Lesson 6: Basic Starburst Transcript © Syndee Rogers

When you hear the word starburst does it make you think of candy or sunshine? Well, my mind immediately goes to the color yellow and the rays of the sun. But, I do like the candy too! I think starburst designs are probably more versatile than a lot of people might think. There's the obvious sunshine related factor. But, starburst designs are also very prevalent in comic style designs like you see here in these papers of mine, as well as bold and graphic elements and backgrounds. And they pop up a lot in vintage themed designs. They can be a bold statement, or softly blended into a background or even grunged up for a more gritty vibe.

But the *best* thing? You are not going to believe how easy it is to create this design gem! Are you ready for this? Exciting point number 1, we don't even need to create a new pattern for this. Exciting Point number 2, we get to use a pattern we already created. Is that fantastic or what?! And which pattern is that you might ask? Drum roll please! Or did you already guess? It's the Stripes pattern!

I'm filming this video in Photoshop Elements but the instructions are just the same in Adobe Photoshop unless where noted.

I've already opened up my 12x12 inch striped overlay, and now we'll want to make a duplicate copy. So go to File > Duplicate (Photoshop: Image > Duplicate). Let's name it Starburst, then click OK. Now we can close the original. Next, we need to enlarge the Scale of the Pattern, so let's double-click on the Pattern thumbnail in the Layers panel to open up the Pattern dialog box. Set the Scale to 200% and make sure Link with Layers checked, and click on Snap to Origin. Then click OK. Next we'll want to Simplify the pattern, so we can do that by going into the Menu Bar, and choosing Layer > Simplify Layer. And in Photoshop, go to Layer > Rasterize Layer.

Now for the magic! Go back into the Menu Bar to Filter > Distort > Polar Coordinates and in the dialog box, choose Rectangular to Polar and then click OK. And just like that we have a Starburst!

Now let's go ahead and save our starburst by going up to File > Save As and name it Starburst, and click Save. Now, you might be thinking that this really isn't a pattern since we didn't define it. Which is correct, but since we created it using a pattern this lesson landed in the Pattern section. You can define it as a pattern if you want to have access to it within your Photoshop patterns, but it won't be a seamless design as you can see here. So just keep that in mind.

Join me in the next lesson where we'll talk about Color Fills and a fun assignment! This is Syndee Rogers with Passion for Paper.