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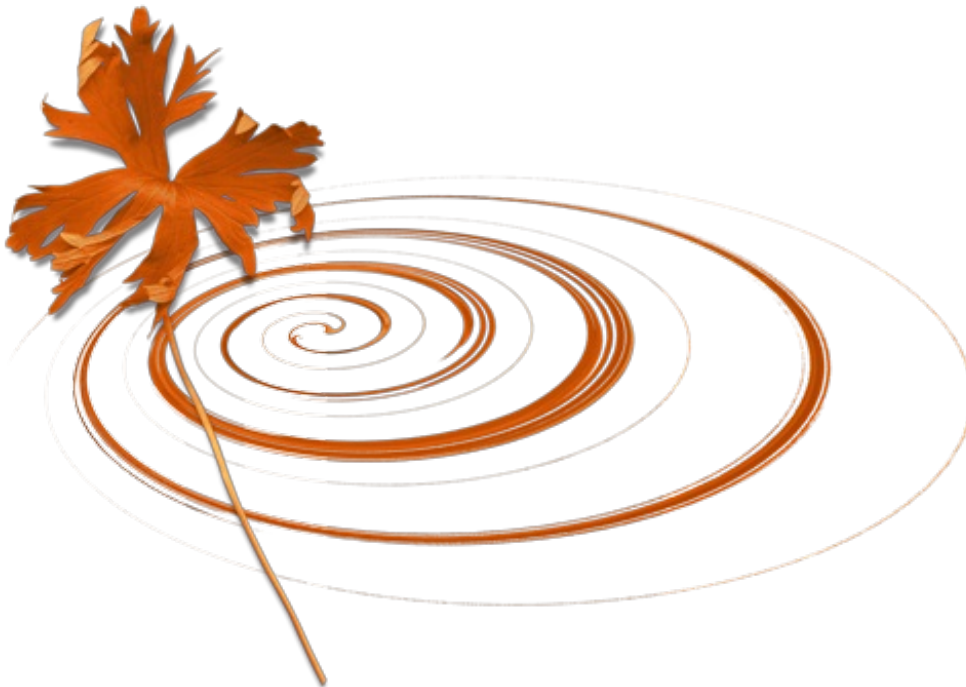
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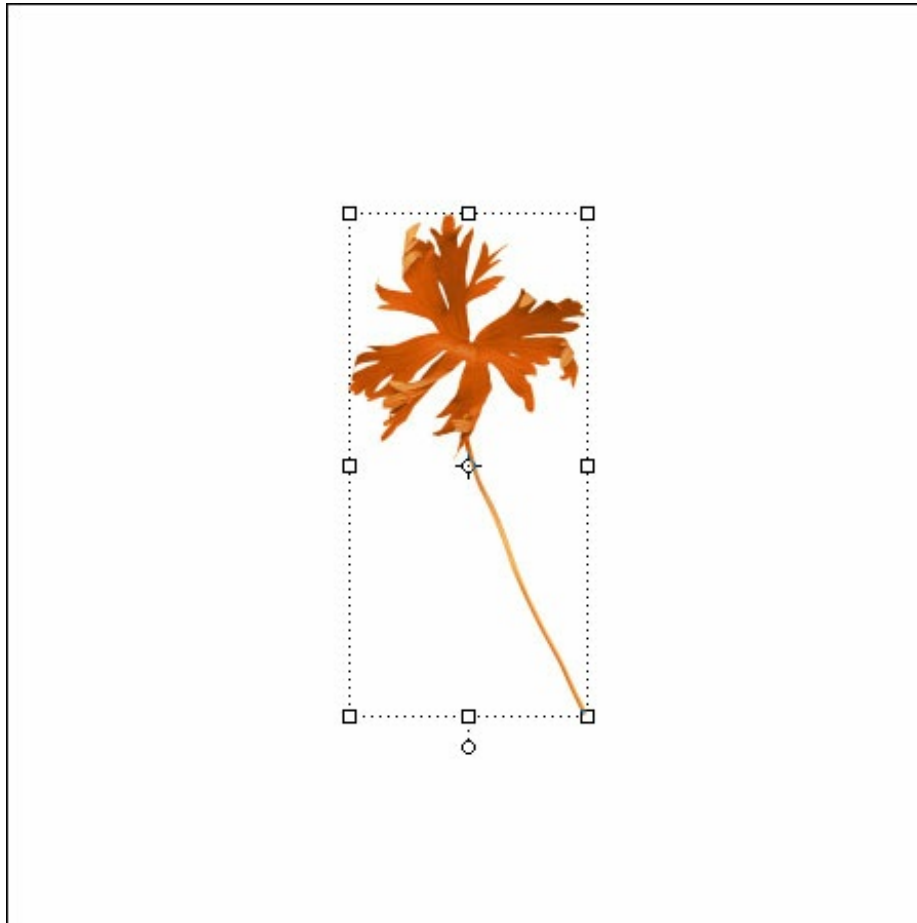
Using a common element along with the Distort Filter, add a swirl to your document that will give the illusion of movement.



