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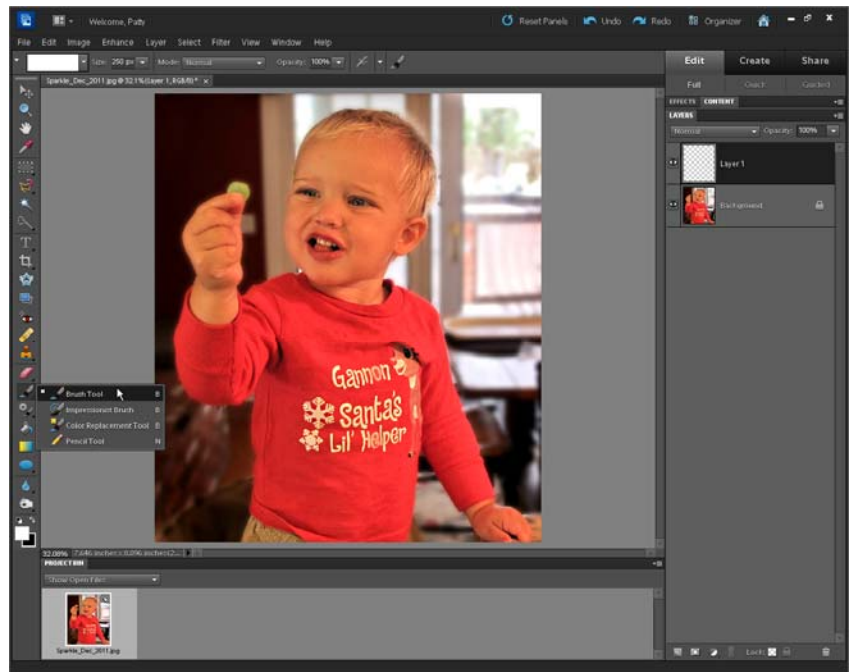
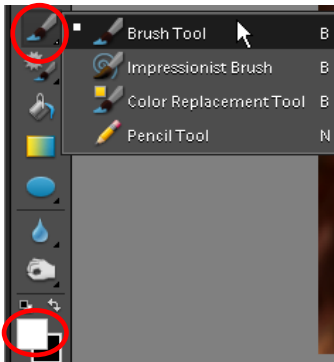
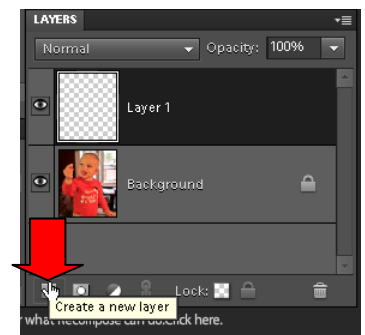
## The Digital Scrapbook Teacher Add Sparkle to Your Photos & Pages

