

Folded Books and Boxes with Photoshop Elements

3-hour workshop with Janet Ashford

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Class Description

Enter the fascinating world of handmade artist books and boxes, using Photoshop Elements to create and edit images and text. You'll scan your own photos and art and learn to apply basic editing and special effects. You'll place your images in templates, print them in color, then fold, stitch, trim and glue to create a fold-and-stitch pamphlet book and a folded paper cube.

Instructor Biography

Janet Ashford is the author of seven books on computer graphics including *The Arts and Crafts Computer: Using Your Computer as an Artist's Tool* (Peachpit Press, 2002) and *Start with a Scan: A Guide to Transforming Scanned Photos and Objects into High Quality Art* (with John Odam, Peachpit Press, 2nd ed. 2000). Her graphic design business provides services for clients in Mendocino County, California. See her web page at www.jashford.com.

Outline

Using templates in Photoshop Elements

1. Position art in templates for folded boxes and booklets
2. Work with layers
3. Understand layer modes and transparency

Basic photo editing

1. Correct contrast and brightness (using Levels)
2. Correct color (using Levels, Variations, Hue/Saturation or Selective Color)
3. Clean up with Clone tool and Dust & Scratches filter
4. Improve focus with Unsharp Mask

Applying "darkroom" effects

1. Invert to a negative
2. Apply posterization
3. Apply solarization (with Solarize filter and with Curves)

Applying graphic filters

Editing black-and-white line art

1. Correct contrast, brightness and focus
2. Add color (using paint bucket, brushes, overlays)

Printing our projects