Step One: Prepare Your Workspace

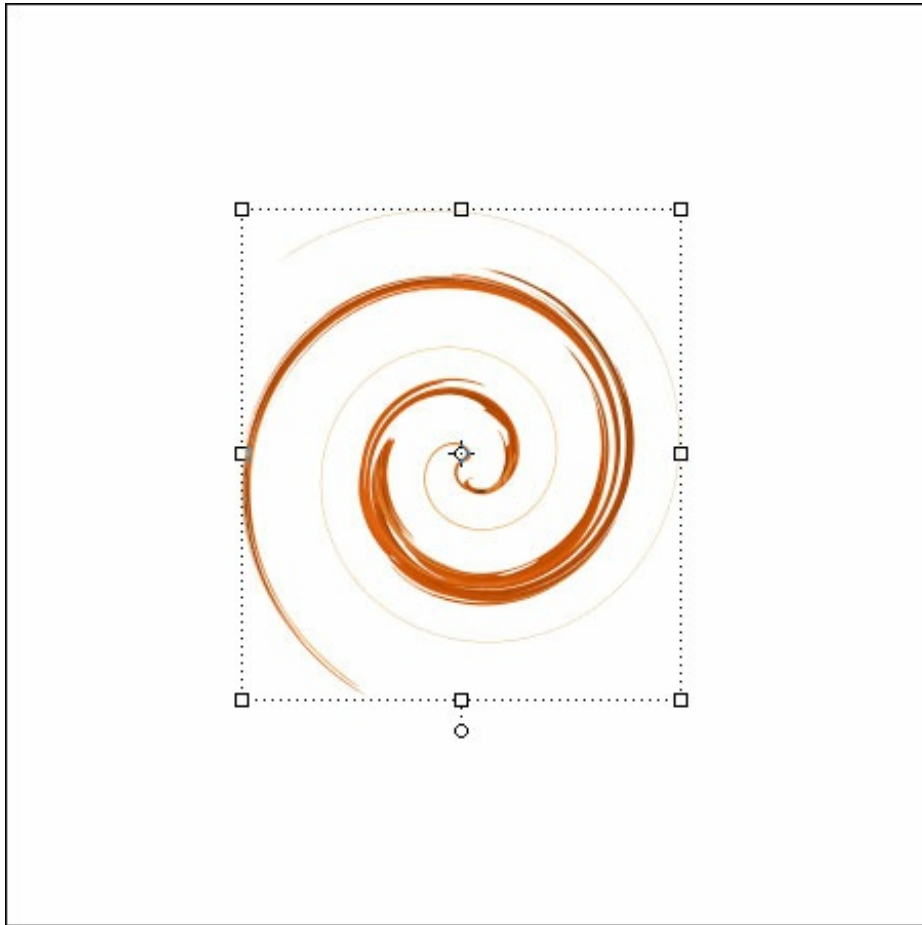
- Create a new 12×12 inch document (File > New > Blank File) at 300ppi with a white background. (Photoshop: Choose File > New.)
- [Download the leaf](#) to practice with.
- Open the leaf3-AutumnDays-KristinCroninBarrow.png file from the download folder.
- Get the Move tool.
- Click on the leaf and drag it onto the new document.

Note: This technique will work well with most any object that has a transparent background. It does not work well with objects that are already round, like a button.



