

PUNCH SHAPES TUTORIAL (& using the cookie cutter)

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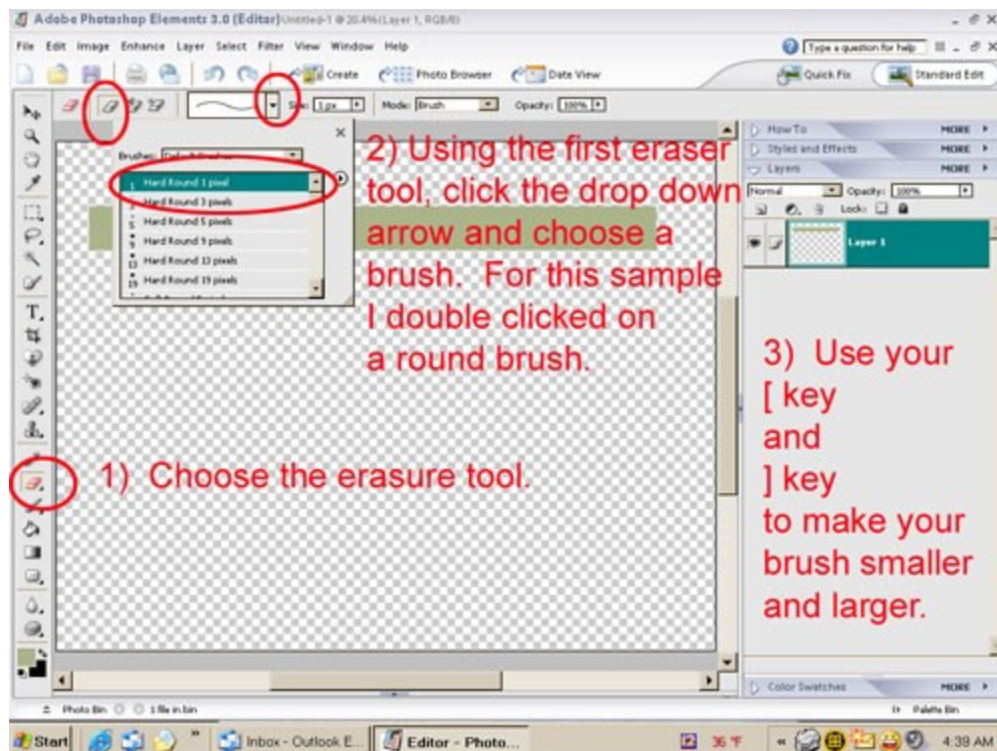
If you go into any traditional paper scrapbooking store isle, you will see a variety of paper punches that work just like a hole punch, but they punch a cute shape.

You can do the same thing with digital scrapping! It really isn't very hard.

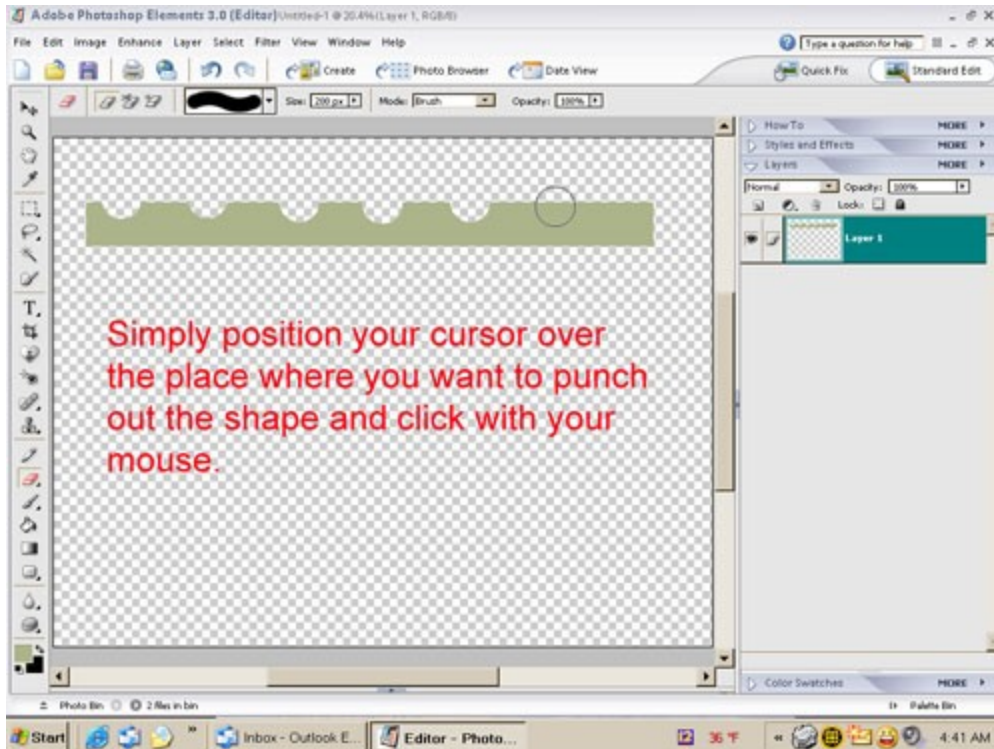
Draw a rectangle and fill it with a color as seen in olive green in the screen cap below.

