Lesson 4 : Basic Diagonal Stripes Manual © Syndee Rogers

This video was filmed in Photoshop Elements but the instructions are just the same in Adobe Photoshop unless where noted.

Prepare the Workspace

- In the Menu Bar, choose View > Snap to > Guides.
- Get Move tool, and in the Tool Options, check Auto Select Layer and Show Bounding Box. (PS: Check Auto-Select Layer and Show Transform Controls.
- Press the letter D to reset the Color Chips to the default of black over white.

Create the Pattern Swatch

- Create a new document (File > New > Blank File) that is 100px x 100px at 300ppi with a transparent background. Click OK. (**Photoshop:** File > New)
- In the Menu Bar, choose View > New Guide, and were going to set Vertical to 50%. Click OK.
- Go back up to View > New Guide and let's set Horizontal to 50 percent. Click OK.
- Zoom in by pressing Ctrl + (Mac: Cmd +)
- Get the Line tool, it's nested with the Shape tools.
- In the Tool Options, click Create New Shape Layer, open the Settings and choose No Arrow Head. Set width to 40 pixels.
  (**Photoshop:** In the Options Bar, choose Pixels, check the Anti-alias box, and enter 40 pixels for the weight.)
- To give us more room to work, grab the bottom right corner of the document window and drag down and out a bit, so that some of the area outside your document canvas is visible.
- On your document, click at the bottom left corner, hold down the Shift key and drag at a 45 degree angle up to the top right corner and let go.

- In the Tool Options, press Simplify to rasterize the Shape. You wont need to do this if you are using Photoshop since we set it to Pixels.
- Press Ctrl A (Mac: Cmd A) to select the entire document.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Image > Crop.
- Press Ctrl D or (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.
- Press Ctrl J or (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the layer.
- In the Menu Bar choose Filter > Other > Offset. In the dialog box, set Horizontal to 50px right and Vertical to 50px down and the defined areas to Wrap Around. Click OK.
- Press Ctrl E (Mac: Cmd E) to merge the two layers together.

Save the Pattern Swatch

- In the Menu Bar, choose File > Save As and Navigate to a folder where you want to save it and give it a name, save it as a psd. Click save.

Define the Pattern

- In the Menu bar, choose Edit > Define Pattern. In the dialog box, name the pattern Diagonal Stripes 1. Click OK.
- Close the Pattern swatch.

Create the Dot Overlay

- In the Menu Bar choose File > New > Blank File. Set the width and height to 12 inches with a resolution of 300ppi and a white background. Click OK. (**Photoshop:** File > New)
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > New Fill layer > Pattern. Click OK.
- If your pattern doesn't show up right away, open the Pattern Picker and choose your newly created Diagonal Stripes pattern. Click Snap to Origin and select the Link with Layer option. Click OK.

Save Your Document

- Save the Diagonal Stripes overlay (File > Save as) as a layered psd in an easy to find location.