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Scrap It Now
How to Flip, Rotate, Resize and Reposition the Templates
Transcript

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As I showed you in the welcome section of this class, flipping, rotating, resizing and repositioning the Scrap It Now template parts will increase the number of options you have to work with. Here's how to do that.

I'm beginning here with a duplicate copy of one of the templates from the Scrap It Now set. These instructions will be shown in Photoshop Elements, but the instructions are exactly the same for Adobe Photoshop except where noted. Best practice when working with the template parts is to not work with the background layer. So for this video we'll only be working with the parts.

First, let me show you how to activate layers. There are many ways to do this, but here are the ones that I use most. When using a template with many layers in the Layers panel, sometimes it's hard to figure out which layer in the panel corresponds with which layer on the template. So for that reason, the easiest way to make sure you get the layer you want on the first click, is to hold down the Ctrl key in Windows, or the Cmd key on a Mac, and on the document, click on the layer that you wished to activate. Each time I click holding down that key, I can activate a different layer on the document.

Now let's say you want to activate multiple layers. Again, hold down the Ctrl key, or the Cmd key on a Mac, click on one of the layers that you wish to activate, then hold down the Shift key along with the Ctrl or Cmd key, and click on any additional layers you wish to activate. Now you can see that these two layers of the template are activated over here in the Layers panel.

And, the third layer activation technique I'll show you is when you want to activate all the layers of the template. In the Layers panel, click on the top-most layer to activate it. Then, hold down the Shift key and click on the bottom-most layer to activate it. As I said before, for these tutorials, we will not be working with the background layer, so the background layer should not be active. To activate a layer all by itself again, simply click on it.

Okay. Now that you know how to activate the layers, let's move on to flipping, rotating,

resizing, and repositioning those layers. These instructions will work no matter how many layers you have active, but for the purpose of this tutorial, I will activate all the layers of this template, except the Background layer.

To flip the template pieces, first, activate the layers you wish to alter, then press Ctrl T, Cmd T on a Mac, to get the Transform options. On the document, Right click inside the bounding box, that's a Ctrl click if you're on a Mac, and then choose Flip Layer Horizontal or Flip Layer Vertical. If you're using Photoshop, this will say Flip Horizontal or Flip Vertical. I'll choose Flip Layer Horizontal and click the checkmark to commit.

To rotate the template parts, first, activate the layers you wish to alter, and again, press Ctrl T, Cmd T on a Mac, to get the Transform options. One option for rotating is to Right click, or Ctrl click on a Mac, inside the bounding box and choose one of the rotating options. Or, another way to rotate is to hover your cursor over a corner handle of the bounding box until you see the curve double-headed arrow and then click and drag to rotate. If you'd like to rotate in 15 degree increments, hold down the Shift key. Then when you're finished, click the checkmark to commit.

To resize the template pieces, first, activate the layers in the Layers panel that you wish to alter, and then on the document, click and drag on a corner handle of the bounding box to resize the template pieces. Then, click the checkmark to commit. I'll undo that last move and then I'll show you the final alteration.

To reposition the template parts, again, first in the Layers panel, activate the layers that you wish to reposition. Then on the document, click and drag inside the bounding box to move the layers into a different position.

So that's how to flip, rotate, resize, and reposition the Scrap It Now templates. This is Jen White with Scrap It Now.