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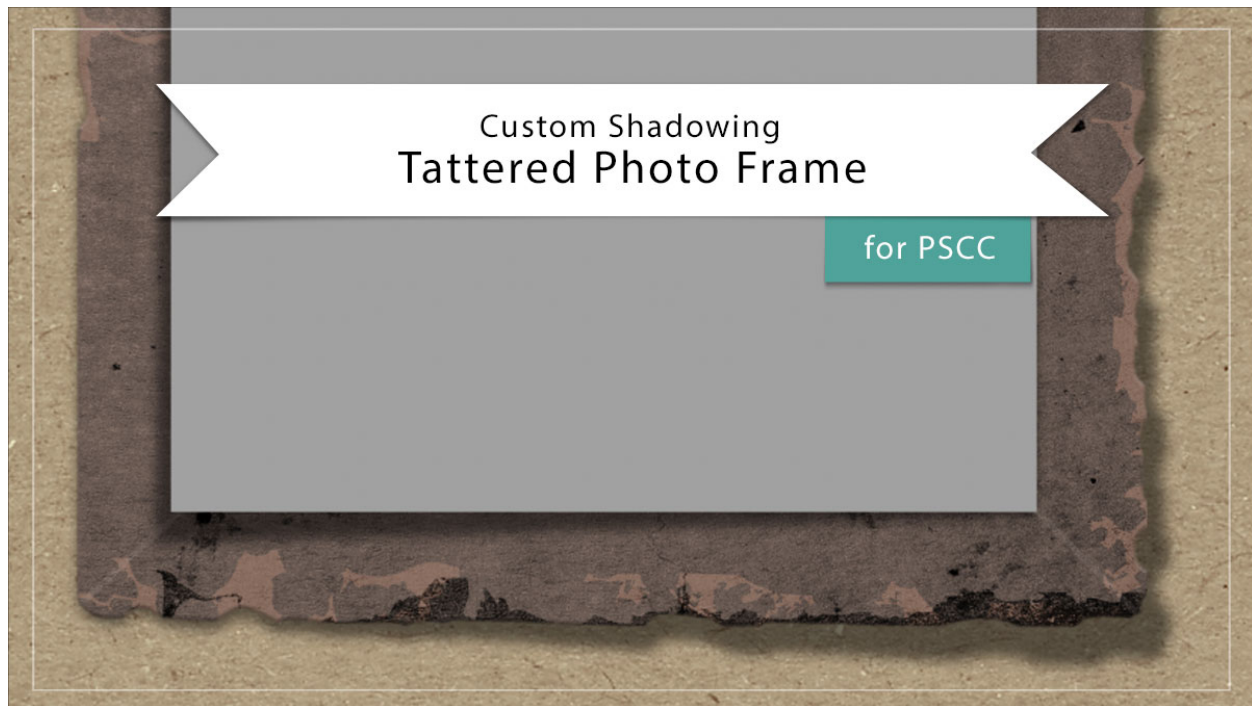

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Custom Shadowing Lesson 5: Tattered Photo Frame for Adobe Photoshop
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When done right, custom shadows can take a scrapbook page from fine to fabulous in no time flat. In this video I'll show you how you can add a custom shadow to both the tattered frame and the photo mask from Lesson 5.

NOTE: I recommend saving all custom shadowing work until after you've completed your scrapbook page. Because of that, all custom shadowing videos will assume that your elements already have regular drop shadows applied.
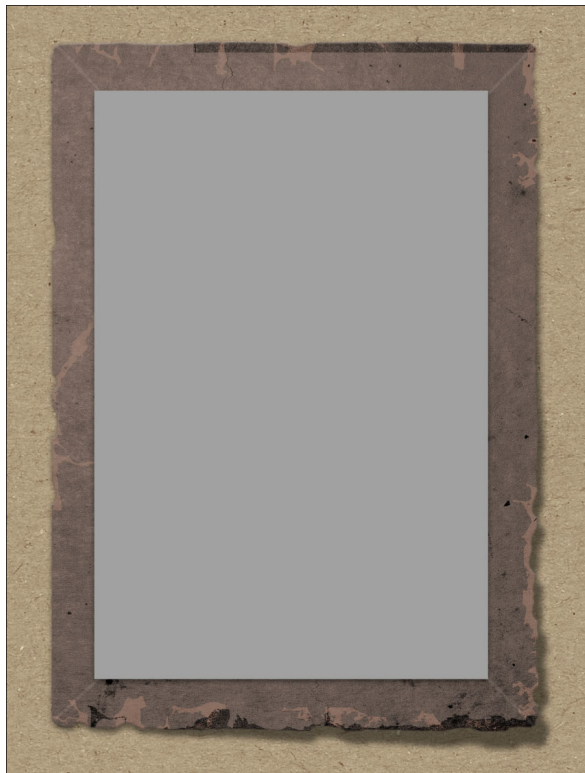
- Begin in Adobe Photoshop.

