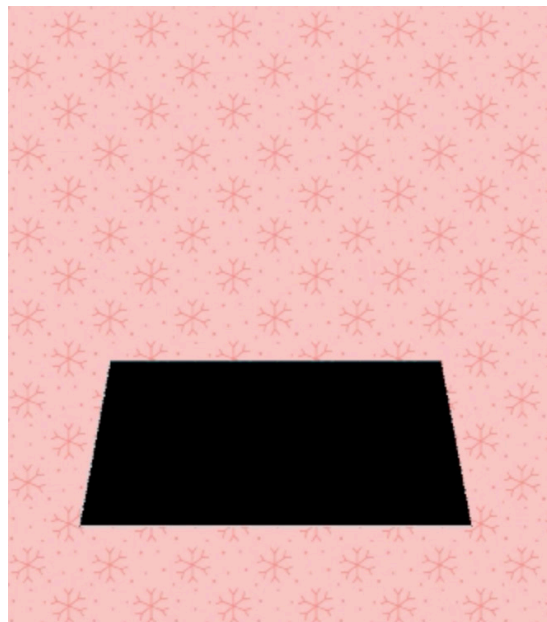
- Get the Rectangle tool.
- In the Tool Options, set the Style to None. Open the Geometry Options, and choose Fixed Size, set the Width to 3.57 inches and the Height to 1.5 inches. Click on the Create New Shape Layer icon.
- On the document, about 3 quarters of the way down and in the center, click and drag slightly to create the shape.



- In the Menu Bar, choose Image > Transform Shape > Perspective .
- On the document, click on the top left corner handle of the bounding box and drag inward. Click the checkmark to commit.

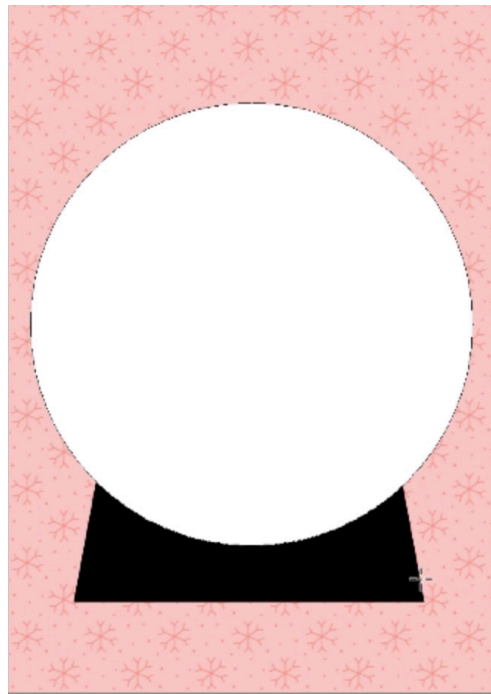


- A dialog box will pop up and tell us that this Operation will turn a Live Shape into a Regular Path. Click Yes.

