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Archiving & Using Lesson 8: Frayed Herringbone Ribbon

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Your frayed herringbone ribbon is complete. Now let's archive it so it can be used over and over again on different projects. This video is being filmed in Photoshop Elements, but the instructions are exactly the same for Adobe Photoshop except where noted.

Begin by opening the document that you ended with in Lesson 8. Then in the Layers panel, Right click in Windows, or Ctrl click on a Mac, on the Frayed Herringbone Ribbon group and choose Duplicate Group. In the dialog box, set the Destination Document to New and click OK. First let's center this ribbon. Press Ctrl A, Cmd A on a Mac, to select the whole entire document, and then get the Move Tool, and in the Tool Options, click on the Aligned Vertical Centers icon. It's this icon that says Middle. Then press Ctrl D, Cmd D on a Mac, to deselect. Next, we'll remove the drop shadow, so in the Layers panel, click on the arrow to open the Frayed Herringbone Ribbon group and then double click on the Style, or the Effect icon, of the Ribbon Template group to open the Style Settings dialog box. Click to uncheck Drop Shadow and then click OK.

Now let's select and crop the ribbon. In the Layers panel, hold down the Ctrl key in Windows, or the Cmd key on a Mac, and click on one of the layer masks of either the Pattern, the Clouds, or the Color Fill layer. That'll get a selection outline around the entire ribbon. Then

click on the arrow to close the Frayed Herringbone Ribbon group. And while I'm here, I'm going to go ahead and rename this group to remove anything extra at the end, like Copy. Next in the Menu Bar, choose Select > Modify > Expand. Expand By 10 px and then click OK. Then in the Menu Bar, choose Image > Crop, and then press Ctrl D, Cmd D on a Mac, to deselect.

And finally you'll want to save your new ribbon. I'll name my document, Frayed Herringbone Ribbon. I'll save it in my _ByMe folder that is located inside my Scrapbook folder. It should be a PSD document, and then click Save.

When you're ready to add your frayed ribbon to a different document, here's how to do so without carrying the layers over. Begin by opening the Frayed-Herringbone-Ribbon.psd document that you saved in the last step, and then press Ctrl A, Cmd A on a Mac, to select the entire document. Then press Shift Ctrl C, that Shift Cmd C on a Mac, to create a merged copy, and then open a document that you'd like to add the ribbon to. I'm going to use this card. In the Layers panel of the new document, click on the layer that you'd like the ribbon to land on top of. I'll click on this Paper layer. Then press Ctrl V, Cmd V on a Mac, to paste the ribbon onto the new document. Doing this will paste the ribbon as a single layer.

If you wish to change the colors or anything else about the ribbon when you move it onto the new document, then you will need to drag the entire group onto the new document. There's instructions for how to do that in the manual. Now remember that we saved this ribbon without a drop shadow. I'm just going to go ahead and use one of the drop shadows that's already in my document by holding down the Alt key in Windows, or the Opt key on a Mac, and clicking and dragging on the style of a paper layer over to the ribbon.

Now this ribbon is very long and I only want the frayed ends to stick out on both sides of this heart. So here's how I'm going to do that. Right now the Ribbon layer is active in the Layers panel on a click and drag that over so that only the end of the ribbon is sticking out here on the left side. Get the Rectangular Marquee Tool and in the Tool Options, the New Selection icon is active, the Feather is set to 0, and the Aspect is Normal. In Photoshop you would set the Style to Normal. Then on the document, click and drag a selection outline around the part of the ribbon that you want to keep. Then in the Layers panel, click on the Add Layer Mask icon. Now I want to add the other half of the ribbon over here on the right side of the card. Press Ctrl J, Cmd J on a Mac to duplicate the Ribbon layer, and then I'll click and drag the Layer mask of that duplicate layer to the Trash icon. Elements will ask me if I want to delete the layer mask and I'll click Delete. And now with the duplicate layer as the active layer, I'll get the Move tool and holding down the Shift key and click and drag that ribbon so that the right edge is sticking out on the right side of my heart. Get the Rectangular Marquee tool and I'll select the part of that ribbon layer that I want to keep, and then click on the Add Layer Mask icon in the Layers panel.

So that's how to archive and use the Frayed Herringbone Ribbon from Lesson 8 of Mastery 2. This has been Jen White with Digital Scrapbooking Mastery.