

Lesson Title: **Slide Mounts**

Curriculum: **Art**

Grade-Level Span: **3 –5, 6–8 and 9–12**

Prerequisites: **Basic Knowledge of Photoshop Elements**

Atomiclearning Video Lessons: **View lessons as needed for understanding concept and tools.**

C. New File: **6**

E. Basics: **11, 12 and 13**

H. Creative Effects: **4 and 13**

Washington State EALR Correlation:

The Arts: **1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2 and 4.5**

National Education Technology Standards for Students – Performance Indicators:

Grades 3–5: **1, 4, 5 and 9**

Grades 6–8: **4, 5, 6, 8**

Grades 9–12: **1, 3, 5**

Purpose:

- 1. To be artistically creative using technology.**
- 2. Give students opportunities to gain employable art and technology skills.**

Description:

This lesson involves creating an original artwork piece.

Activities:

- 1. Learn how to duplicate layers**
- 2. Learn how to apply styles and effects to a to a created piece of art .**
- 3. Learn how to resize an image on a layer**
- 4. Follow the steps in the handout to create a final product.**

Tools and Resources:

**Computer with Photo editing software (preferably, Photoshop 6, 7, CS and Elements)
Image files (computer with Internet access).**

Assessment:

Teacher created rubric

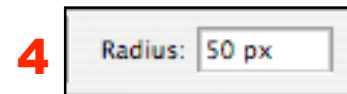
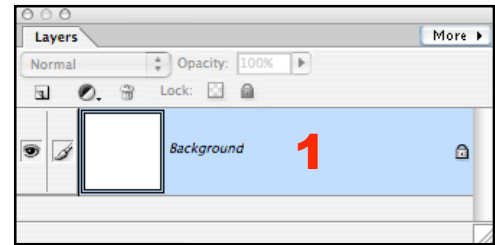
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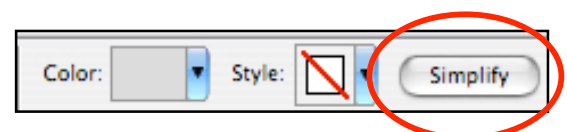
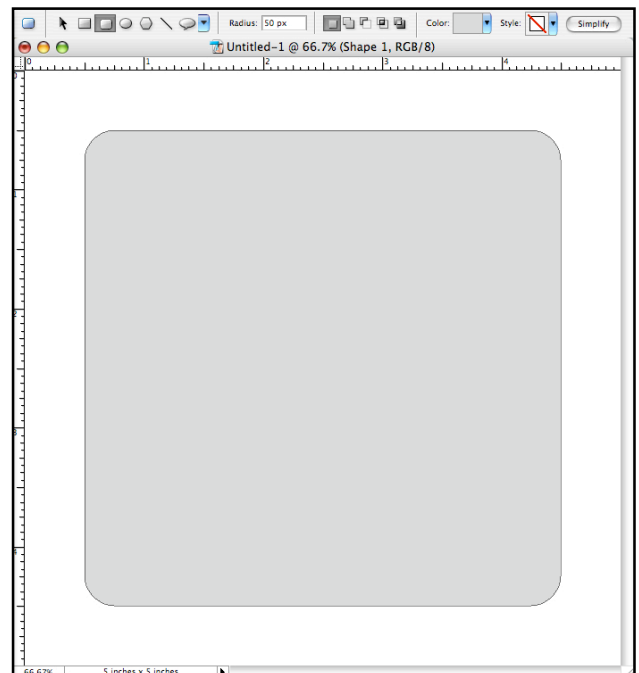


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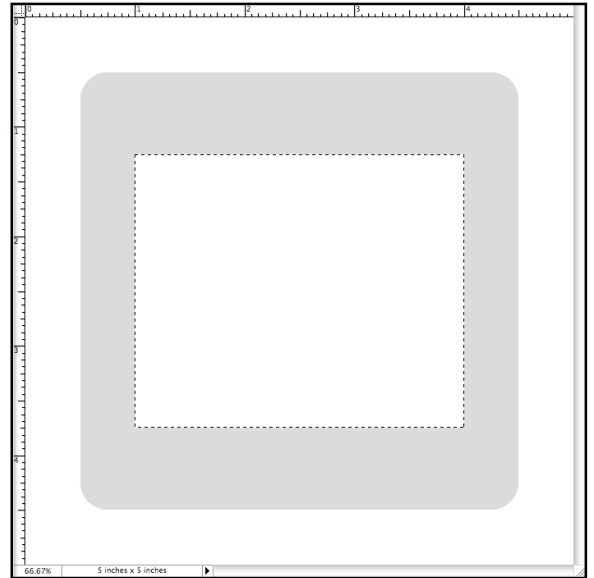
Step One: Create a New document in RGB mode. I chose 5" x 5" and 200 pixels per inch. Go to the Layers palette and click on the Create a New Layer icon (1). Set the Foreground color to gray (I used a R=212, G=212, B=212), then choose the Rounded Rectangle tool from the Toolbox (2). In the Options Bar, click on the third icon from the left (as shown far right) (3). While your in the Options Bar, change the Radius setting to 50 px. (4)



