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Scrap It Now
Tips for Adjusting and Changing the Scrap It Now Layer Style
Transcript

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Change the stroke outline and drop shadow of the photo clipping masks to best fit your scrapbook pages and your personal tastes. This video is being filmed in Expert Mode of Photoshop Elements, but the instructions are exactly the same for Adobe Photoshop except where noted.

I'm beginning here with a finished scrapbook page, but you could also begin with a duplicate copy of a template that contains a layer style. As a quick side note, complex photo masks like the one you see here should never have a style applied to them. All regular photo masks in the Scrap It Now template system come with a standard run of the mill layer style applied. The style includes a drop shadow and a white stroke outline.

To change the drop shadow of a photo clipping mask, in the Layers panel double click on the layer style of the layer that you'd like to change. In the dialog box, you'll want to alter the drop shadow settings. If you're using Photoshop, you'll need to click on Drop Shadow and then you can change the Size to anything that you wish. And then when you're satisfied, and click OK. I'll click Cancel.

And besides the drop shadow, know that you can also change the size of the stroke outline. Again, in the Layers panel, double click on the Effects icon of the layer that you wish to alter. In the dialog box will be working with the Stroke settings. So if you're using Photoshop, you'll need to click on Stroke to activate it. And in these settings, you can make the stroke Size smaller or you can make it larger. I'd recommend always keeping the Position set to Inside. If you'd like to change the color of the stroke outline to a different solid color other than white, click on the Color Chip. This will open the Color Picker, but to choose a color, click on your scrapbook page to sample a color, then click OK to close the Color Picker and your stroke will have a new color. If you'd rather have no stroke at all, you can simply uncheck the Stroke box and the stroke will disappear. When you're satisfied with the changes, click OK. I'll click Cancel to cancel those changes.

And finally, know that your Scrap It Now template system comes with a set of 15 Scrap It Now layer styles. These layer styles will give you many more options as you go about the

process of using your Scrap It Now templates. Let me show you how they work.

In the Layers panel, activate the photo clipping mask layer that you would like to alter. Then in the Styles panel, navigate to the Scrap It Now frame styles that are included in the download. If you don't see these frame styles in the Styles panel, you may need to reload them using the instructions provided in the classroom. So with your photo clipping mask layer active, all you need to do is to click on one of the layer styles to apply it. In Photoshop, you will need to navigate through the folder system that contains the files in the Styles panel. One of the nice things about using these styles is that you can continue clicking on a different style to find one that looks nice with your photos. But here's one thing to keep in mind. When you click on a layer style like this, it's going to override any layer style that you already had applied. So if you previously adjusted the size of the stroke or the size of the drop shadow, that's going to be overridden by the style that you are applying right now. But also know, that once you do apply one of the Scrap It Now layer styles, you can return to the Layers panel, double click on the Effects Icon of the active layer, and once again, change the size of the drop shadow or the size of the stroke.

So those are some tips and tricks for using the layer styles included with the Scrap It Now template system. This is Jen White with Scrap It Now.