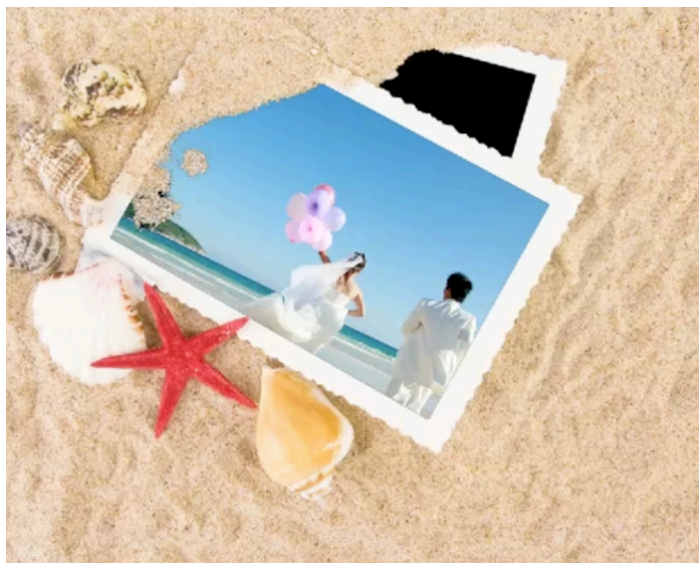


ADOBE PHOTOSHOP Elements TECHNIQUES

Create a Reusable Photo Frame

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Using the Magic Extractor tool and some quick layers to create a cool, reusable picture frame from a stock photo.

1. Open the image you would like to use as a frame and duplicate the background layer (**PC: Control+J, Mac: Command+J**).
2. Go to the **Image** menu and select **Magic Extractor**.
3. Using the **Foreground Brush** tool (the pen tool with the plus sign), brush a few times on the area of the photo you'd like to select.
4. Using the **Background Brush** tool (the pen tool with the minus sign), brush a few times on the areas of the photo you'd like to exclude.
5. Click ok when you're done - this part may take some time, especially if your photo has a very high resolution.

6. Go to the photo you want to place inside your frame and select all (**PC: Control+A, Mac: Command+A**) and copy (**PC: Control+C, Mac: Command+C**).
7. Go back to your frame image and select the layer that has just the inside of the frames (the Magic Extractor created this layer for you). Paste your image (**PC: Control+V, Mac: Command+V**), which should automatically create a new layer. Use Free Transform (**PC: Control+T, Mac: Command+T**) to resize it and move it into place.
8. Go to the **Layer** menu and select **Create Clipping Mask**. (Helpful Hint: On older versions of Elements, this is called **Group Layers** in the Layer menu.)
9. To save this frame for future projects, save the frame with the Magic Extractor layer as a .psd.