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Digital Scrapbooking Mastery, No. 1
Lesson 3: Complex Clipping Mask, Part 1 for PSE
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Find an Image

- Go to [Google Images](#).
- In the Search bar, type in a descriptive word. I'm using "texture." Press Enter or Return.
- In this Menu Bar, click on Tools.
- Click on the Usage Rights dropdown menu and choose Labeled for Reuse. You could also try the other options, just not "Not Filtered."
- Scroll and look for an image that contains a vignette (dark edges, light inside) and varying contrast. Click on the image.
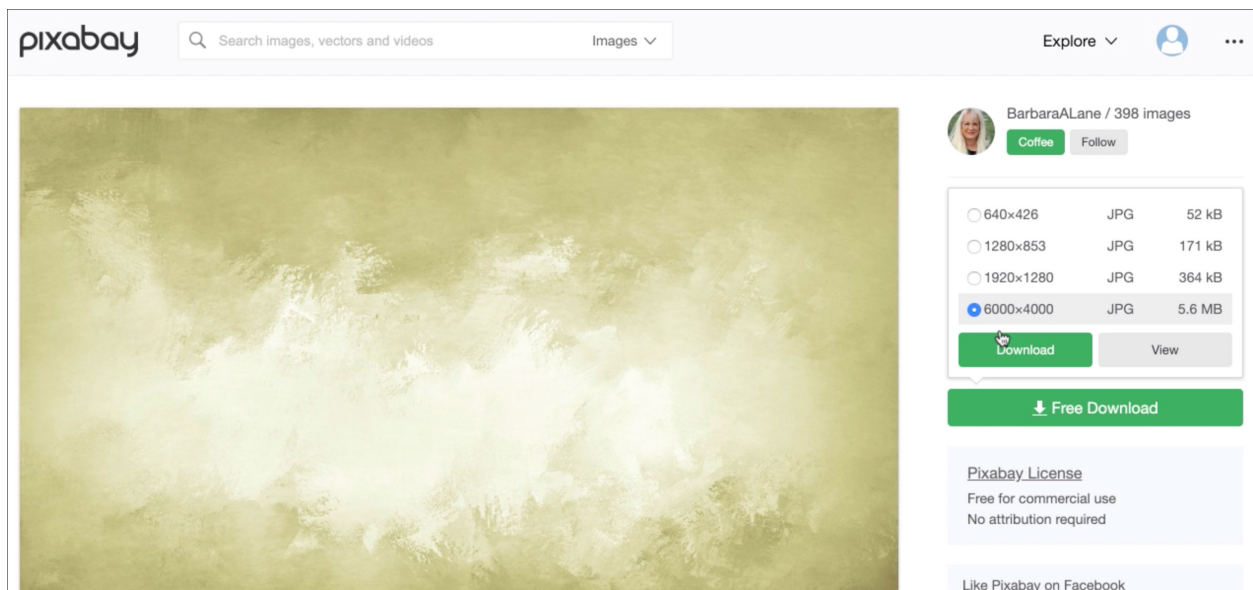
- If the image's dimensions are a good size (near the pixels width of your scrapbook page), Right click (Mac: Ctrl click) on the image preview and choose Save Image As. Save to your desktop.
- If the image's dimensions are too small, click on Visit. This may or may not produce options for additional sizes. It's just a matter of trial and error. Choose and appropriate size and download from the stock image website to your Desktop. You may need to create an account. Don't be afraid to do so.

Add the Image to Your Scrapbook Page

- Begin in Expert Mode of Photoshop Elements.
- Open the scrapbook page (File > Open) that you ended with in Lesson 2.
- Open the texture image you download from Google Images.
- Get the Move tool.
- Holding down the Shift key, click and drag the image onto the scrapbook page.
- Press Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) to get the Transform options.
- In the Tool Options, click and scrub on the Width or the Height icon to make the texture image slightly smaller than the scrapbook page.
- Click the checkmark to commit.

Adjust the Image

- In the Menu Bar, choose Enhance > Convert to black and white.
- In the dialog box, choose a style that gives your image the most contrast.
- Adjust the sliders to add additional contrast. Avoid adjusting areas to pure black or pure white.
- Click OK to commit the changes.