Custom Shadowing — Tattered Frame

- Open a document (File > Open) that contains the Tattered Photo Frame group.
- In the Layers panel, click on the arrow to open the Tattered Photo Frame group.

- Click on the arrow to the open the style (FX icon) of the Tattered Frame group.
- Click and drag the Bevel & Emboss style to a temporary location. Choose a layer or group that currently does not have a style applied.
- Right click (Mac: Ctrl click) directly on the word Drop Shadow style and choose Create Layer.
- Click on the new Drop Shadow layer to activate it.
- Press Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) to get the Transform options.
- On the document, hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click and drag on the corner handles of the bounding box to warp the shadow. Click the checkmark to commit.

TIP: You may need to zoom in and out several times when doing this to keep the shadow from snapping into place.
TIP: To make the shadow more fuzzy, in the Menu Bar choose Filter > Blur > Gaussian Blur. Choose a Radius to taste and click OK.
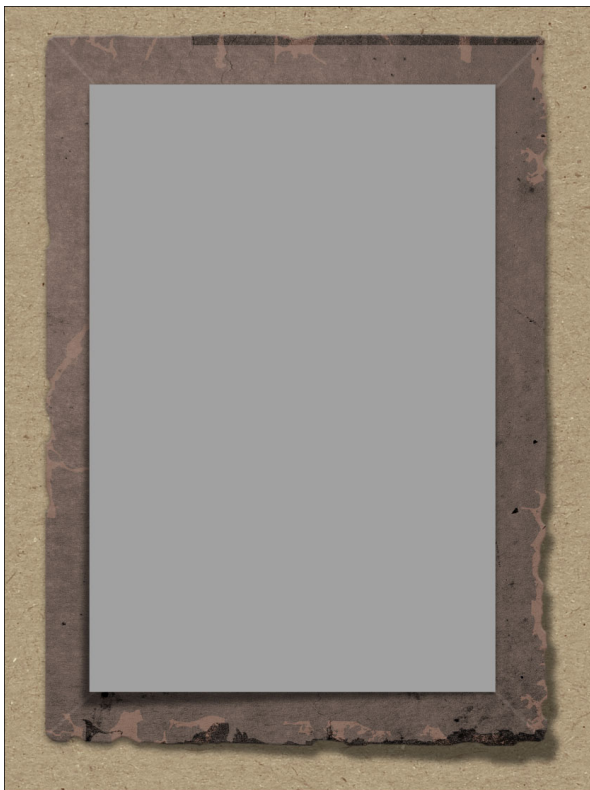

- In the Layers panel, click and drag the Bevel & Emboss style from the temporary location back onto the Tattered Frame group.
- Click on the arrow to close the Tattered Photo Frame group.
- Save the document (File > Save).

Custom Shadowing — Photo Mask
Only add a custom shadow to the photo mask if it's resting above the frame and already has a standard drop shadow applied.

- Open a document (File > Open) that contains the Tattered Photo Frame group.
- In the Layers panel, click on the arrow to open the Tattered Photo Frame group.
- Right click (Mac: Ctrl click) directly on style (FX icon) of the Photo Clipping Mask layer and choose Create Layer.
- Click on the new Drop Shadow layer to activate it.
- Press Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) to get the Transform options.
- On the document, hold down the Ctrl key (Mac: Cmd key) and click and drag on the corner handles of the bounding box to warp the shadow. Click the checkmark to commit.

TIP: You may need to zoom in and out several times when doing this to keep the shadow from snapping into place.

- Click on the arrow to close the Tattered Photo Frame group.
- Save the document (File > Save).