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Hybridize It! PSE 11 The Digital Scrapbook Teacher

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Let's be honest here....some of us have a few traditional embellishments hanging around. Many of us have more than a few...maybe thousands...you know who you are! What I have seen (and experienced myself) is a certain amount of guilt about not using the supplies I have purchased. While digital scrapbooking and card making is faster and cleaner than the traditional version, we still want to use up the supplies we have for various reasons...guilt being one of them.

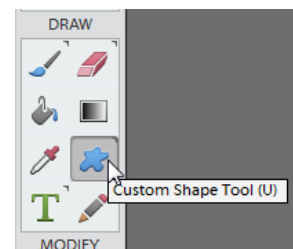


This technique allows you to have the best of both worlds (digital & traditional scrapbooking). All you need is:

- Digital Project
- Traditional Embellishment
- Ruler
- Photoshop Elements

Here's how you do it:

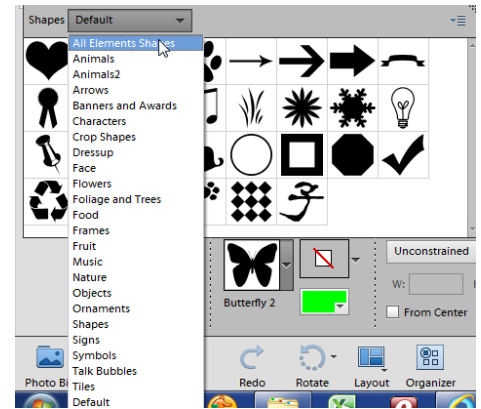
1. Create your project (scrapbook page, card, etc.).
2. Open the traditional embellishment from the package and measure it with a ruler.
3. From the Photoshop Elements Toolbar select the Custom Shape tool. This tool is nested with the Rectangle, Rounded Rectangle, Ellipse, Polygon, Line, Shape Selection, and Star (new in PSE 11) tools.



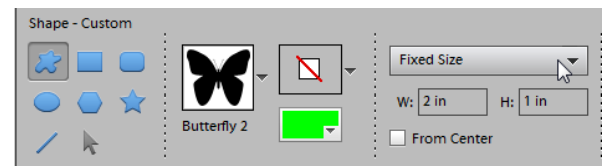
4. Choose a color that does NOT look good with your project.

The thinking here is that the shape you put on the project will be a placeholder only. I want it to bother you so that you remember to turn off the layer (hide) so that you don't print the project with the shape on it.

5. From the Shape drop down list choose a shape that is the most similar to the traditional embellishment you wish to use on the project.



6. From the Option Bar or Tool Options (PSE 11) choose Fixed Size and enter the size of the traditional embellishment.

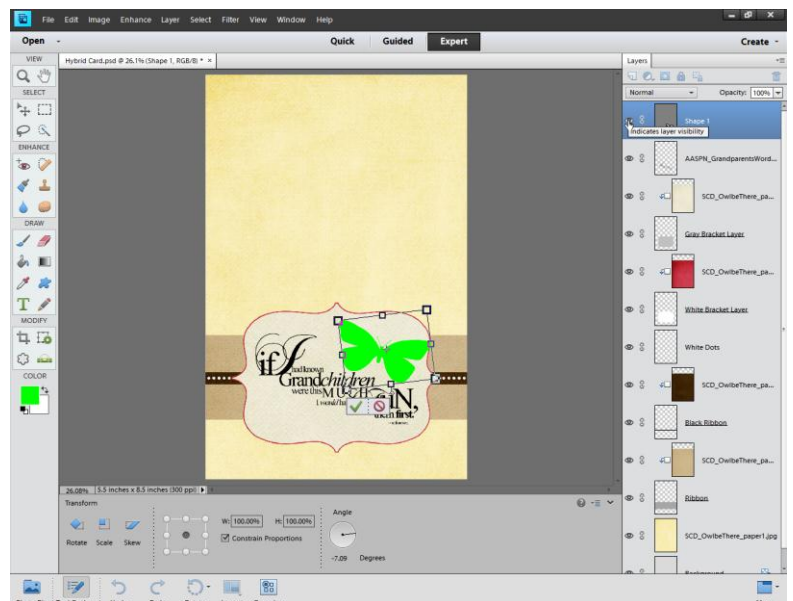


7. Click on the page to place the shape. Evaluate whether it fits correctly. Use the Move tool to move or rotate the shape. Do not resize (transform) the shape because that will defeat the purpose of what we're trying to do.

If the shape is not the right size, you now know that you will have to choose another embellishment (I'm sure you have more!) or make changes to your digital project.

If the shape is the right size, hide the layer and print the project. Let it dry for a couple of hours before adhering the traditional embellishment.

What are you waiting for? No more excuses, use those traditional supplies up!



Grandchildren word art is by [Anna Aspnes](#) and is also available in our #D Digital & Hybrid Cards Class Kit (available for [PSE 7-10](#) & [PSE 11](#)). The card template is from our #B Card template set available on [CD](#) and as a [download](#).