

## Mastery1-12-el-Custom-Text-Box-manual

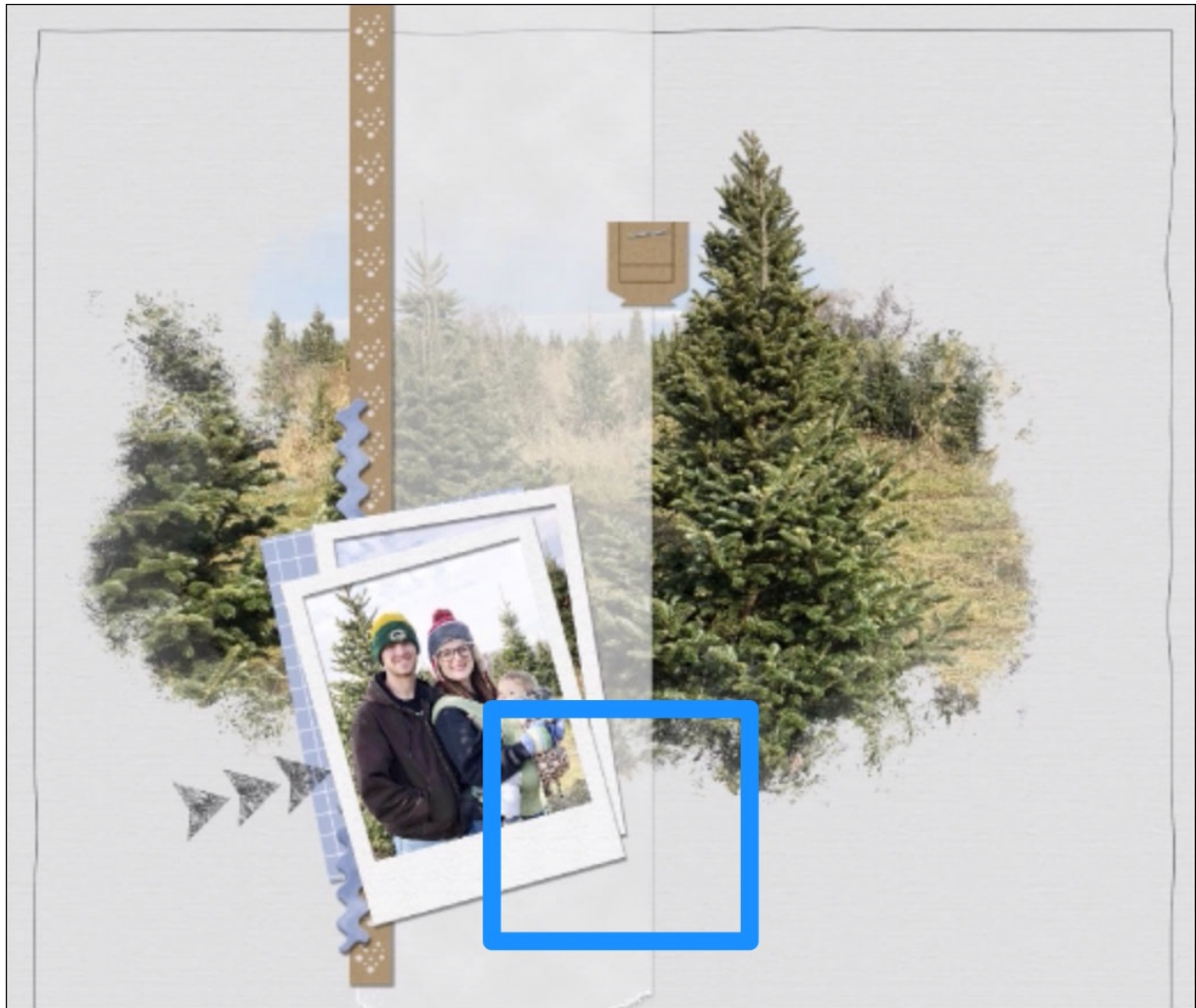


### Digital Scrapbooking Mastery, No. 1 Lesson 12: Custom Text Box for PSE Manual © 2019 Jen White

- Begin in Expert Mode of Photoshop Elements.
- Open the scrapbook page (File > Open) that you ended with in Lesson 11.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Basic Chrome Staple group to make it active.

