

qt-PaintingOnClippingMasks-manual



Painting on Clipping Masks

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Take your brushes and elements from grayscale to great using the Brush Tool and clipping masks to add multiple colors.

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For this tutorial you will need:

- Photoshop Elements or Adobe Photoshop
- Paper, element, or overlay (download mine below)

Step One: Prepare the Document

- [Download the layered PSD scrapbook page I'm using for this tutorial](#) and unzip the folder.
- Open the qt-PaintingOnClippingMasks-DigitalScrapper.psd file (File > Open) located in the folder.
- In the Layers panel, click on the “Flowers” layer to activate it.



Step Two: Create a Clipping Mask

- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Create Clipping Mask.
- In the Layers panel, change the Blend Mode to Screen.

Note: Feel free to try other Blend Modes after this layer has been painted on.

Step Three: Paint the Stems

- Get the Brush Tool.
- **Photoshop Elements ONLY:** In the Tool Options, open the Brush Picker and choose the Pastel Medium Tip Brush from the Dry Media Brushes. If you don't see the Pastel Medium Tip Brush, open the flyout menu and choose Large List.
- **Adobe Photoshop ONLY:** In the Tool Options, open the Brush Picker and choose the Pastel Medium Tip Brush from Legacy > Dry Media Brushes. To see the Legacy Brushes, open the flyout menu and choose Legacy Brushes and then click OK. To see the name of the brushes, open the flyout menu and check Brush Name.

- In the Tool Options, set the Size to 70 px, the Mode to Normal, and the Opacity to 100%. (PS: Also set the Flow to 100%.)
- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker.
- In the Color Picker, choose a green color for the stems and then click OK. I'm using Hex #aace5a.
- In the Layers panel, the blank clipped layer should be active.
- On the document, click and drag with the brush to paint the stems.



Step Four: Paint the Flowers

- In the Layers panel, click on the Create a New Layer icon to create an additional layer for painting on.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Create Clipping Mask.
- In the Layers panel, change the Blend Mode to Hard Light.

Note: Try out other Blend Modes to see what different effects you get.

- In the Tool Options of the Brush tool, set the Size to 200 px.
- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker.
- In the Color Picker, choose a color for the bottom flower and click OK. I'm using Hex #fed92f, a yellow color.
- In the Layers panel, the blank clipped layer should be active.
- On the document, click and drag to paint the bottom flower.



- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker.
- In the Color Picker, choose a color for the middle flower and click OK. I'm using Hex #7fd7da, an aqua color.
- On the document, click and drag to paint the middle flower.



- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker.
- In the Color Picker, choose a color for the top flower and click OK. I'm using Hex #7ea7d4, a blue color.
- On the document, click and drag to paint the top flower.



Step Five: Complete the Page

- In the Layers panel, click on the Visibility icons of the remaining layers to turn them on.
- Clip a photo to the Photo mask layer.

Note: For a tutorial on how to clip a photo to a clipping mask, [Watch This Video](#). This video is part of a FREE Fundamentals class in our classroom. To watch the video, you will have to create an account in our classroom (quick and easy) and enroll in the class.

- Save your completed page (File > Save As) as a layered PSD file in an easy-to-find location.



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