Click on the erasure tool. Using the first erasure tool to the left (which it is probably defaulted to), click the drop down arrow and choose a brush. For my sample, I double clicked on the round brush.

Use your [and] keys to make your brush larger or smaller so that it is applicable to the shape size you are wanting to cut out.



2) Position your cursor over the place where you want to punch out the shape and click with your mouse.



3) The possibilities are endless with regard to the amount of shapes you can punch out. There are several ways to get shape selections to make a brush (which will be covered under a brush tutorial), but I will demonstrate here using the cookie cutter tool.

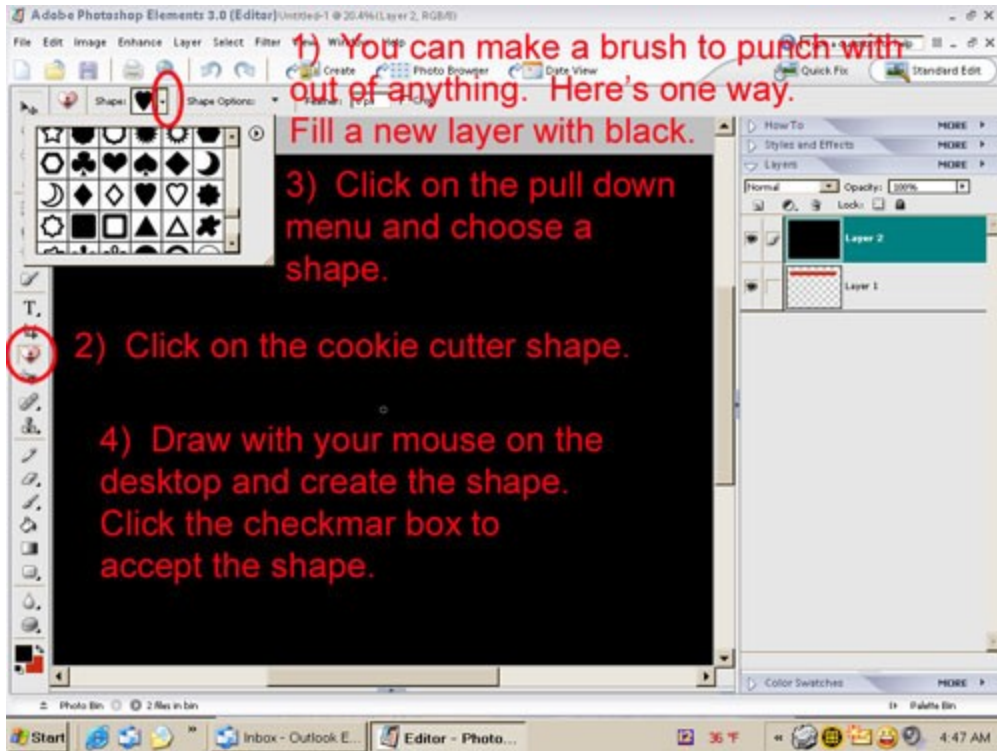
Fill a new layer in black. This is an important step in using the cookie cutter tool.

Click on the cookie cutter tool (note the layer with solid black is the active layer).

Click on the pull down menu and choose a shape.
I double clicked on a heart shape.

