



Digital Scrapper Quick Tip, Styles

## Choosing the Right Position for Your Stroke Style

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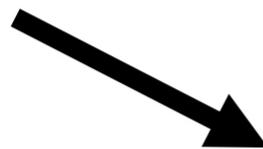
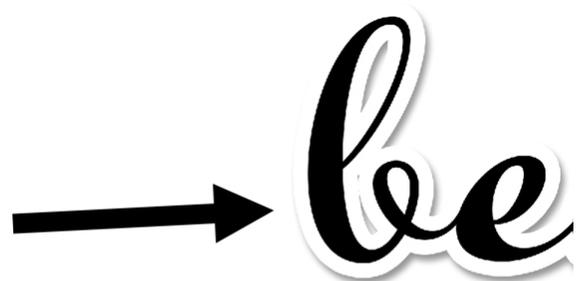
Choose the right position (Inside or Outside) for your stroke style based on what you're applying the stroke to.

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For both Photoshop Elements and Adobe Photoshop

### Quick Tips for Using a Stroke Style

- Set the Position of your stroke to **OUTSIDE**:
  - When working with type or flat element layers.
  - To apply a sticker look to your layer.
  - To get nice rounded edges.
- Set the Position of your stroke to **INSIDE**:
  - When working with photo or photo mask layers.
  - To apply a vintage or matted look to your photo.
  - To get nice, crisp corners.



### **How to Add an OUTSIDE Sticker Stroke Style**

- In the Layers panel, click on a type or flat element layer to activate it.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Layer Style > Style Settings (PS: Stroke).
- In the dialog box, click on Stroke to activate it and reveal the settings. Set the Size to 30. Click on the Color Chip to open the Color Picker.
- In the Color Picker, choose white and click OK.
- In the dialog box, set the Position to Outside and the Opacity to 100. (PS: Also set the Blend Mode to Normal and the Fill Type to Color.) Click OK.

TIP: Sticker strokes are generally white with a size of 20-30 px.

### **How to Add an INSIDE Photo Stroke Style**

- In the Layers panel, click on a photo or photo mask layer to activate it.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Layer Style > Style Settings (PS: Stroke).
- In the dialog box, click on Stroke to activate it and reveal the settings. Set the Size to 30. Click on the Color Chip to open the Color Picker.
- In the Color Picker, choose white and click OK.
- In the dialog box, set the Position to Inside and the Opacity to 100. (PS: Also set the Blend Mode to Normal and the Fill Type to Color.) Click OK.

TIP: Photo strokes are generally white with a size of 20-30 px.

### **How to Add a Drop Shadow Style to an INSIDE Photo Stroke Style**

- In the Layers panel, double click on the effects icon (FX) of the stroked layer to open the dialog box.
- Click on Drop Shadow to activate it and reveal the settings. Set the Angle to 120. Set the Size to 14, the Distance to 14, and the Opacity to 40. (PS: Also set the Blend Mode to Multiply. Click OK.

### **How to Add a Drop Shadow Style to an OUTSIDE Sticker Stroke Style**

- Add an Outside Sticker Stroke to a layer.
- In the Layers panel, click and drag the stroked layer to the Create a New Group icon.
- Add a drop shadow to the group.