



Selection Cut Out with the Elliptical Marquee Tool

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Use the Elliptical Marquee tool and a shortcut to quickly create a cut out.

For this tutorial you will need:

- The dst-elliptical-cutout.psd document from the download
- Photoshop Elements or Adobe Photoshop

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Step One: Create a Selection

- Open the dst-elliptical-cutout.psd document (File > Open) from the downloads.

If you'd like to work on a copy of the document:

- In the Menu Bar, choose Image > Duplicate. (PS: Choose File > Duplicate.) Click OK.
- Close the original document.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Polka Dot Paper layer to make it the active layer.
- Get the Elliptical Marquee tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the New Selection icon and check Anti-aliasing. Set the Feather to 0 and the Aspect to Normal. (PS: Set the Style to Normal.)
- On the document, click and drag out a circle slightly larger than the button. To create a perfect circle, hold down the Shift key while you click and drag. To reposition while dragging, press and hold the Space bar.



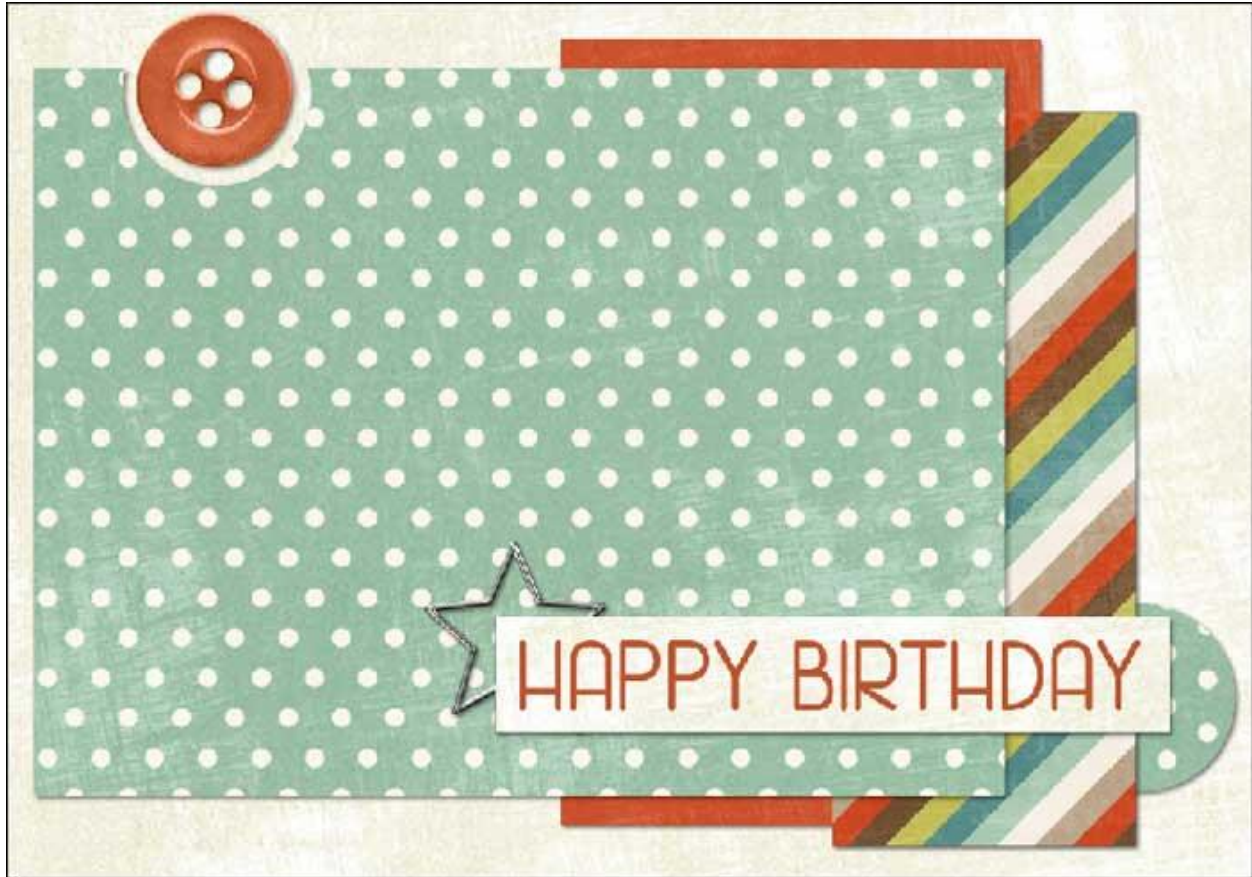
Step Two: Create the Cut Out

- In the Layers panel, the Polka Dot Paper layer should be active.
- Press Shift Ctrl J (Mac: Shift Cmd J) to create a new layer via cut.
- In the Layers panel, double click directly on the name of the new layer and rename it "Cut Out." Press Enter/Return to commit the change.
- In the Layers panel, click and drag the Cut Out layer below the Paper Accents layer.