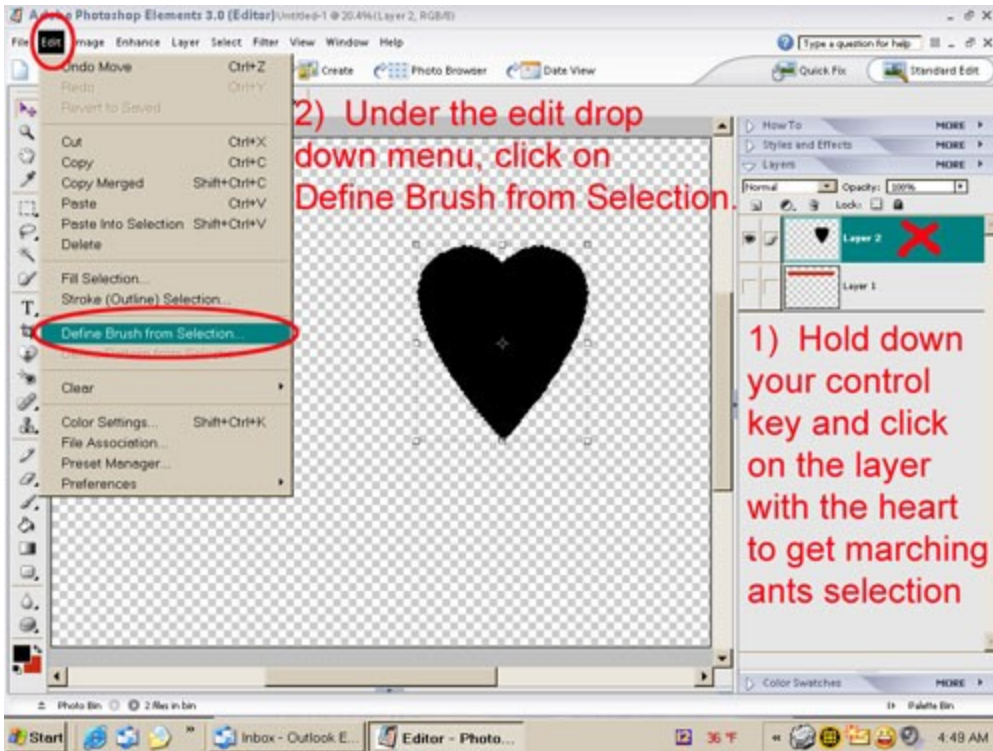
Draw with your mouse on the desktop to create the shape and click the checkmark to accept the change (or click the enter key to accept the change).

TIP: Search the internet. You can find tons of shapes to download for free. Also, the same shapes can be made by using the shape tool! The pull-down menus look the same. The only difference is that you do not cut from the layer, but rather the shapes fill with the foreground color. It is actually easier to use than the cutter, so I demonstrated the harder technique here.

