



Brushability Masks - Vintage Mask BONUS Lesson

Lesson 6: Layer Mask Magic Manual (Photoshop Elements and Adobe Photoshop)

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In this final lesson of this class I'll show you two methods of clipping a photo to the Vintage Mask brush from Section 4.

This lesson was filmed in Photoshop Elements, but the instructions are the same for Adobe Photoshop unless where noted.

Step One: Prepare Your Workspace

- Begin in Expert Mode of Photoshop Elements or Adobe Photoshop by creating a 12 x 12 inch document at 300 ppi with a white background.
- Open a photo (File > Open) to clip to the mask.



Step Two: Stamp the Mask Brush

- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- Get the Brush tool.
- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker, and hover over your photo document until you see the eyedropper. Then click to grab a color. Click OK.
- In the Tool Options, open the Brush Picker and choose your Vintage Brush (BRM-VintageBrush). Set the Size to 2500 px, the Mode to Normal and the Opacity to 100%. (**PS:** Set the Size to 2500 px, the Mode to Normal, the Opacity and Flow to 100% and the Smoothing to 0.)
- On your document, click and stamp once in the center of your page. (Do not drag)



Step Three: Clip a Photo to the Mask

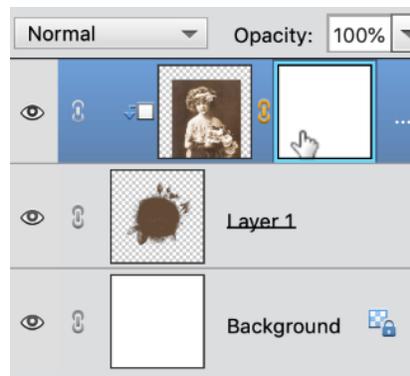
- Get the Move tool.
- Activate the photo, and holding down the Shift key, click and drag over on top of the mask on your document.
- Press Alt Ctrl G (Mac: Opt Cmd G) to clip the photo to your mask.
- Click inside the bounding box to reposition your photo if necessary.



You can leave the clipped photo and mask as is, or we can allow more of the mask details to be visible using a layer mask. Layer masks are a great way to hide portions of a layer such as a photo and reveal the layer below, all in a non-destructive way.

Step Four: Create a Layer Mask

- Get the Brush tool.
- In the Tool Options, open the Brush Picker, choose the texture brush we created in Section 2, Lesson 1 Heart Mask Base (BRM-02-01-Texture). Set the Size to 400 px, the Opacity to 50% and the Mode to Normal. (**PS:** Set the Size to 400 px, the Mode to Normal, the Opacity and Flow to 50% and the Smoothing to 0.)
- In the Layers panel, click on the Add Layer Mask icon.
- Click on the white layer mask thumbnail to make sure it's active.



- On your document, click and drag with your brush to hide the areas of the photo that are clipped to the roses and leaves.



NOTE: When using layer masks remember that black hides and white reveals.

- If you hide too much of your photo, press the letter X to swap your Color Chips so that white is now your Foreground color.
- Click and drag with your brush to add areas of your photo back in.



So easy and since it's non-destructive you don't have worry about ruining your photo.