

# Photocrafts with Photoshop Elements

2-day workshop with Janet Ashford

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## Class Description

Learn to use Photoshop Elements (Adobe's new \$99 version of Photoshop) to edit, improve, manipulate, layer, combine and transform scans and digital photos for the Web or to print. We'll combine our new computer skills with traditional scissors thread and glue to create a take home "fold-and-stitch" photo book and a folded picture cube. We'll also try refrigerator magnets and a T-shirt transfer.

## 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](http://www.jashford.com).

## Outline

### Day 1

#### Scanning and Editing Images

##### Morning

###### Basics of scanning

1. Scanning original photos and art
2. Scanning copyright-free clip art
3. Optimal resolution for printing

###### Basic image-editing in Photoshop

###### Editing color photos and art

- contrast/brightness (using Levels)
- correcting color (using Variations, Hue/Saturation, Levels & Selective Color)
- cleaning up with rubber stamp tool and Dust & Scratches filter
- focus with Unsharp Mask

##### Editing black-and-white art

- correcting contrast, brightness and focus
- detecting and stopping "leaks"
- adding color

##### Lunch break

##### Afternoon

###### Creating art for our craft projects

###### Applying "darkroom" effects

- invert to a negative
- high contrast
- posterization
- solarization (with Solarize filter and with Curves)

###### Applying graphic filters

### Day 2

#### Arts and Crafts Projects

##### Morning

###### Continue creating art for projects

- Create art for folded cube box
- Create art for fold-and-stitch booklet
- Create images for refrigerator magnets
- Create an image for a T-shirt or other cloth item (apron, pillow quilt, tote bag)

##### Lunch break

##### Afternoon

###### Complete your project

###### Print proofs of your images

###### Print final images on special media

- glossy photo paper
- heavyweight coated paper
- iron-on transfer paper
- magnet sheets

###### Enjoy finished projects!