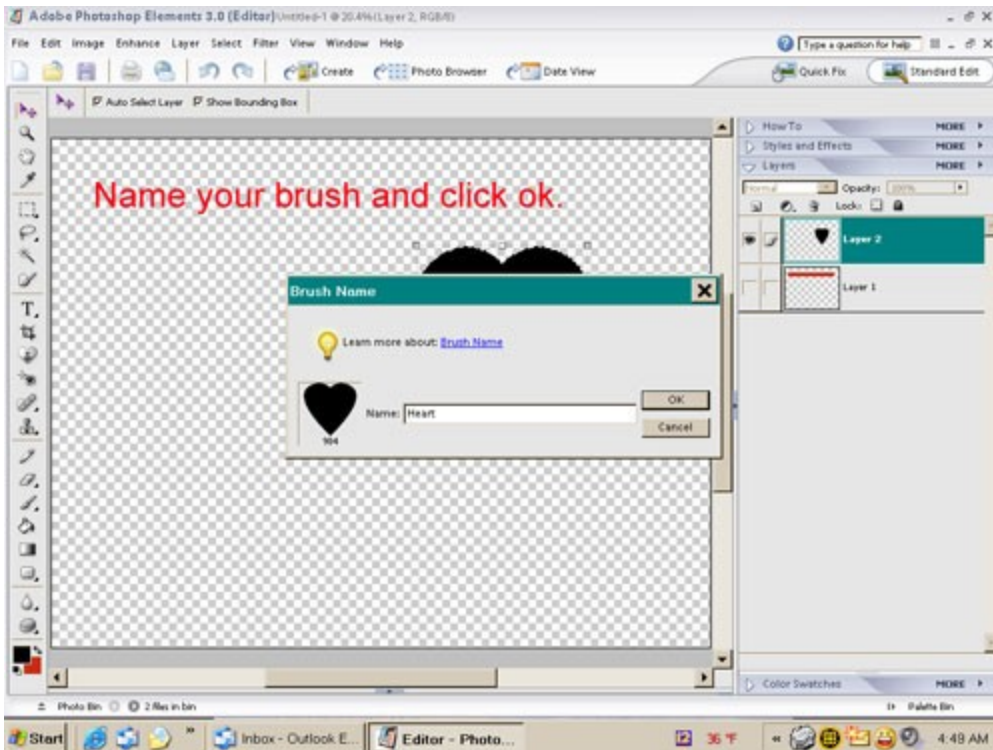


4) Under the edit drop down menu, click on Define Brush from Selection.

TIP: Many sites have the popular Doodles for sale. You can also use this technique on the Doodles!

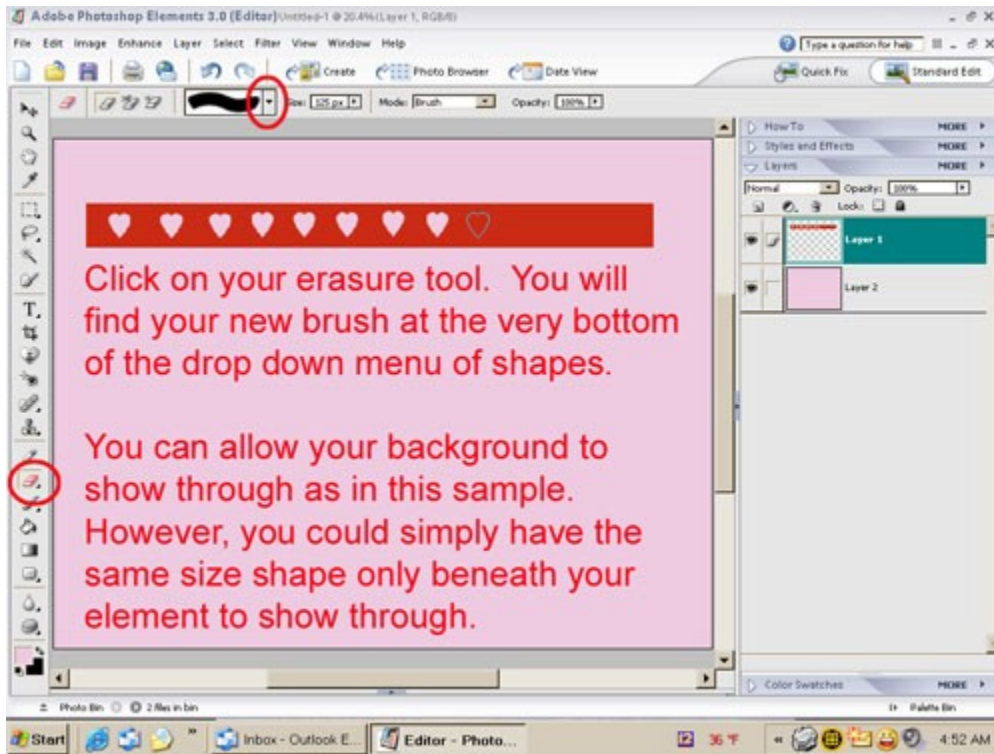


5) In the popup window, name your brush and click ok.



6) As in the steps above, click on the erasure tool. You will find your new brush at the very bottom of the drop down menu of shapes.

In the sample below, the pink background layer is showing through the punched hearts. I could have made a duplicate pink rectangular shape below the red to allow color to show through, rather than the whole background.



The possibilities for use of this technique are only limited to your imagination. Punch out shapes in ribbons, mats, photos, tags. Here is a sample tag that has been punched. Click in the middle or on the edges. Use geometric shapes to make interesting patterns.



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