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## Simple Background Solutions, Offset Edges

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Add clarity to the focal point of your page by using the pretty-edges of a background paper as an anchor.

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For both Photoshop Elements and Adobe Photoshop

### For this tutorial you will need:

- A background paper with interesting edges

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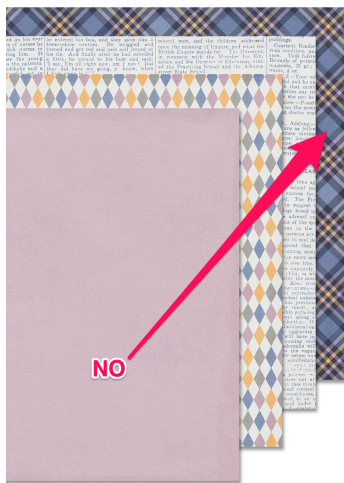
## Step One: Add a Background Paper To a New Document

- Create a new 12 x 12 inch document (File > New > Blank File) at 300 ppi with a white background. (PS: Choose File > New.)
- Open a background paper with interesting edges (File > Open).

NOTE: The papers and elements I'm using are from Evolving by Aprilisa Designs.

### What is the best type of paper for this technique?

- NO: plain/solid papers or repeating patterns
- YES: grungy edges



- Get the Move tool.

NOTE: In the Tool Options, I have both Auto-Select and Show Transform Controls both unchecked.

- Holding down the Shift key, click and drag the paper onto the new document. It should land in the middle of the document.



## Step Two: Offset the Edges

- On the document, holding down the Shift key to maintain the direction, click and drag the paper to the left so that approximately a third of it is showing.





- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the paper layer.
- On the document, holding down the Shift key to maintain the direction, click and drag the paper to the right so that the left and right edges of the two layers align.



### Variation

- With the top paper layer active in the Layers panel, use the Right Arrow key to add a space between the two papers.

### This will look best if you:

1. Add a drop shadow to both paper layers.
2. Put a contrasting paper(s) behind the offset.



### (Optional) How To Add a Drop Shadow To a Layer

- In the Layers panel, click to activate a layer that does not fill the entire document.
- **Photoshop Elements Only:** In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Layer Style > Style Settings. In the dialog box, set the Lighting Angle to 120. Click on Drop Shadow to activate it and reveal the settings. Set the Size to 10, the Distance to 10, and the Opacity to 40. Click OK.
- **Adobe Photoshop Only:** In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Layer Style > Drop Shadow. In the dialog box, set the Blend Mode to Multiply, the Opacity to 40, the Angle to 120, the Distance to 10, the Spread to 0, and the Size to 10. Click OK.



## How To Use the Offset Design

Use the offset design as an anchor for the focal point of your page or greeting card.

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