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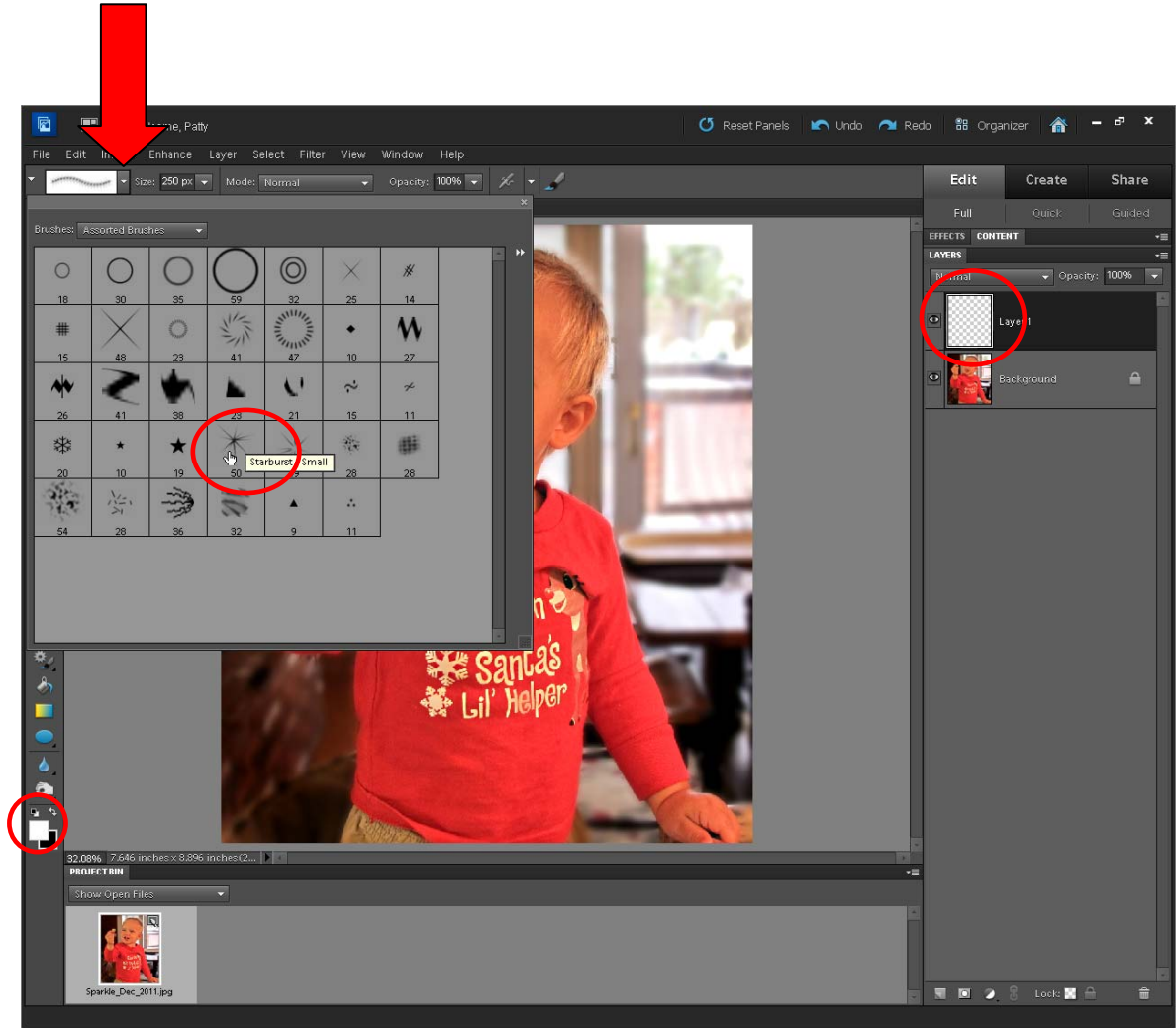
This is a fast and easy way to add some excitement to a photo. Holiday photos are especially fun to dress up with this tip. Try it! You'll like it!

Follow these easy steps with Photoshop Elements or Photoshop to add a sparkle to your photos:

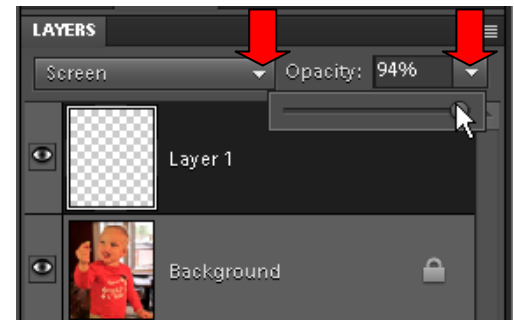
- Open a photo (File>Open).
- Create a New Transparent Layer above the photo by clicking on the first icon at the bottom of the Layers panel or by typing the shortcut Shift>Alt>Ctrl>N (Mac: Shift>Opt>Cmd>N).
- Choose white (or a very light color) for the Foreground color located at the bottom of the Toolbar.
- Choose the Brush tool from the Toolbar.



- Click on the Brush drop down arrow and choose the Assorted Brushes set. Click on the 50 px Starburst small brush circled below. The Crosshatch 1, and Starburst large brushes also sometimes work well.
- With the transparent layer selected, click where you would like to add a single sparkle.



- If you want to add additional sparkles, create a new layer, and stamp the brush again.
- If the effect of the sparkle is too strong adjust the layer opacity or Blending mode. These options are located at the top of the Layers panel.
- The size of the brush can be a little difficult to gauge. If you don't like the size of the stamp tap the Undo key (Ctrl>Z, Mac: Cmd>Z) and resize your brush using the Bracket keys.



Save the photo (File>Save) as a jpeg to email to friends or to upload to Facebook or to your favorite photo processor to make copies.

