

Magical Confetti Brush (Photoshop Elements)

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I have a little secret weapon when I feel like my page is just missing something: *splats, sprinkles, and scatters*. I love the way they make my pages feel richer and fuller and how they can add a little fun. I just add a little here and there, and it gives my layout a little added dimension.

Take confetti, for instance. If you went to a party where confetti was used as a decoration, you probably didn't go away thinking about the confetti... but the confetti definitely added a feeling of fun to the party. It's the same thing with our layouts.

I am going to teach you how to make confetti the easy way. The hard way would be to use one brush stroke at a time — way too much work! The easy way is to make the brush do the work — creating the confetti on its own! With this tutorial, learn how to turn a simple hard round brush into a dynamic magical confetti brush. Ready for the party? Okay, let's go!

Step One: Open and Prepare Your Layout

- Begin with a nearly finished scrapbook page.
- Press the letter D to reset the Color Chips to the Default of black and white.
- In the Tool Bar, click on the Foreground Color Chip, choose a color from your layout, and click OK.



Note: Your Confetti will be a mixture of your Foreground and Background Color Chips. So, if you don't want your confetti to include white, sample out a color for your Background Color Chip also. But keep in mind, this technique will also blend your colors. (red + blue = purple) So, if you want your confetti to match your layout exactly, I suggest that you use white as the Background Color Chip.

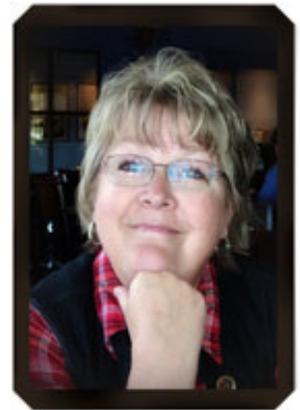
Step Two: Create a New Layer

- In the Layers panel, make sure the top layer is the active layer.
- Click on the Create a New Layer icon.

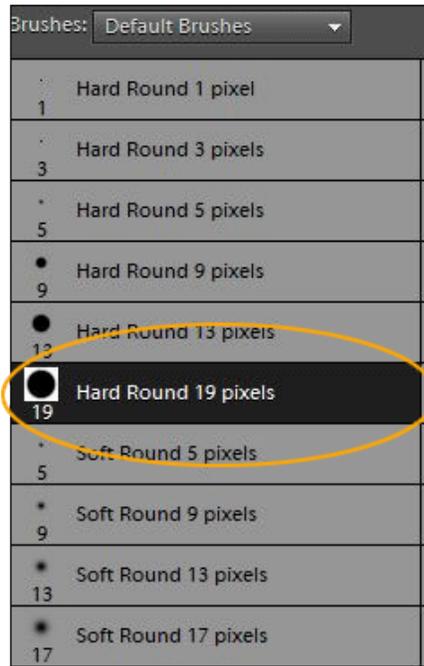


Step Three: Create a Dynamic Confetti Brush

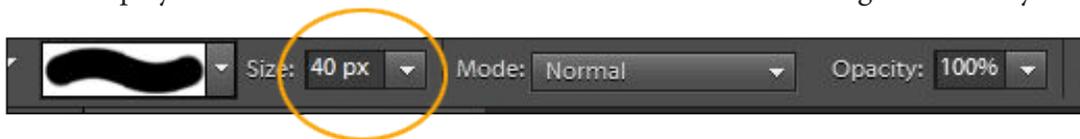
- Get the Brush tool.



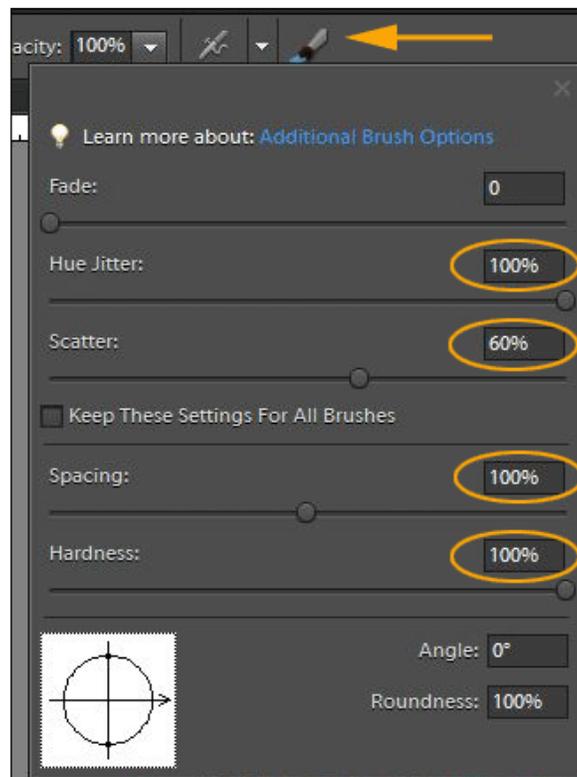
- In the Options Bar, open the Brush Picker and choose a hard round brush.



- Increase the Size to around 40 px. Mode should say Normal and Opacity should be 100%.
- Note: You can play around with the brush size later if this doesn't seem right for what you are doing.

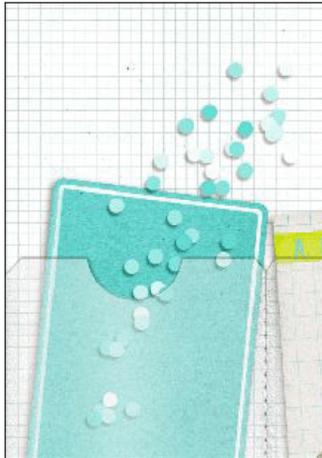


- Click on the Show Options icon for setting the Brush Dynamics.
- Set the Hue Jitter to 100%, Scatter to 60%, Spacing to 100%, and Hardness to 100%.
- In the Options Bar, click on the Brush Settings icon again to toggle it closed.



Step Four: Create Confetti

- On your scrapbook page, brush on your confetti.
- Add a small drop shadow of your choice.



Note: To add more colors, create a new layer and change the Foreground Color Chip for each color. Then add shadow to each layer. When you put each color on a different layer, it will make it look more realistic. Change your brush to make square, star, snowflake, or other kinds of confetti.

I love watching my confetti magically appear. Check out the layout below that I made using this technique. So spread out some confetti and let's have a party in the [Digi Scrap Tutorial of the Week Gallery](#).

Credits:

Digi Scrap Tutorial: Magical Confetti
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Kits: "Vagabond" by One Little Bird,
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Costco](#).

"Dad's Day" by Digilicious Designs, previously available to [Premier](#) Members June 2012.

"Jubilee" by One Little Bird Available to [Premier](#) Members June 2011.

Tutorial "Pocket Your Thoughts" by Susie Roberts, previously available to [Premier](#) Members October 2010.

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Software: Photoshop Elements 10