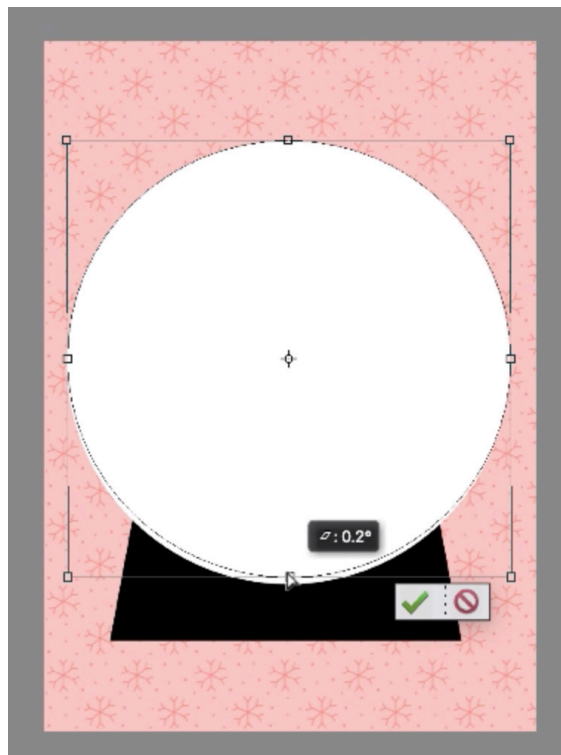


Step Three: Create the Globe

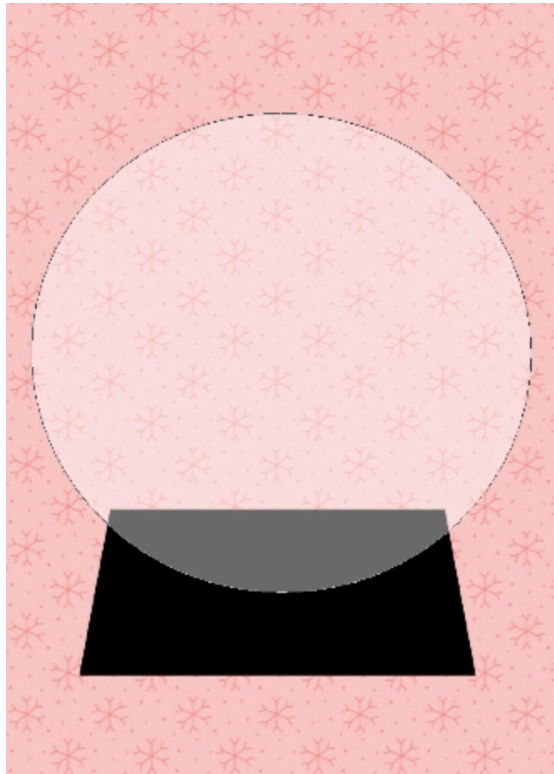
- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- Get the Ellipse tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the Color Chip and choose white. Set the Style to None, open the Geometry Options, and choose Fixed Size set both the Width and Height to 4.5 inches. Click on the Create New Shape Layer icon.
- On the document, right on top of and overlapping the snow globe base, click and drag slightly to create the shape.



- In the Menu Bar, choose Image > Transform Shape > Distort.
- On the document, click and drag the center handle at the bottom of the bounding box upwards a bit to distort the shape. Click the checkmark to commit.

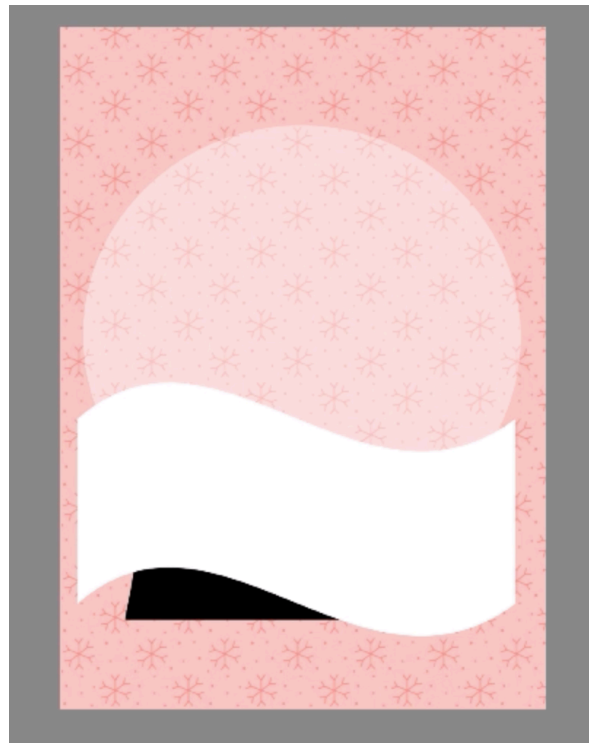


- A dialog box will pop up and tell us that this Operation will turn a Live Shape into a Regular Path. Click Yes.
- In the Layers panel, lower the Opacity of the globe shape to 42%.

