Christmas Greetings 2
Cable Knit Sweater Card Transcript – Photoshop
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Use your cable knit mitten and hat to create a warm and personal Christmas card. This video is the last in a series of four videos on how to create this cable knit sweater card.

Before we begin this last lesson in the series, let me explain your two options. If you have been using the same papers and colors I've been using for the hat and the mitten, I have provided to you a quick page card front for you to use. That is what I'll be demonstrating in this video. However, if you wanted to use your own papers, I have provided a gray scale template of this card for you to customize and make your own. So at this point you can open whichever one you plan to use. Just keep in mind that I'll be showing the quick page card front option only. But you can easily follow along using the gray scale template and then customize your gray scale layers after.

So let's get started finishing up our card. The first thing to do is open the cable knit quick page card front file as I've done here. I've also already opened the flat PNG mitten and hat files we created in the last two videos. So let's go to the mitten file first. Now get the move tool and on the document while holding down the shift key, click and drag the mitten onto the quick page card front document, and then press control T in windows or command T on a Mac to get the transform options. In the tool options, click on the maintain aspect ratio icon to turn it on and then change the width or the height to 50%. Also set the angle to about nine degrees and then once you're done, click the checkmark to commit. Now on the document, click and drag the mitten so that it is slightly overlapped the right most snowflake, about there.

Next we want to add the hat to our document, so go to the hat PNG file and on the document while holding down the shift key, click and drag the hat onto the quick page card front document. And then press control T in windows or command T on a Mac to get the transform options. In the tool options, click on the maintain aspect ratio icon to turn it on and then set the width or the height to 50%. Also set the angle to approximately minus seven and then click the checkmark to commit. Now on the document, click and drag the hat into place so that it slightly overlaps the left most snowflake, about there.

Next we need to add drop shadows. So in the layers panel, click on the add layer style icon and choose drop shadow. In the dialog box, set the blend mode to multiply, the color should be black. Set the opacity to 40% and the angle to 120 degrees. Set the distance to 14, the spread to zero, and the size to 18. And then once you're done, click okay. Now in the layers panel, right click in windows or control click on a Mac on the name of the hat layer and choose copy layer style. Then in the layers panel right click in windows or control click on a Mac on the name of the mitten layer and choose paste layer style.

The last thing we need to do is personalize the card. So in the downloads for this lesson, I have included three pieces of word art you can pick from for the main greeting of your card front. I've already opened the word art 2 PNG file, so I'm going to go to that document. Then with the move tool still active, on the document while holding down the shift key, click and drag the word art you want to use onto your quick page card document. And then on the document while holding down the shift key, click and drag the word art down until it's positioned below the hat and the mitten, about there.

Next, we need to recolor the word art to match the colors of the card. So let's get the rectangular marquee tool. In the tool options, click on the new selection icon, set the feather to zero pixels and set the style to normal. Now click on the foreground color chip to open the color picker and we're going to sample a color from the card front. And I'm going to use hex number 56A6AD, and then click okay. Now on the document, click and drag a selection around the word sending.

Then press shift, alt backspace in windows or shift option delete on a Mac to fill the selected word with the foreground color. Then press control D in windows or command D on a Mac to de-select. Now repeat the selection and recoloring process for the other three sections with the same font. You're going to recolor the thoughts your way, this, and the word season.

Once you have finished recoloring those words, we need to do the other two. So then click on the foreground color chip to open the color picker and use hex number 447198 and then click okay. On the document, click and drag a rectangle around the word warm. And then once again, press shift alt backspace in windows or shift option delete on a Mac to fill the selected word with the foreground color. And then press control D in windows or command D on a Mac to de-select. And then do the same thing for the word Christmas.

All that's left is to add your name to the card. If you want specific instructions on how I did that, you can see the manual for this lesson. Okay. Now your card front is ready for saving, so save this file as a layered PSD file with a unique name. I really hope you've enjoyed making this card with me. It's been a fun process from making the pattern, to customizing our mittens and hat, to finishing up the card. And for some extra inspiration. Here's a scrapbook page I made using the same hat and mitten. I hope you find numerous ways to use your cable knit sweater items. So that's how you create a cable knit sweater Christmas card. I'm Jenifer Juris with Christmas Greetings 2.