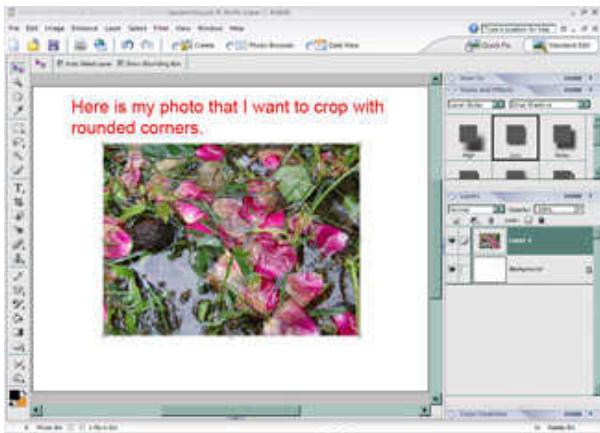


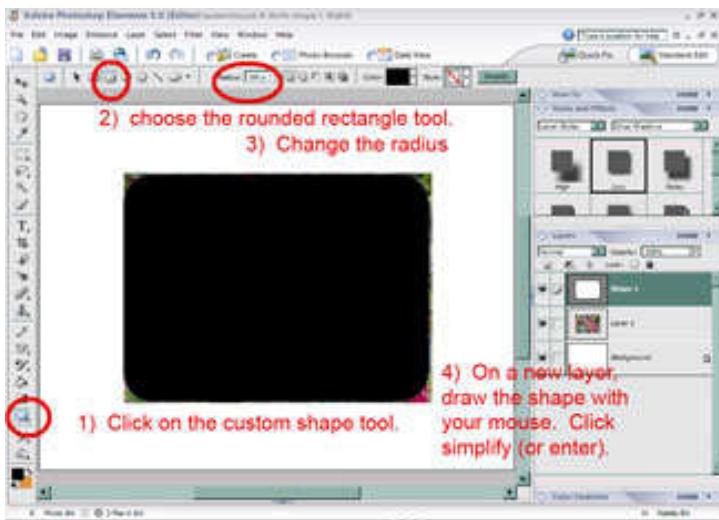
Rounded Corners Tutorial By Hummie

A fun technique to apply to your photos or mats is to make the corners of them rounded.

This is a quick, easy technique that brings pleasing results.



- 1) Place your photo or mat on your layout. Below is my chosen photo.



- 2) We will be utilizing the [cutting paper tutorial](#) skills which you learned in an earlier lesson.

First, a template with rounded corners needs to be created.

Select the custom shape tool.

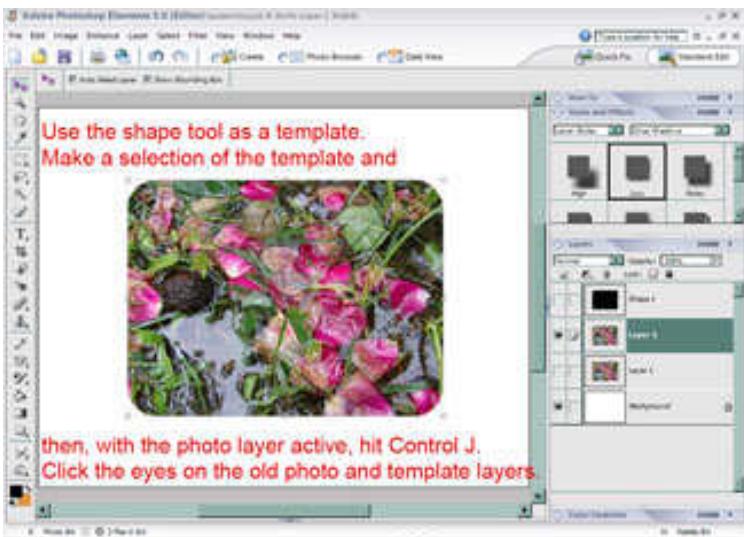
From the bar at the top, choose the “rounded rectangle tool.”

Next, change the radius of the rounded rectangle. The larger the number you insert, the more rounded the corners will be. For my sample, I used the figure of “200.”

Make a new layer. Draw the shape with your mouse and then click “simplify” on the

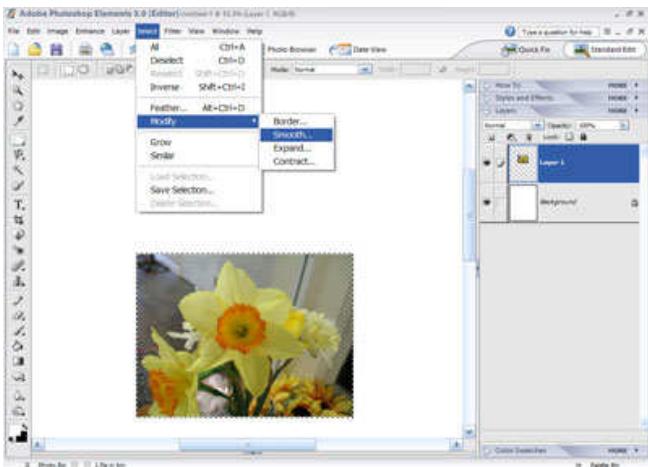
top bar or hit the enter key on your keyboard.

Do you like the results? If not, hit the undo button (left facing arrow) and change the radius. Test the tool again and again until you get the amount of roundedness in the corners which you desire.



3) As you learned in the [cutting paper tutorial](#), using the shape tool as a template, make a selection of the template and then, with the photo layer as the active layer, hit Control J. Click the eyes on the original photo and template layers to make them invisible.

You may also use the Control G method which is included in the first lesson of Course 2 located at
<http://www.hummiesworld.com/tutclippingmask.html>.



As always, there are many ways to do the same thing! Here's another way to round corners. Make a square selection around your photo (with the photo layer as the active layer). Go to the Select drop down menu and choose "modify" and then "smooth." In the popup box, the higher the number you choose, the wider the cut on the corner. (Start with 50 and test to see if you like it and then hit the back button and try a lower or higher number.) Next, go to the Select drop down menu and choose "inverse." Hit the delete key on your keyboard.

Personally, I feel the edges are more jagged using this technique, but it is faster.