Digital Scrapbooking with Photoshop Elements
Beginner's Class
with
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Week 1: Becoming Familiar with PSE

Lesson 1: Menus and Toolbars

1. Looking around your screen
    a. The Menu Bar
    b. The Tool Box
    c. The Palettes
2. What are Palettes?
    a. The Layers Palette
    b. The Effects Palette
    c. The Photo Bin
    d. Color Swatches

Lesson 2: Editing Photos

1. Opening photos
2. Photo Editing
    a. Cropping
    b. Red Eye correction
    c. Color Correction
    d. Black and White
        i. Photo filters
3. Resizing Photos for Perspective
4. Extracting
    a. Using the Magnetic Lasso tool
    b. Using the Eraser

Lesson 3: Learning about Layers

1. Opening supplies
2. Drag and Drop
    a. Placement
    b. Rotation
    c. Resizing

3. Moving layers to front or back

Week 2: Using Tools and Styles

Lesson 1: Selection Tools

1. Rectangular and Elliptical Marquee
    a. New
    b. Add To
    c. Subtract From
    d. Intersect with
    e. Cutting, dragging
2. Lasso, Magnetic Lasso, and Polygonal Lasso
    a. New
    b. Add To
    c. Subtract From
    d. Intersect with
    e. Cutting, dragging

Lesson 2: More on Selection Tools

3. Magic Wand
    a. New
    b. Add To
    c. Subtract From
    d. Intersect with
    e. Cutting, dragging
4. Magic Selection Brush Tool

Lesson 3: Paint Bucket, Sponge, Eraser, and Type Tools

1. Paint Bucket
    a. Choosing your color
    b. Switching between two colors
2. Sponge Tool
    a. Desaturate
    b. Saturate
3. Eraser Tool

    a. Eraser
        i. Brush, Pencil, and Block
        ii. Opacity
    b. Magic Eraser
4. Type Tool
    a. Horizontal and Vertical
    b. Applying Styles
    c. Creating warped text

Lesson 3: Brushes, Cookie Cutter, and Shape Tools

5. Brushes
    a. Brush Tool
        i. More Options
    b. Impressionist Brush
    c. Pencil
6. Cookie Cutter
    a. Options
7. Custom Shape Tool
    a. Selections
    b. Simplifying

Week 3: Layout Basics

Lesson 1: Applying Layer Styles

1. Bevels
2. Shadows
    a. Drop
    b. Inner
3. Glows
    a. Drop
    b. Inner
4. Other Styles
    a. WOW
    b. Glass

Lesson 2: Manipulating Elements

1. Resizing
2. "overlapping"
    a. using the eraser
3. "threading through"
    a. placement
    b. eraser

Lesson 3: Basic Layout Techniques

1. Your "New" dialog box
    a. Size
    b. Resolution
    c. Color mode
    d. Background
2. Using the "grid"
    a. Sizing guide
3. .png files
    a. multiple on a page
4. Basic saves
    a. .psd
    b. .jpg

Week 4: Additional Layout Techniques

Lesson 1: More advanced information on Layers

1. Duplicating layers
2. Hiding layers
3. Merging
    a. Down
    b. Visible
    c. Flattening
4. "New" blank layer
5. "Place" command

Lesson 2: Advanced Style and Filter Tips

1. Styles
    a. Layer Style Indicator
    b. Angle
    c. Size
    d. Distance
2. Filter Gallery
    a. Filter types

<u>Lesson 3: Saving for Web, and backing up your files</u>

1. Saving for Web
    a. Resizing
        i. Image size and resolution
    b. Quality
2. Upload process
3. Recommendations for saving kits, etc.
    a. Multiple backups