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Christmas Ornament (Photoshop Elements)

Tip of the Week by Jen White on January 4, 2011

Pretty and painless and priceless and free,
Here's a cool tip, I'm sure you'll agree.
Since trimming your tree is over and done,
Then add this to a layout for tons of good fun!

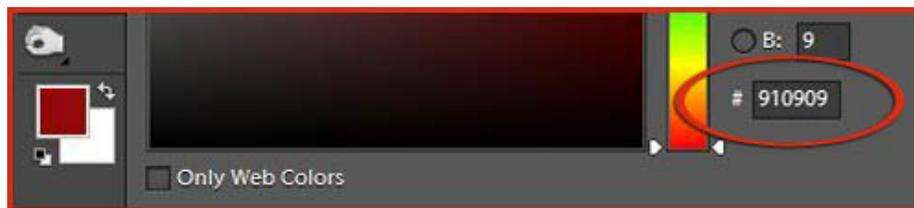
Tons of good fun? Now how can that be?
Cuz you're sitting in front of your 'puter with ME!
I love sending cheery good tips out your way,
Especially if I have something special to say.

To all my friends at DigitalScrapper.com,
Happy New Year to you, each and every one.



Step 1: New Document

- * Open (File > New > Blank File) a 5x5 inch document with a transparent background.
- * Click on the foreground Color Chip.
- * Choose the color you want your ornament to be. I chose #910909.



- * Click on the background Color Chip.
- * Change the color to white if it isn't already.

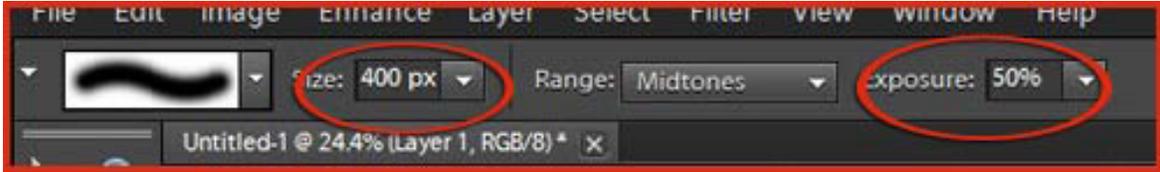
Step 2: Elliptical Marquee Tool

- * Get the Elliptical Marquee tool. It is nested with the Rectangular Marquee tool.
- * In the Options Bar choose the New Selection icon. "Feather" should be 0 px.
- * Hold down the Shift key and drag out a circle in the center of your document. Press the Space Bar to reposition while dragging.
- * Press Alt Delete (Mac: Opt Delete) to fill the circle with the Foreground color.
- * Do not deselect.

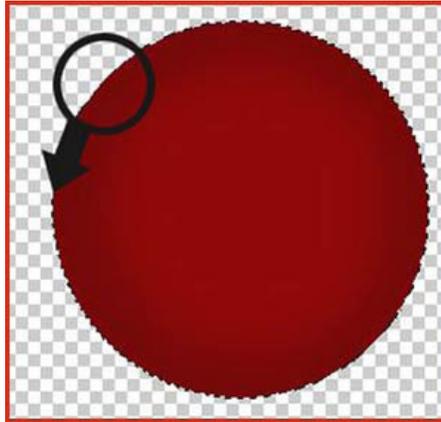
Step 3: Burn Tool

- * Get the Burn tool.

* In the Options Bar open the Brush Picker and choose a Soft Round Brush. Set the Size to 400 px, the Range to Midtones, and the Exposure to 50%.



* On the document, drag the cursor around the selection outline as shown in the screenshot below.



* In the Menu Bar choose Filter > Blur > Gaussian Blur.

o Enter 8 pixels for the Radius.

o Click OK.

* Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.



Step 4: Add a Highlight

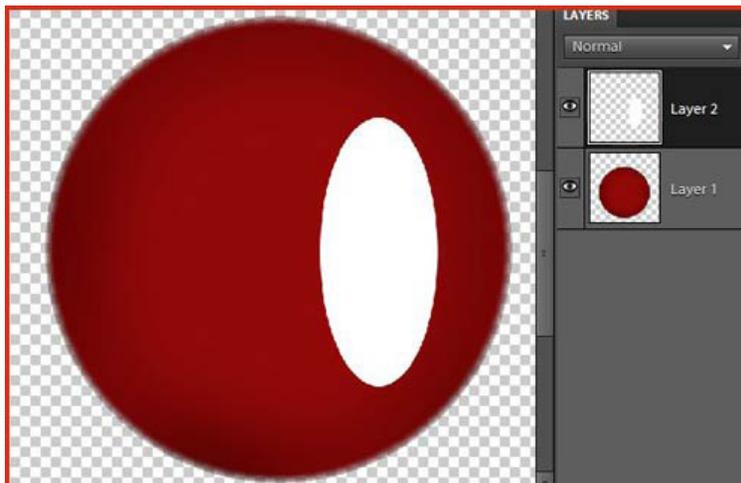
* In the Menu Bar choose Layer > New Layer.

* Get the Elliptical Marquee tool.

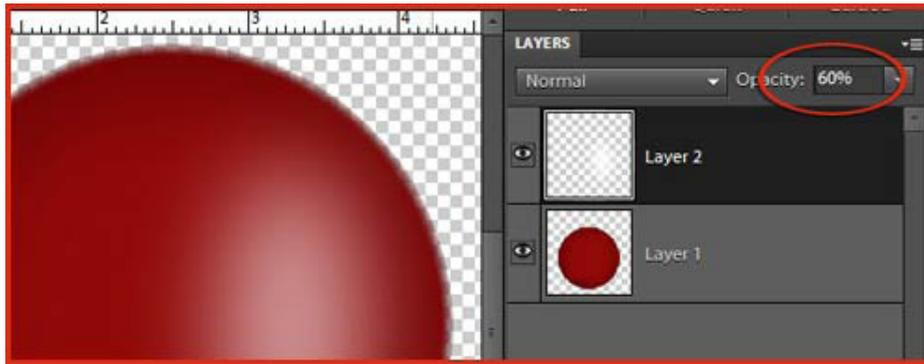
* Drag out an oval inside the ornament where the highlight would be. See the screenshot below.

* Press Ctrl Delete (Mac: Cmd Delete) to fill the oval with the background color (white).

* Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.



- * In the Menu Bar choose Filter > Blur > Gaussian Blur.
 - o Enter 90 pixels for the Radius.
 - o Click OK.
- * In the Layers panel, change the Opacity of the highlight layer to 60%.



Step 5: Hanger

- * Download the [Digital-Scrapper-Ornament-Hanger.PNG](#) file.
- * Open (File > Open) the hanger and drag it onto the document using the Move tool.
- * Move the hanger into place like the screenshot.



Step 6: Merge and Save

- * In the Menu Bar choose Select > All Layers.
- * Choose Layer > Merge Layers.
- * Save (File > Save As) the document as a PNG file to preserve the transparent pixels.
- * Drag the ornament onto your scrapbook page.

I've finished my scrapbook page that features this tip...check it out below. I hope you'll do the same and share it with me and the rest of the gang in the [Tip of the Week Gallery](#) at Digital Scrapper. Have a great week!

Credits:

Tip of the Week: Christmas Ornament, by Jen White

Software: Adobe Photoshop Elements 9.0

Photo: by Jen White

Featured kit: "Christmas Past" by ScrapKitchen



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