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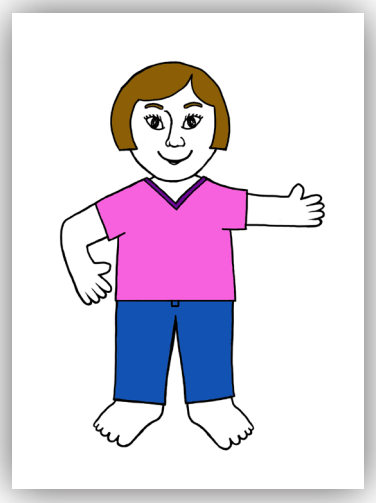
Adobe® Photoshop® Elements for Fiber Artists and Sewing Enthusiasts
March 5 - 25, 2012 (3 weeks)
Cost: $60



Through online lessons, videos, and webinars (real-time online meetings), you will learn the basic tools of Photoshop. We will focus on selection tools, their function, and how to use them. We will introduce you to the wonderful world of layers and why they are so important. To make the lessons easier to understand (and more entertaining), we use "paper" dolls instead of photographs to demonstrate the various tools.

Supply List

We will be using Adobe® Photoshop® Elements 10. Download the free trial version at www.adobe.com/products/photoshop-elements.html. The trial version lasts for thirty days, so download and install the program shortly before our course begins.

- If you already own a previous version of Photoshop or Photoshop Elements, we recommend you download the trial version and use it for the class. Once you become familiar with the tools, you will be able to revert to the version you own.
- To view the videos, you need a viewer like QuickTime or Windows Media Player.
- To view the lessons, you need a PDF viewer like Foxit Reader or Adobe Reader.

The Brush Tool 2

One thing you'll learn over the next three weeks is that there is more than one way to perform any one task. We're going to start with simple tasks this week. Next week we'll show you different ways to accomplish the same tasks. Sometimes you'll find that one way is better than another. Other times it will just be a personal preference. Let's start with the brush tool and put some color on our doll! Below are the tools you'll need in this lesson.

Foreground/Background Color

The foreground color is on top (here green); the background color is below (here red). Tools work with the foreground color. Click on the curved arrow in the top right corner to make the background color the foreground color. Click on the black/white squares in the bottom left corner to return to the default black/white colors.

When you click on one of the color squares, the Color Picker Dialog box pops up. Click anywhere in the color field **(A)** to change the color. The color you pick is indicated by the circle **(B)**. Click anywhere in the color slider **(C)** to change the color palette in the color field. You can also click on one of the white arrows on either side of the color slider and move it up and down to change the color palette. The current color and new color are shown in the color boxes **(D)**.

Brush Tool

Click on the brush tool to "paint" lines. Right click on the Brush tool icon to view other brushes such as the Impressionist brush and the pencil.

Brush Tool Options Bar

A. Brush Type. You can paint with many different brushes. Click on the "more" arrow for more options.
B. Brush Size. Click on the "more" arrow to change the brush size or click directly in the box and type in the number you want.

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Class Level

- This class teaches the basics of Photoshop Elements for those who want to use their computer to design fabric, quilts, and patterns.
- Learn the skills you'll need to take more StepOnPins.com courses!
- You must have the programs installed on your computer before the course begins.
- You must know how to open Photoshop Elements.
- You must know how to download, save, and find a file on your computer.

"The Pixeladies did a great job of breaking down the classes into understandable pieces."

- Survey Respondent

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