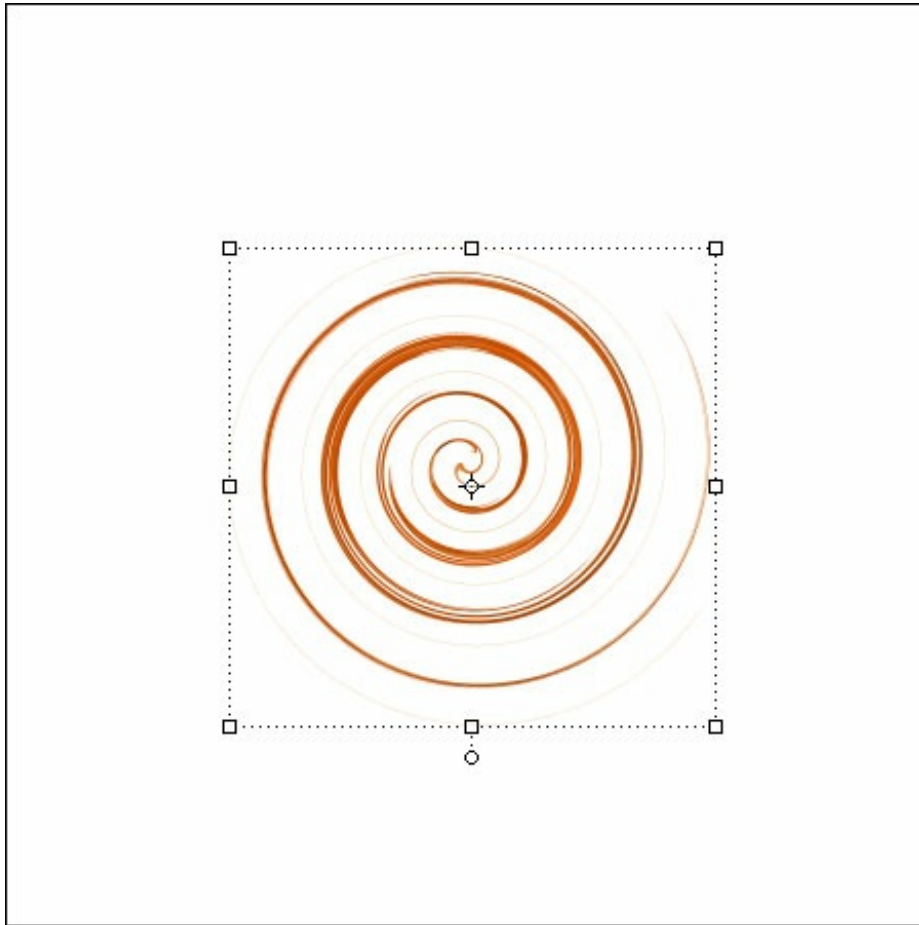
Step Two: Distort the Leaf

- In the Menu Bar, choose Filter > Distort > Twirl.
- In the dialog box, click the Zoom Out icon until you can see the entire leaf in the preview window.
- Click and drag the Angle slider all the way to the right.
- Click OK.



