Christmas Greetings 2
Cable Knit Card – Photoshop Elements
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Use your cable knit mitten and hat to create a warm and personal Christmas Card.

Step One: Prepare the Workspace

NOTE: 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 QP 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 which ever one you plan to use. Just keep in mind that I'll be showing the QP card option only. But you can easily follow along using the gray scale template and then customize your gray scale layers later.

- Open (File > Open) the Cable Knit QP Card Front file.
- Open (File > Open) the flat PNG mitten and hat we created in the last two lessons.

Step Two: Add the Mitten to the Card

- Get the Move tool.
- Go to the Mitten document.
- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the mitten onto the QP card front document.
- Press Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) to get the Transform options.
- In the Tool Options, check Constrain Proportions and then change the Width or the Height to 50%. Also set the angle to about 9˚.
- Click the checkmark to commit.
- On the document, click and drag the mitten so that it slightly overlaps the right most snowflake.

Step Three: Add the Hat to the Card

- Go to the Hat document.
- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click and drag the hat onto the QP card front document.
- Press Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) to get the Transform options.
- In the Tool Options, make sure Constrain Proportions is checked and then change the width or the height to 50%. Also change the Angle to -7˚.
- Click the checkmark to commit.
- On the document, click and drag the hat into place so that it slightly overlaps the left most snowflake.

Step Four: Add a Drop Shadow

- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Layer Style > Style Settings.
- In the dialog box, set the Lighting Angle to 120˚ and then click on the Drop Shadow option to toggle it open.
- Set the Size to 18px, the Distance to 14px, and the Opacity to 40%. Click OK.
- In the Layers panel, Right click (Mac: Ctrl click) on the name of the Hat Layer and choose Copy Layer Style.
- In the Layers panel, Right click (Mac: Ctrl click) on the name of the Mitten layer and choose the Paste Layer Style.

Step Five: Personalize the Card

NOTE: 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.

- Open whichever word art piece you wish to use. I'm using CG2-JJ-Word-Art-2.png.
- 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 on to your QP card document.
- 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 mitten.

- Next, we need to recolor the word art to match the colors of the card so get the Rectangular Marquee tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the New Selection icon, set the Feather to 0px, and set the Aspect to Normal.
- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker.
- Sample a color from your card front or if you're using the same colors I am, you can use Hex #: 56a6ad. Click OK.
- On the document, click and drag a selection around the word, "sending".
- Press Shift Alt Backspace (Mac: Shift Opt Delete) to fill the selected word for the Foreground Color.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.

- Repeat the selection and recoloring process for the other three sections with the same font. So recolor, "thoughts your way", "this", and "season".
- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker.
- Sample a second color from your document or if you're using the same colors as me, use Hex #: 447198. Click OK.
- On the document, click and drag a rectangle around the word "warm".
- Press Shift Alt Backspace (Mac: Shift Opt Delete) to fill the selected word with the Foreground Color.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.
- Repeat that for the word "Christmas".

- The last thing to do is to add your names so get the Horizontal Type tool.
- In the Tool Options, click to open the Font Picker and choose a font. I'm using the font Special Elite which is a font you can find for free at Font Squirrel.com.
- Set the Size to 14pts, the Alignment to Center, the Leading to Auto, and the Tracking to 0.
- On the document, click once and type something like Love, The Juris Family or something similar.
- Once you're done, click the checkmark to commit.
- Press Ctrl A (Mac: Cmd A) to Select All.
- Get the Move tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the Align Horizontal Centers icon.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.
- If you need to, use the Arrow keys to nudge the type layer into place. Make sure there is a little bit of space between the word art layer and the type layer.

Step Six: Save As

- Now your card front is ready for saving. So save this file as a layered PSD file with a unique name.

For some extra inspiration, here is the scrapbook page I made using the same cable knit sweater hat and mitten:

A Frosty Day

Jan. 15, 2019

January of 2019 was the calm before the storm. We had a lot of frost that month and it was so pretty that I had to get out and take pictures. Little did I know that in 1.5 month's time, we would have have over 9 feet of snow! It was a winter to remember, that's for sure.

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Card: Jenifer Juris
Hat & Mitten: Jenifer Juris
Word Art: Jenifer Juris
Kit: Christmas Lights by Julie Billingsly
Fonts: Special Elite, Nickainley, Varche Caps, Arthein