Step Three: Reposition the Cut Out

- Get the Move tool.
- Press Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) to get the Transform options. In the Tool Options, set the Angle to -90° . (PS: Set the Rotate to -90° .)
- Click the checkmark to commit.
- On the document, click and drag directly on the cut out to reposition it along the edge of the striped paper.



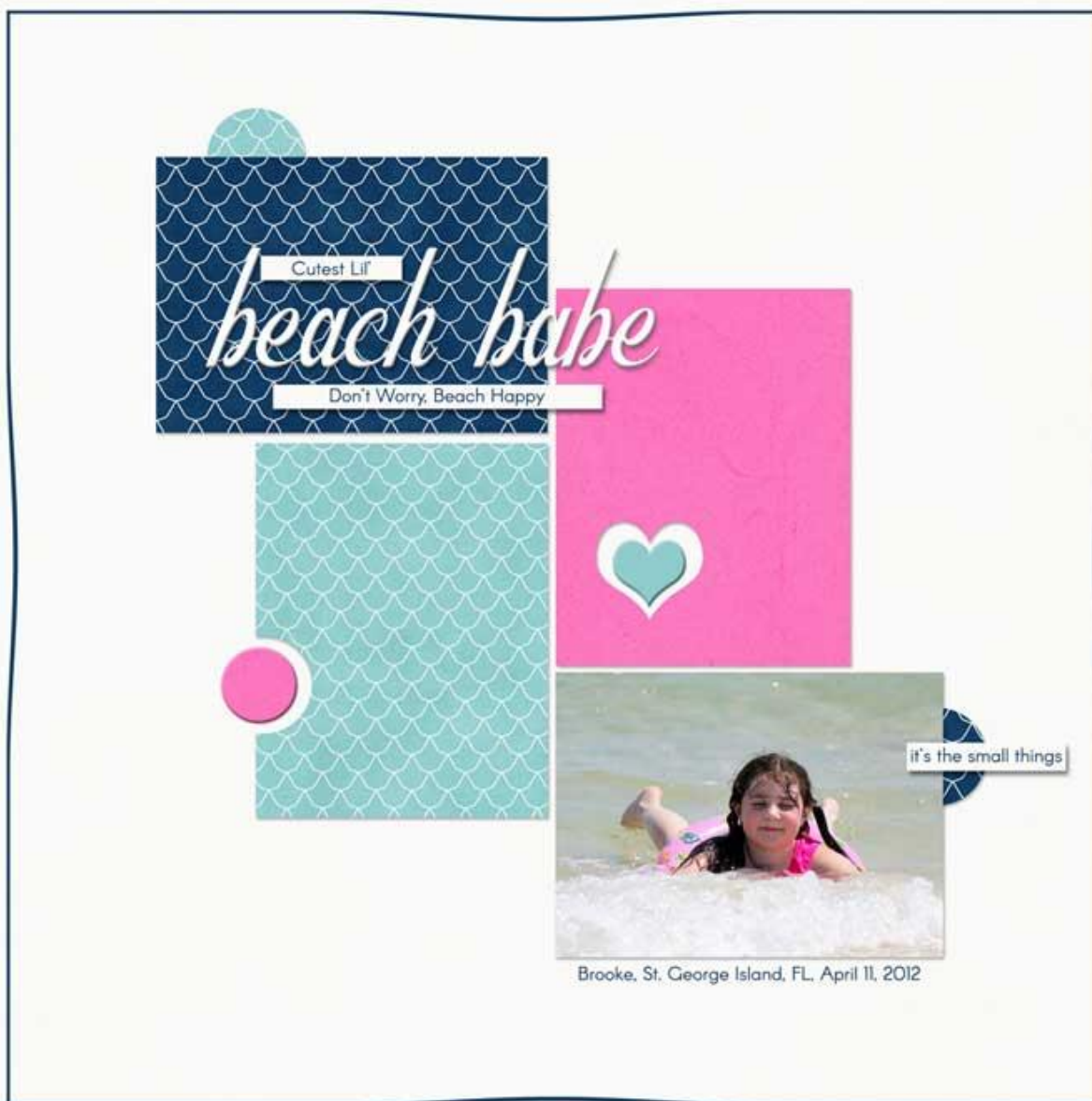
Step Four: Save the Document

- Save the document (File > Save As) as a layered PSD file with a unique name.
- Save the document (File > Save As) as a high quality JPEG file with a unique name.



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In this example, I wanted to add some interest to my papers without taking the focus off the photo of my daughter playing in the waves. The cut outs add interest and allow a place for me to add some more pink to match my daughter's swimsuit.



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