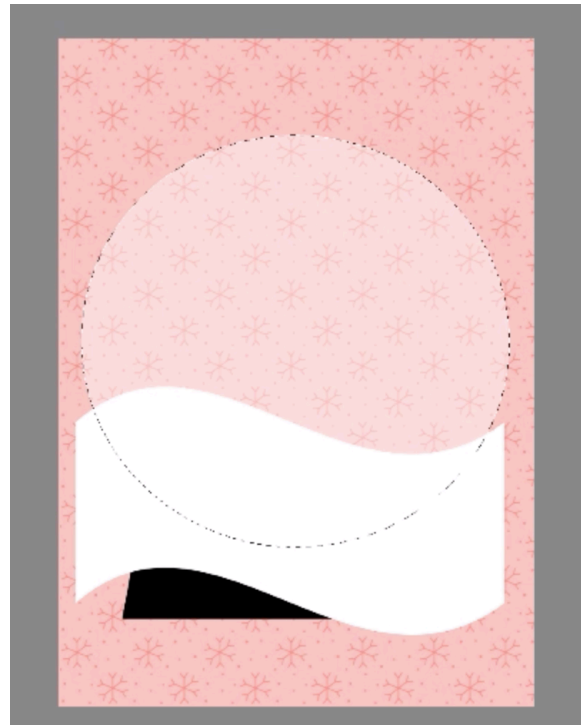


Step Four: Add the Snow Drift

- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- Get the Custom Shape tool.
- In the Tool Options, open the Shape Picker and choose the Flag shape which lives in the Banners and Awards shapes.
- In the Tool Options, set the Style to None, open the Geometry Options, and choose Fixed Size, set the Width to 4.5 inches and the Height to 2.6 inches. Click on the Create New Shape Layer icon.
- On the document, on the bottom third of the globe, click and drag slightly to create the flag shape.
- In the Layers panel, change the opacity to 100%
- In the Tool Options, click Simplify.



- 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.

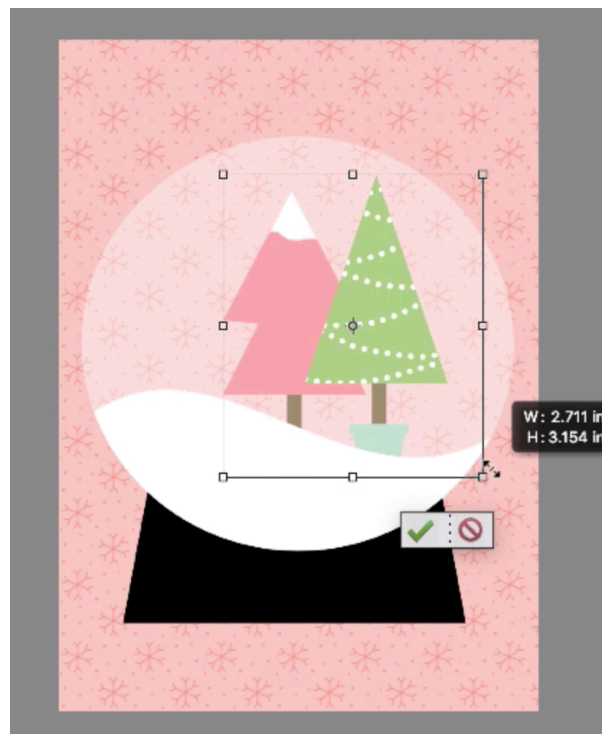


- Make sure the flag layer is activated.
- In the Menu Bar, and choose Select > Inverse.
- Press the Backspace key or the (Mac: Delete key) to delete the areas outside of the selection.

- In the Menu Bar, choose Select > Deselect.
- In the Layers panel, Activate the globe shape layer.

Step Five: Add the Holiday Trees

- Open the holiday trees document from our last lesson.
- Get the Move tool.
- In the Layers panel, click on the top layer activate it, then holding down the Shift key, click on the bottom layer. All the layers should be active.
- Click on a Link icons of one of the unlinked layers to link them all together. This will keep the layers together while moving the trees.
- On the document, click and drag the trees over on top of your snow globe.
- On the card document, click and drag on the corner handles of the bounding box of the trees to resize.
- Click and drag inside the bounding box to reposition. Click OK to commit the changes.



Step Six: Save the Card Document

- Save your card document (File > Save As) as a psd file. I would suggest naming it Snow globe card.

