



Glitter Patterns with the Magic Wand Tool

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Take any page from DRAB to FAB! 'Glam' it up and make those patterned papers sparkle with glitter using the Magic Wand tool.

For this tutorial you will need:

- paper-polkadot-dstglittermagic-digitalscrapper.jpg or a patterned paper from your own stash
- paper-glitterrosegold-dstglittermagic-digitalscrapper.png or one of the glitter papers from the download folder
- Photoshop Elements or Adobe Photoshop

If you'd like to follow along exactly, use the **paper-polkadot-dstglittermagic-digitalscrapper.jpg** and the **paper-glitterrosegold-dstglittermagic-digitalscrapper.png** from the download that is included with this manual.

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Step One: Prepare the Workspace

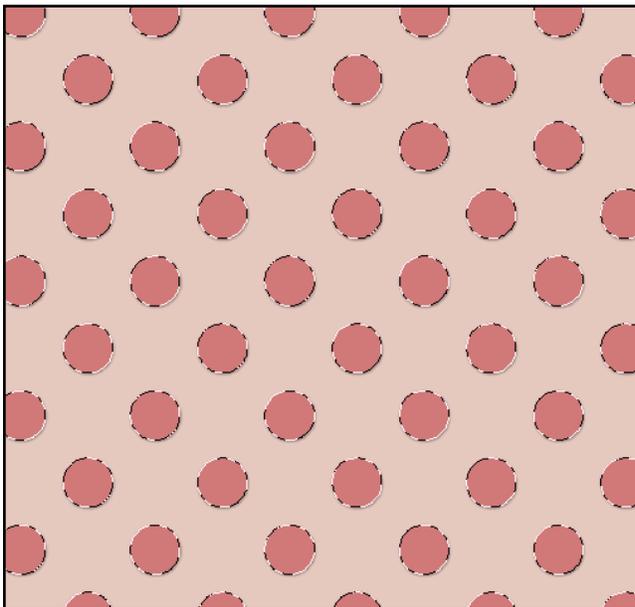
- Open the paper-polkadot-dstglittermagic-digitalscraper.jpg file from the downloads (File > Open) or a simple pattern paper of your own choosing.

Note: The pattern needs to be clearly defined with simple edges to work best with this tutorial.

- In the Menu Bar, choose File > Duplicate to create a copy. (PS: Choose Image > Duplicate).
- In the dialog box, click OK.
- Close the original paper file.

Step Two: Select the Pattern from the Paper

- Get the Magic Wand tool.
- In the Tool Options, click on the New Selection icon and set the Tolerance to 32. Uncheck Sample All Layers and Contiguous, but check Anti-Alias. (Photoshop: Also set the Sample Size to Point Sample.)
- On the document, click on one of the dots to select the pattern.
- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the selection.
- In the Layers panel, double click directly on the name of the duplicated layer and rename it "Clipping Pattern Mask." Press Enter/Return to commit the change.



Step Three: Add a Drop Shadow

Photoshop Elements:

- In the Layers panel, click on the Clipping Pattern layer to make sure it is the active layer.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Layer Style > Style Settings.
- In the dialog box, set the Lighting Angle to 120°.
- Click directly on the word Drop Shadow to open the settings.
- Set the Size to 3, the Distance to 1, and the Opacity to 50%.
- Click OK to close the Style Settings dialog box.

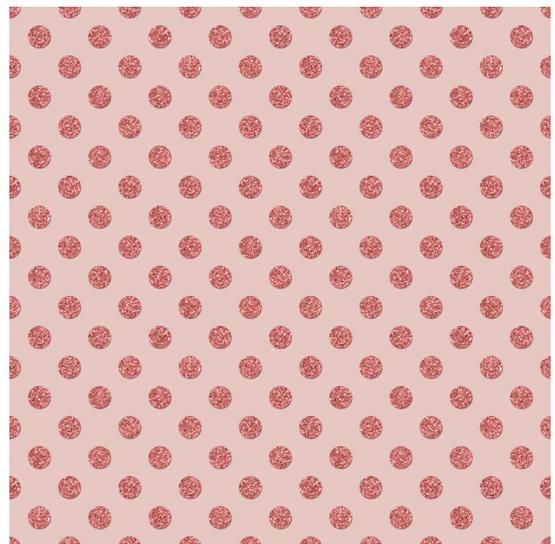
Adobe Photoshop Only:

- In the Layers panel, click on the Clipping Pattern layer to make sure it is the active layer.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Layer Style > Drop Shadow.
- In the dialog box, click on Reset to Default.
- Set the Blend Mode to Multiply, the Opacity to 50%, the Angle to 120°, the Distance to 1, the Spread to 0, and the Size to 3.
- Click OK to close the Layer Style dialog box.

Note: If you want to make the glitter pattern pop off the page, then you'll need to use a larger drop shadow. But, if you want your glitter pattern to look like it's been glued to the paper like it would in real life, using the shadow size we added is the perfect touch.

Step Four: Clip the Glitter Paper

- Open one of the glitter papers from the downloads. If you want to follow along exactly, use the paper-glitterrosegold-dstglittermagic-digitalscraper.png (File > Open).
- Get the Move tool.
- On the document, hold down the Shift key and click and drag the paper-glitterrosegold-dstglittermagic-digitalscraper.png document onto the paper-polkadot-dstglittermagic-digitalscraper.jpg document.
- In the Layers panel, the glitter paper layer should be at the top of the panel. If it's not, move it to the top now.
- In the Layers panel, press and hold the Alt key (Mac: Opt key) and hover between the glitter paper layer and the Clipping Pattern Mask until you see the clipping icon, then click to clip the glitter paper to the clipping pattern.



Step Five: Save the Document

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

Here is how I added a little sparkle to a Christmas ornament and some word art!



BEFORE



GLITTER ADDED

Credits: Gina Harper

Element: Christmas Day_Sticker Ornament Blue by Sharon-Dewi Stolp



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Element: cmassticker-Holiday by Dianne Rigdon

Here is the page I created using the patterned paper, the glitter paper and the Magic Wand tool:



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