



INTRODUCTION TO GRAPHICS

Christmas Wreath II

Information
Sheet No.

PS677

This exercise is a bit different. (It has very few illustrations). It relies on your ability to follow (and sometimes interpret) written directions. You will need to download the five files listed below before you begin and save them to your directory on the college server or to your own personal storage device if you are working off campus.

The **branch**: <http://www.dwphotoshop.com/photoshop/holiday/branch.jpg>

The **pointsettia**: <http://www.dwphotoshop.com/photoshop/holiday/pointsettia.jpg>

The **holly leaves**: <http://www.dwphotoshop.com/photoshop/holiday/hollyberry.jpg>

The **bow**: <http://www.dwphotoshop.com/photoshop/holiday/redbow.jpg>

The **Pinecone**: <http://www.dwphotoshop.com/photoshop/holiday/pinecone.jpg>.

1. Open a New image by clicking File => open. Set the size to 750 pixels by 750 pixels, 72 ppi, white, RGB. Open up the branch file you downloaded.

2. On the Branch file, duplicate the background layer by right clicking on the background

and selecting duplicate. Turn the eye off on the background layer.

3. Use the magic wand tool set to a tolerance of 45 to select the white area around the branch. Hit your backspace key. Click Select=> Select all. Then Edit=>copy.

4. Switch back to the new image file. Click Edit=> Paste. Then click Edit=>Paste again.

5. Click Edit=>Transform flip vertical. Click Edit=> Free Transform, Set the X by adding 33. Set the y by subtracting 34. Click the check box.



Click Edit=>Paste. Click Edit=>Transform flip vertical. Click Edit=> Free Transform, Set the X by adding 72. Set the y by subtracting 51 and setting the angle to 10 degrees. Click the check box.

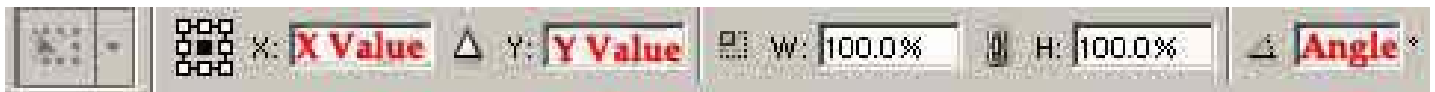
6. Click Edit=>Paste. Click Edit=> Free Transform, Set the X by adding 93. Set the y by subtracting 20 and set the angle box to 15 degrees. Click the check box.

7. Click Edit=>Paste. Click Edit=> Free Transform, Set the X by adding 109. Set the y by subtracting 20 and set the angle box to 10 degrees. Click the check box.

8. Right click on the first branch layer and select Blending Options. Check the Drop Shadow. Click ok. Right click on this layer and Select Copy layer style. Click on the 4 other branch layers and Select Paste Layer Style.

9. Link the 5 branch layers by clicking one of them and clicking the link column on the other three. Then click Layer => Merge Linked. Rename this layer Branches. use the move tool to move the branches close to the center top. Duplicate this layer.

10. On the branches copy click Edit=> Free Transform. Set the x by adding 148.5. Set the y by adding 34.5. Set the angle to 40. Duplicate this layer.



11. On the Branches copy 2, click edit, FreeTransform. Set the x by adding 255.5. Set the y by adding 121. Set the angle to 40. Duplicate this layer.

12. On the Branches copy 3 click Edit=> Free Transform. Set the x by adding 139. Set the y by adding 285.5. Set the angle to 40. Duplicate this layer.

13. On the Branches copy 4 click Edit=> Free Transform. Set the x by adding 150. Set the y by adding 405. Set the angle to 40.

14. Link the branch layers by clicking on the branches 4 copy and turning the link on in each of the other branches layers. Click Layer=> Merge Linked.

15. Duplicate this merged copy. Click edit=> transform=> Rotate 180 degrees. Use the move tool to move the arc of boughs so that it makes a perfect circle.

16. Click the layer mask button on the bottom of the layers panel. Set your colors by clicking D followed by X. Select a good size soft brush. (17 soft is good). Paint black on the mask where the pine cone end shows and follow the branch to mask some of the branches.



17. Link the two branches layers and merge linked. Set the blending option to drop shadow.

Decorations

18. Insert a background of your choice. Add any of the decorating images you downloaded for this tutorial by using a lasso set to 10 pixel feather and drag and dropping it onto your wreath.

After adding some of the decorations you downloaded (or even ones of your own)

this might be the result:

