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Shadow Shortcuts (Photoshop)

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When making a layout, I used to add drop shadows to each layer separately. Sometimes it takes a while, if you have lots of layers. Since I usually have a lot of layers, I figured there must be a faster way to do it!

Thankfully, there is.

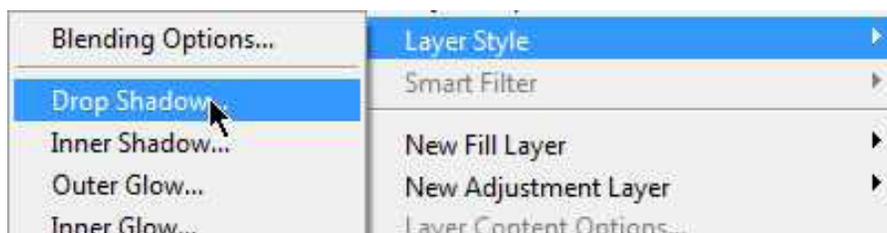
Step 1: Open your Layout



Page created using November's Premier Kit, Christmas Past by Scrap Kitchen Designs. The picture of my very happy daughter was taken by me.

Step 2: Add a Drop Shadow

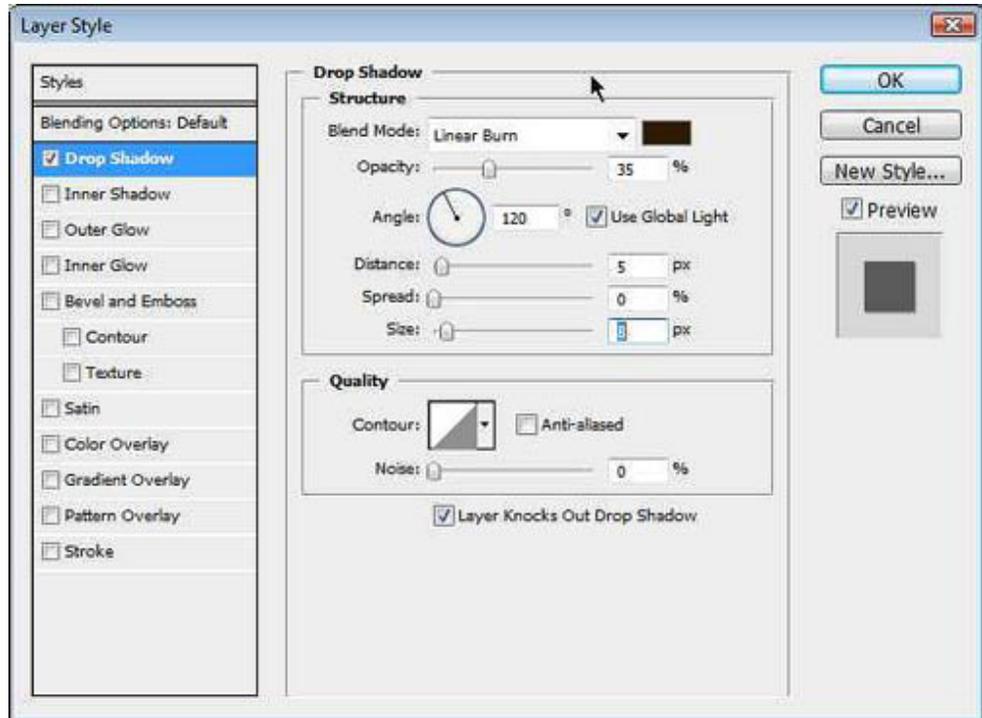
- * Activate a layer in the Layers panel.
- * In the Menu Bar choose, Layer > Layer Style > Drop Shadow.



