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Border Patrol - Apron Lace (Photoshop)

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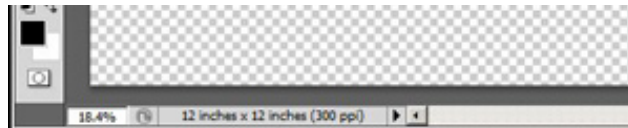
I have one (a.k.a. a folder) on my PC called “templates and shapes.” It houses me-made shapes and elements that I find myself using over and over again on my scrapbook pages. This collection of mine saves me tons of time.



In this tip, you can follow along with me as I add another great template to my stash in the shape of apron lace.

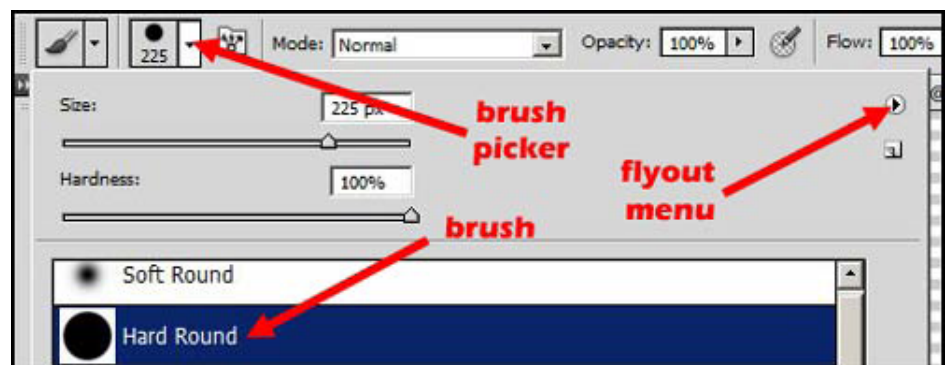
Step 1: Prepare your document

- * Create (File > New) a new document that is:
 - * 12 x 12 inches
 - * 300 px/inch
 - * Transparent background
- * Press the letter D to reset the Color Chips to the default of black and white.
- * Maximize or Doc your new document so you can clearly see the past the edges of it.



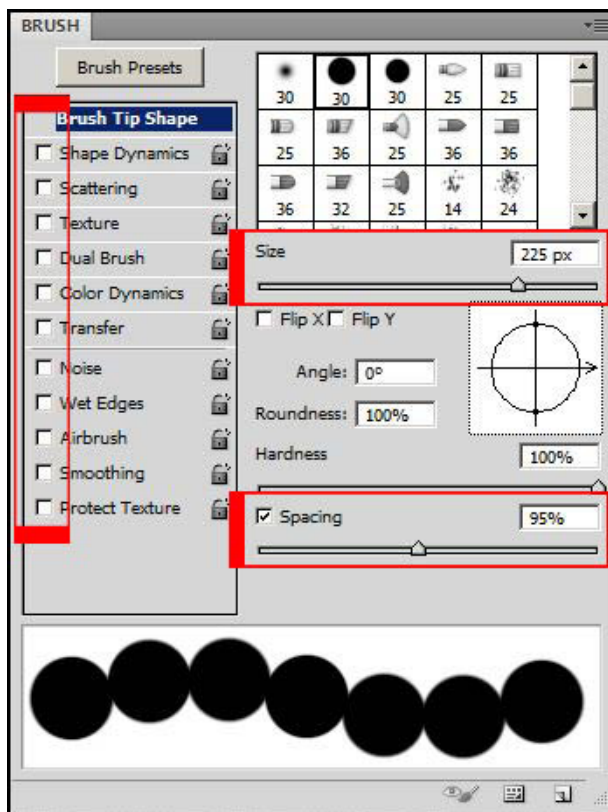
Step 2: Adjust your Brush tool settings

- * Get the Brush tool.
- * In the Options Bar, check the following settings:
 - * Mode: Normal
 - * Opacity: 100%
 - * Flow: 100 %
- * In the Options Bar, open the Brush picker.
- * In the Brush picker, open the fly-out menu and choose Reset Brushes. Click OK.
- * Open the fly-out menu again and choose Large List.
- * In the Brush picker, choose the Hard Round brush.



Step 3: Paint a line of dots

- * In the Options Bar of the Brush tool, click on the Brush panel icon to toggle on the Brush panel.
- * In the Brush panel, adjust the following:
 - * Size: 225 px
 - * Spacing: 95%
 - * Un-check all the Brush Tip Shape options



- * Place your cursor near the top of the document and slightly outside the left edge.



- * Holding down the Shift key to maintain a straight line, click and drag a line of dots all the way across the document.



Step 4: Paint a line of holes

- * In the Layers panel, click on the Create a new layer icon.
- * Press the letter X to switch white to the Foreground Color Chip.
- * Open the Brush panel again.
- * Change the Size to 125 px and the Spacing to 171%.

- * Place your cursor centered inside the first dot in the line of dots.
- * Holding down the Shift key, click and drag a line of dots all the way across the document.



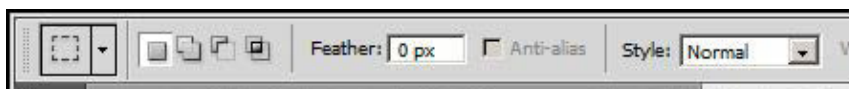
Step 5: Punch holes

- * In the Layers panel, Ctrl click (Mac: Cmd click) on the thumbnail of the white dot layer to get a selection outline.
- * Activate the black dot layer by clicking on it.
- * Press Backspace (Mac: Delete) to punch out the holes in the black dots.
- * In the Layers panel, drag the white dot layer to the Trash can icon.
- * Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.

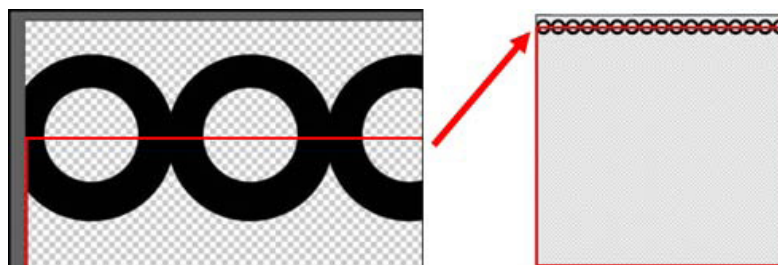


Step 6: Add Apron

- * Make sure that black is the Background Color Chip.
- * Press Ctrl 0 (Mac: Cmd 0) to fit the document to screen.
- * Get the Rectangular Marquee tool.
- * In the Options Bar, set the following:
 - * Choose the New Selection icon
 - * Feather: 0
 - * Style: Normal



- * On your document, click and drag out a selection box from half of the dot line to the bottom of the document.



- * Press Ctrl Backspace (Mac: Cmd Delete) to fill the selection outline with black.
- * Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to Deselect.



Step 7: Save as PNG

- * Save your new template as a png file to preserve the transparent pixels.

Step 8: Use template

- * Open (File > Open) a background paper.
- * Get the Move tool.
- * Holding down the Shift key, move the paper onto your template.
- * In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Create Clipping Mask.



Here is the scrapbook page I used my template on. Make sure you share your template design in the gallery at Scrappers Guide so we can all enjoy it!

Credits:

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