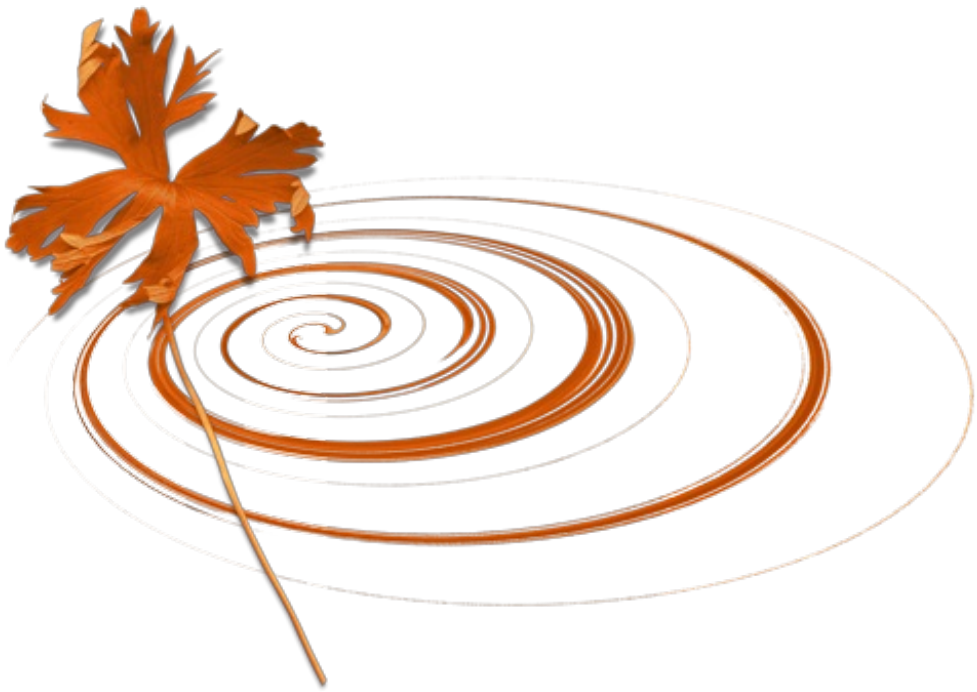
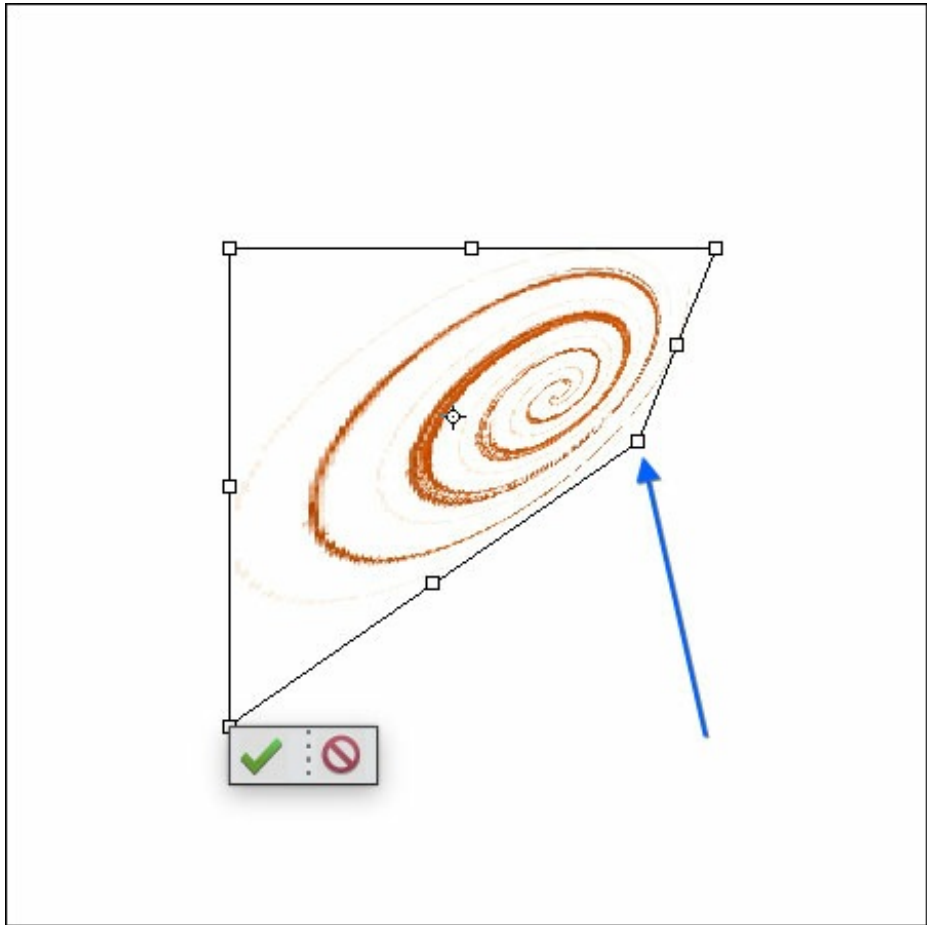
Step Three: Double the Effect (Optional)

- Press Ctrl F (Mac: Cmd F) to run the filter again with the same settings. (PS: Press Right Click Ctrl F (Mac: Ctrl Cmd F) to repeat the filter.)



Step Four: Transform the Shape

- 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 the bottom right corner handle of the bounding box up and to the left.
- Click the checkmark to commit the change.



Here's a scrapbook page Barb Brookbank created using one of her swirls.



Credits:

Page: Autumn Memories by Barb Brookbank

Photo: Barb Brookbank

Kit: Autumn Days by Kristin Cronin-Barrow

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