* In the dialog box, I entered the following values:

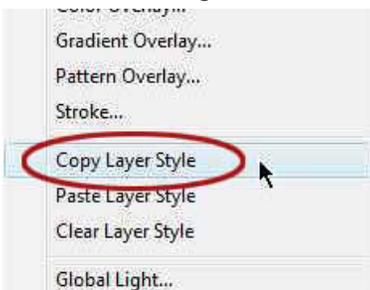
- o Blend Mode: Linear Burn
- o Opacity: 35%
- o Angle: 120
- o Distance: 5
- o Spread: 0
- o Size: 8

* Click OK.



Step 3: Copy your Style

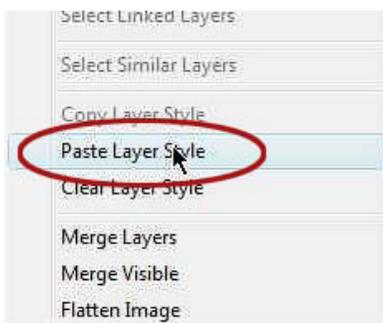
- * Right click on the “fx” in the layer with the drop shadow.
- * In the dialogue box, choose “Copy Layer Style.”



* Next, in the Layers panel, click another of the layers you want the drop shadow on.

* Then, pressing the Ctrl button (Mac: Cmd), click all the other layers you would like to have this same drop shadow.

- * Right click again in the selected area.
- * In the dialogue box, choose Paste Layer Style.



Step 4: Finish

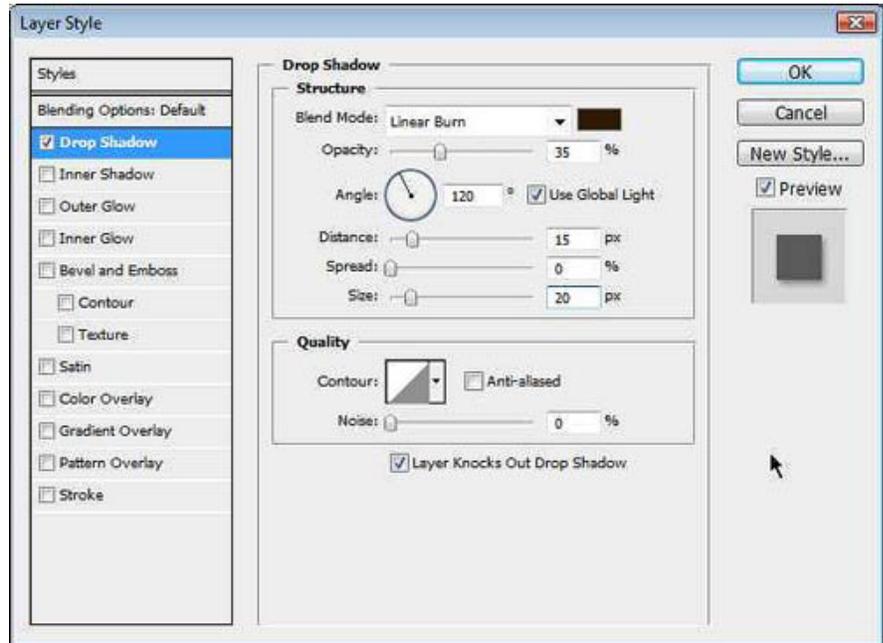
* You will probably not want to make every different type of item have the same shadow, so you will still have objects left in your Layers panel.

* Click on one of the remaining layers without a shadow in the Layers panel.

* In the Menu Bar choose, Layer > Layer Style > Drop Shadow.

* In the dialog box, I entered the following values:

- o Blend Mode: Linear Burn
- o Opacity: 35%
- o Angle: 120
- o Distance: 15
- o Spread: 0
- o Size: 20



* Click OK.

* Ctrl click (Mac: Cmd click) on each layer that you want to have the new shadow.

* Go back and repeat step 3, to complete your drop shadows.

* Keep repeating these steps until you've done all your batches of shadows.

Credits: November's Premier Kit, Christmas Past by Scrap Kitchen Designs. Layout, tutorial, picture by Lisa Hanks.





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