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Digital Scrapbooking Mastery, No. 2

Custom Shadowing Lesson 11: Corrugated Whimsical Heart for Photoshop Elements

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I'm not planning to add a custom shadow to the corrugated heart on my Mastery 2 scrapbook page, but there will be times when I will want to add a custom shadow to the heart on a different project..

NOTE: I recommend saving all custom shadowing work until after you've completed your scrapbook page.

- Begin in Expert Mode of Photoshop Elements.
- Open a document (File > Open) that contains the Corrugated Whimsical Heart group from Lesson 11 of Mastery 2.
- In the Layers panel, click and drag the effect (style) of the Corrugated Whimsical Heart group to the Trash icon.
- Click on the arrow of the Corrugated Whimsical Heart group to open it.
- Holding down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) click on the thumbnail of the Corrugation layer to get a selection outline.

- Hold down Shift Ctrl (Mac: Shift Cmd) and click on the thumbnail of the Heart layer to add to the selection.
- Click on the Heart layer to activate it.
- In the Actions panel (Window > Actions), click on the arrow to open the Custom Shadow Action folder that you downloaded at the beginning of this section. Click on the arrow to open the Custom Shadow Black 50% action to reveal the tasks. Click on the Make Layer task. Click on the Play icon.
- In the dialog box, click Stop.
- In the Smudge Tool Tool Options, open the Brush Picker and choose a Soft Round brush from the Default Brushes. Set the Mode to Normal and the Strength to 50%. Uncheck Sample All Layers and Finger Painting.
- On the document, hover your cursor over the heart. Press the Left or Right Bracket key to make the size of the brush about the same size as the heart.
- On the document, slightly click and pull the shadow outward from the middle of the heart. See the image below.
- In the Actions panel, click on the arrow to close the Custom Shadow Black 50% action and click on the arrow to close the Custom Shadow Action folder.
- In the Layers panel, click on the arrow of the Corrugated Whimsical Heart group to close it.
- Save the document (File > Save).

