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Digital Scrapbooking Mastery, No. 2

Lesson 10: Round Speckled Fastener for Photoshop Elements Manual © 2019 Jen White

Every good classically styled scrapbook page needs a fastener or two to make things stay put, and the page we're creating in Mastery 2 is no exception. In this lesson you'll enjoy exploring the fine details that make a brad-style fastener cute enough to adorn any scrapbook page or other digital project.

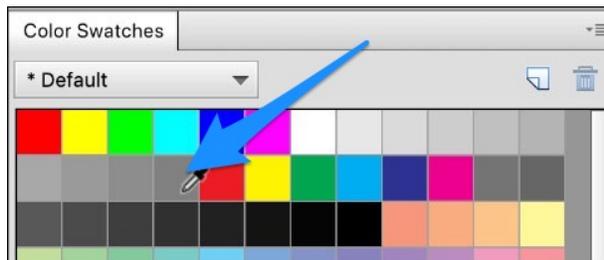
- Begin in Expert Mode of Photoshop Elements.
- Open the document (File > Open) you ended with in Lesson 9.
- In the Menu Bar, choose View and place a checkmark next to Rulers to turn them on.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Visibility icon of all existing groups to hide them.
- Click on the top group to active it.
- Press the letter D to reset the Color Chips to the default of black over white.

Create the Fastener Shape

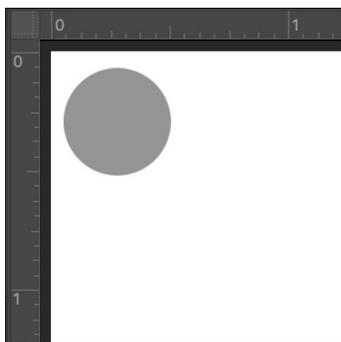
- Press Ctrl + (Mac: Cmd +) several times to zoom into the top left corner of the

document. To reposition the zoom, hold down the Space bar and click and drag on the document.

- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- Double click directly on the name of the new layer and rename it, Fastener.
- Get the Elliptical Marquee tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the New Selection icon. Set the Feather to 0 and the Aspect to Normal.
- On the document, hold down the Shift key and click and drag out a small circle approximately 0.5 inches in diameter. To reposition while dragging, press and hold the Space bar.
- In the Color Swatches panel, click on the 50% Gray swatch. There are two sets of gray swatches in the Default view of the Color Swatches panel. The 50% gray swatch is the last one in the first set. If you'd like to see the names of the swatches, open the flyout menu and choose Large List.



- Press Alt Backspace (Mac: Opt Delete) to fill the circle with gray.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.



Add a Layer Style

- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Layer Style > Style Settings.
- In the dialog box, set the Lighting Angle to 120. Click on Bevel. Set the the Size to 20 and the Direction to Up. Click OK.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Simplify Layer.

- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Layer Style > Style Settings.
- In the dialog box, set the Lighting Angle to 120. Click on Drop Shadow. Set the Size to 13, the Distance to 8, and the Opacity to 50. Click OK.



Add a Color

- In the Layers panel, click on the Add New Fill or Adjustment Layer icon and choose Solid Color.
- In the Color Picker, choose a color for the fastener, or choose a color from the Color Swatches panel. I'm using Hex #e9b9f1. Click OK to close the Color Picker.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Create Clipping Mask.
- In the Layers panel, set the Blend Mode to Color or Overlay, whichever one results in the best match of the color you want to show.



Add a Texture

- In the Layers panel, click on the Add New Fill or Adjustment Layer icon and choose Pattern.
- In the dialog box, open the Pattern Picker, open the dropdown menu, and choose Grayscale Paper. Choose Charcoal Flecks. Set the Scale to 200 and click OK.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Create Clipping Mask.
- In the Layers panel, set the Blend Mode to Multiply.



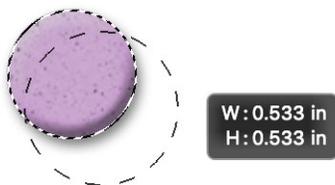
Adjust the Color (optional)

- In the Layers panel, double click on the thumbnail of the Color Fill layer to open the Color Picker.
- In the Color Picker, adjust the color and click OK.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Pattern Fill layer to activate it again.

NOTE: If you are wanting to use a very light color for your fastener, you'll find instructions for changing the color in the Altering video for this lesson.

Add a Reflection

- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- Double click directly on the name of the new layer and rename it, Reflection.
- Holding down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key), click on the thumbnail of the Fastener layer to get a selection outline.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Select > Feather.
- In the dialog box, set the Feather Radius to 10 px and click OK.
- Get the Elliptical Marquee tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the Subtract from Selection icon. Set the Feather to 10 and the Aspect to Normal.
- Press Ctrl + (Mac: Cmd +) to zoom into the document
- On the document, click and drag out a circle that it intersects the original selection and creates a quarter moon shape. Press the Space bar while dragging to reposition the circle.



- Press Ctrl Backspace (Mac: Cmd Delete) to fill the selection with white.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.
- Press Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) to get the Transform options.
- Click and drag on the corner handles of the bounding box to make the reflection fit inside the circle. Click the checkmark to commit.
- In the Layers panel, reduce the Opacity of the Reflection layer to taste. I'll set mine to 80.



