



Christmas Greetings 2

Cable Knit Hat – Photoshop Elements

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Turn a hat into a knit looking element using the cable sweater pattern we created in the first video.

Step One: Prepare the Workspace

- Make sure you have downloaded and unzipped the files for this lesson.
- Open (File > Open) the Hat layered PSD file.
- In the Menu Bar, choose File > Duplicate. Click OK.
- Close the original Hat PSD file.

Step Two: Customize the Hat

NOTE: In the last lesson, we just finished customizing the mitten layered psd file. At this point, you're either using the papers provided in the downloads or you're using papers of your own. Remember, the paper you use for the main portion of the hat needs to be a medium color. Nothing too dark or too light so that the emboss layer style will work properly.

- In the Layers panel, click on the Hat Band layer so it's the active layer.
- Open (File > Open) the Solid 5 paper from the downloads or use a paper of your own.
- Get the Move tool.
- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the paper onto your hat document.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Create Clipping Mask.

- Depending on your program settings, your paper may need to be resized smaller. To find out, Press Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) to get the Transform options.
- If your Transform handles are at the document boundaries, you can skip the next part. If, however, your paper is so big you can't see the document boundaries, do the following:
- Press Ctrl 0 (Mac: Cmd 0) to resize the document to fit.
- Hold down the Alt key and click and drag from a corner handle to resize the paper smaller until the transform handles are just outside the document edge.
- Click the checkmark to commit.



- Don't resize your document just yet. We'll do that once we're done adding papers to this template.
- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the light blue paper layer.
- In the Layers panel, move the duplicated paper above the Hat Topper layer.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Create Clipping Mask.



- In the Layers panel, click on the Hat layer to activate it.
- Open (File > Open) the Solid 6 paper or a paper that you wish to use.
- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the paper onto the Hat document.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Create Clipping Mask.
- Repeat the same resizing steps from the first paper here.
- Once you're done resizing the paper smaller, Press Ctrl + (Mac: Cmd +) a few times to get your document back up to size.



Step Three: Add the Cable Sweater Pattern

- Now we need to add the Cable Sweater Pattern to the main Hat layer so in the Layers panel, click on paper layer that is clipped to the main Hat layer.
- Then in the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Fill or Adjustment Layer icon and choose Pattern.
- In the dialog box, the Pattern showing should be the Cable Sweater Pattern we defined in the first video.
- Set the Scale to 150%, check Link with Layer and click OK.
- In the Layers panel, Right click (Mac: Ctrl click) on the Name of the Pattern Fill layer and choose Simplify Layer.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Create Clipping Mask.



- Now, click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker and sample the blue color from the document. The Hex # is: 6692b3. Click OK.
- Press Shift Alt Backspace (Mac: Shift Opt Delete) to recolor the pattern layer.



- Because we already loaded the Embossing Style in the last lesson, all we have to do is go to the Style panel and click once on the Cable Sweater Emboss Layer Style icon to add the Layer style to the cable sweater pattern layer.



Step Four: Save As

- Save this file as a layered PSD file with a unique name for future customization.
- Also, save this file as a flat PNG file.

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