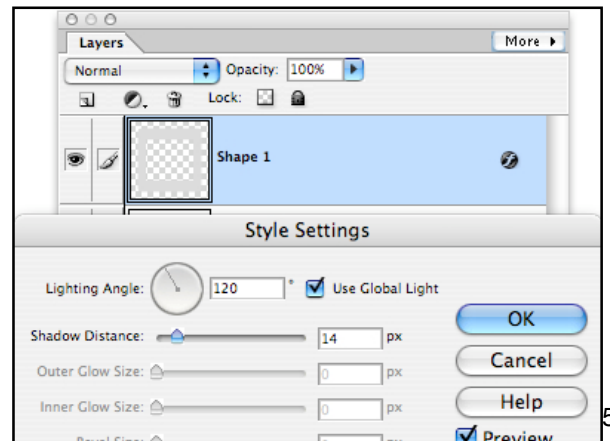
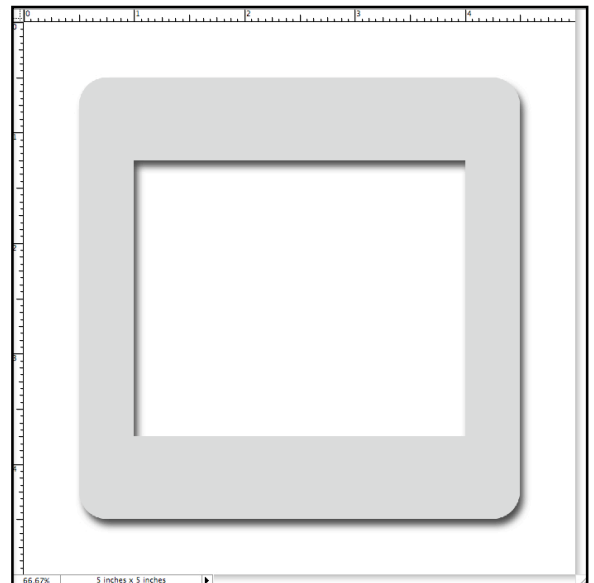
Step Two: The Radius determines how round your rounded corners will be. Be sure that Rulers is checked under the View Menu. Now that your radius set, click-and-drag out a square shape with rounded corners. I drew a 4" square both the vertical and horizontal rulers. After drawing the rectangle, click the **Simplify** button.



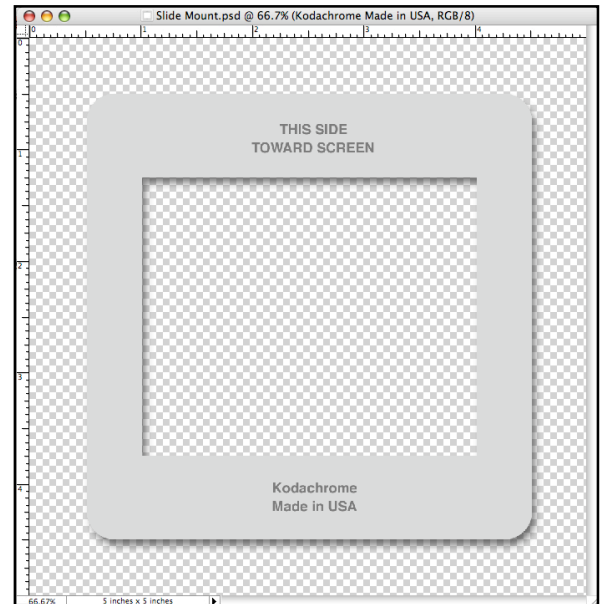
Step Three: Switch to the *Rectangular Marquee tool* and create a horizontal selection within the gray rectangle. Set a grid in 1/2" increments. Then draw a rectangle 1/2" on the left and right hand sides and 3/4" from top and bottom using a 10 px radius. Once your selection is in place, just press Delete (PC:Back-space) to knock a hole out of your slide, which creates the basic shape. Now Deselect by pressing Command-D (PC:Control-D)



Step Four: Choose Drop shadow from the Styles and Effects palette. **Select Layer Style > Drop Shadow.** Next, click of the Layer Styles icon on the Layers Palette and set the Style Settings as shown.



Step Five: To finish off our slide template we'll add some text for realism (we'll call it a template, because once you've built this one slide, you can use it as a template to create as many as you'd like). Add the type in black using the font Helvetica (or Arial) 9 pt. in all caps. Once the type has been added, lower the Opacity for your type layers to 50% (to help it blend in) Then hide the background layer and choose Merge Visible from the Layers palette's pop-down menu. This leaves you with one single layer with the completed slide on it. Now you can make the Background layer visible again. Be sure to save.



Step Six: The last step is the fun part. Pick a photo you want to appear within your slide, drag it into your slide template, and in the Layers palette, position it just below your slide layer. To get your photo small enough to fit inside the slide window, press Command-T (PC: Control-T) to bring up Free Transform, hold the Shift key, grab a corner point and drag inward to shrink it until it's just slightly larger than the opening. Then press Return (PC: Enter) to lock in your resize, and Merge the two together by clicking on the slide mount layer, then pressing Command-E (PC:Control-E). Now you can drag your completed slide into a new document, then go back to your template and repeat this step using different photos. **Note:** To get your template back, you'll have to Undo the Merge (Command-Z; PC: Control-Z).

Note: Some further ideas are (1) to put slides over a background photo, (2) Use darker gray slides placed horizontally. Choose a different text color, (3) Make a slide arrangement over a black background.