#### Create Space for the Flow of Type (if needed)

- In the Layers panel, click on the Pattern Paper Anchor group.
- Hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click on any additional groups that need to be moved.
- Get the Move tool.
- Press the Arrow keys to nudge the page elements to make room for the type to flow through the velum.
- Transform the elements as needed.



### Create a Semi-transparent Rectangle

- In the Layers panel, click on the top group to activate it all by itself.
- Press the letter D to reset the Color Chips to the default of black over white.
- Get the Rectangle tool.
- In the Tool Options, set the Style to None. Open the Settings and choose Unconstrained. Uncheck From Center and Snap. Click on the New Shape Layer icon.
- On the document, click and drag a rectangle inside the boundaries of the velum. To reposition while dragging, hold down the Space bar.
- In the Layers panel, set the Opacity to 50%.

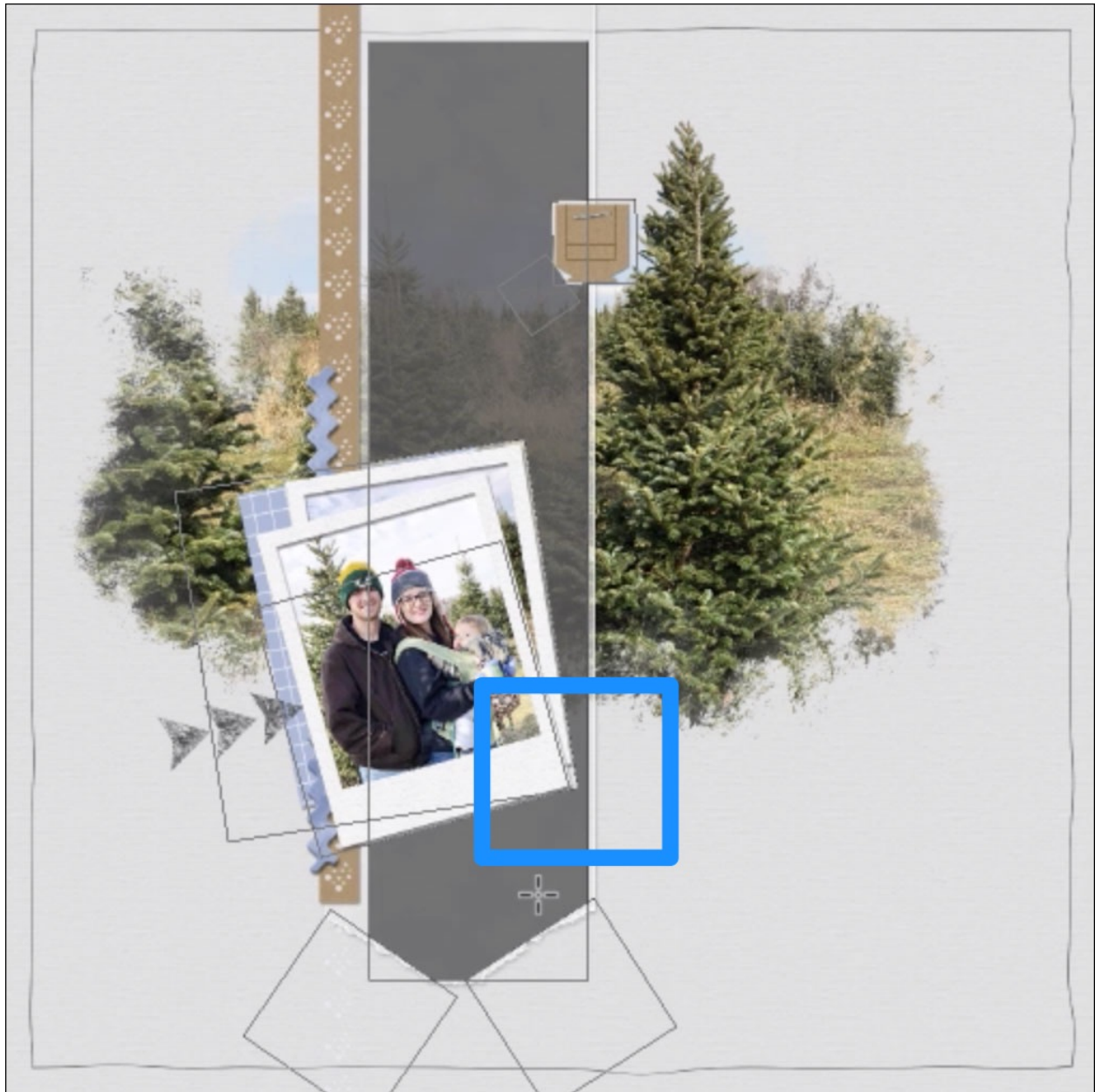


### Add To and Subtract From the Rectangle

- Get the Polygon tool.
- In the Tool Options, set the Sides to 4 and the Style to None. Uncheck Smooth Corners. Click on the New Shape Layer icon.
- Press Ctrl + (Mac: Cmd +) to zoom into the shape. To reposition, hold down the Spacebar and click and drag on the document.
- To subtract areas from the shape, hold down the Alt key (Mac: Opt key) and click and drag. You can let go of the Alt/Opt key after you start dragging. To reposition while dragging, hold down the Space bar.
- To add areas to the shape, hold down the Shift key and click and drag. You can let go of the Shift key after you start dragging. To reposition while dragging, hold down the

Space bar.

- Continue adding and subtracting from the shape until the text box is formed. Make sure not to remove the part of the shape that is at the bottom-right corner of the frame.
- Press Ctrl 0 (Mac: Cmd 0) to zoom out.



#### Add Type to the Text Box

- Get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Options Bar, open the Font Picker and choose a journaling font. Set the Size to 9

pt, the Leading to Auto, and the Tracking to 0. Click on the Color Chip and choose a color. Click on the Left Alignment icon.

- On the document, hover your cursor inside the shape until you see the Type Inside a Shape icon. Click once and type a word or phrase.
- Click the checkmark to commit.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Visibility icon of the shape layer to hide it.



### Journaling Tips and Solutions

- Spend time creating some journaling in a text document.
- Try working on your journaling during different times of the day to keep inspired and think of more things to say.

- Find some poetry that would coordinate well with the subject of your scrapbook page.
- Find an excerpt from a classic novel.
- Plan to use a phrase that's repeated until the text box is completely filled.

### Replace the Type

- Highlight the journaling you plan to use on your scrapbook page.
- Press Ctrl C (Mac: Cmd C) to copy the journaling to your computer's clipboard.
- In the Layers panel of your scrapbook page, double click on the thumbnail of the Type layer to highlight the current type.
- Press Ctrl V (Mac: Cmd V) to paste your journaling in.
- Click the checkmark to commit.

### Adjust for Your Journaling

- Press Ctrl 0 (Mac: Cmd 0) to zoom out.
- Get the Move tool.
- Press the Arrow keys to nudge the text box if needed.
- In the Character panel, adjust the Leading, Tracking, and/or Size of the type to make it fit in the text box.
- To add space at the top of the text box, highlight all the text as before, then press the Left Arrow key. Press Enter/Return to add space at the top. Click the checkmark to commit.
- To squeeze the text box, highlight all the text as before, then holding down the Shift key, click and drag on a side handle of the bounding box. Click the checkmark to commit.

### Create a Group and Save

- In the Layers panel, hold down the Shift key and click on the shape layer. Now both layers should be active.
- Click and drag the active layers to the Group Layers icon.
- Double click directly on the name of the new group and rename it Custom Text Box.
- When you create your title, add those layers to this group as well.
- Save your page (File > Save).