Create a Group

- In the Layers panel, click on the Reflection layer to make it active.
- Hold down the Shift key and click on the Fastener layer. Now all the layers that make up the fastener should be active.
- Click on the Create a New Group icon.
- Double click directly on the name of the new group and rename it, Round Speckled Fastener.

Archiving This Lesson

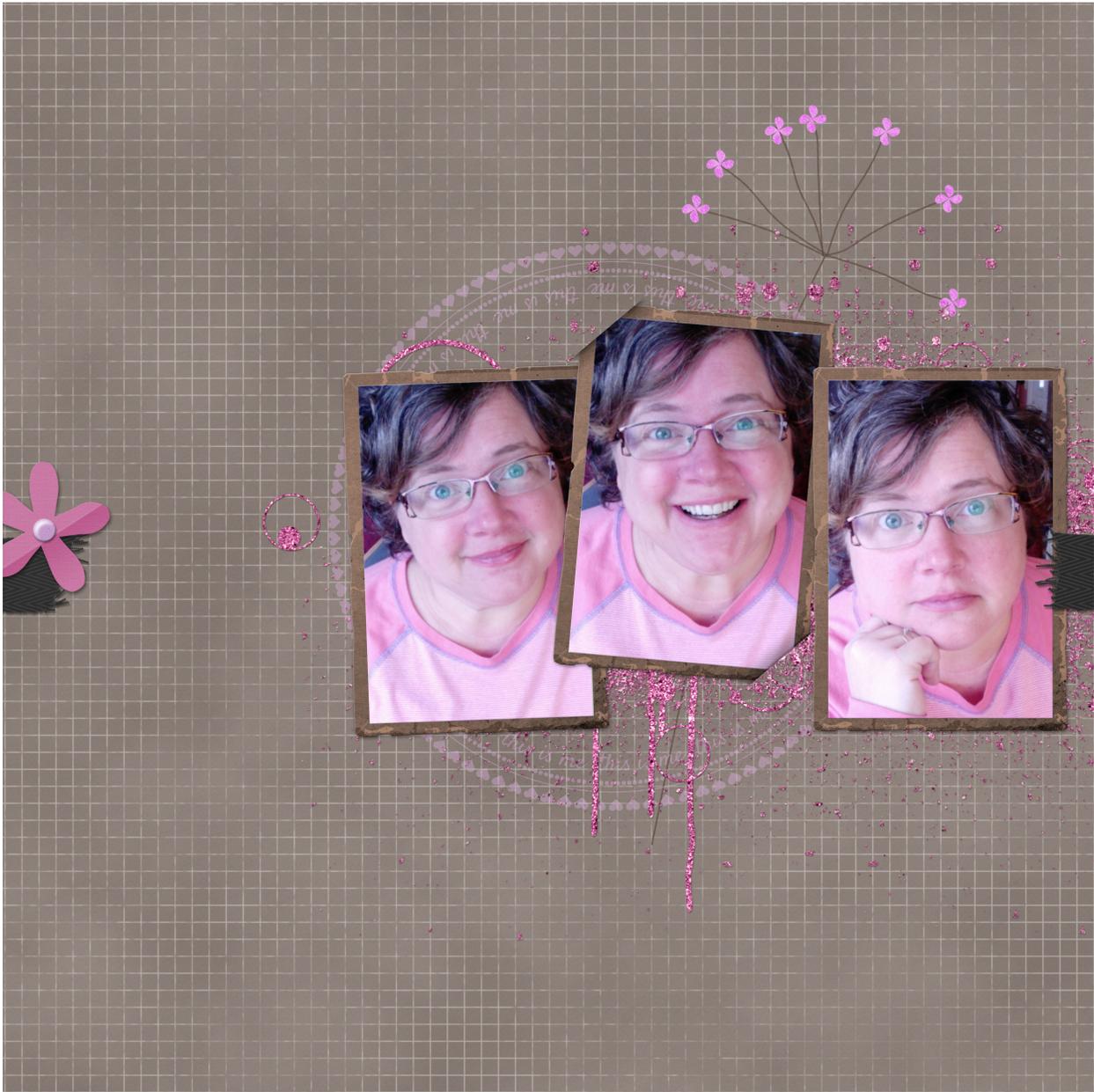
- To archive the flower and fastener for later use on another digital project, watch the coordinating lesson in the Archiving & Using section of this class.

Add the Flower and Fastener To Your Mastery2 Scrapbook Page

- In the Layers panel, click on the Visibility icon of the rest of the groups to reveal them.
- Press Ctrl 0 (Mac: Cmd 0) to fit the document to your viewing area.
- The Round Speckled Fastener group should be active.
- Get the Move tool. In the Tool Options, Auto Select Layer should be unchecked.
- On the document, click and drag the fastener to the middle of the flower.
- Press Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) to get the Transform options.
- On the document, hold down the Alt key (Mac: Opt key) and click and drag inward on a corner handle of the bounding box to resize the fastener to approximately 50% of its

size.

- Click the checkmark to commit.
- To fine-tune the placement of the fastener, press the Arrow keys.



Save the Document

- Save the document (File > Save).

Altering This Lesson

- To see tips and tricks for altering this lesson, watch the coordinating lesson in the Alterations section of this class.