Photoshop Elements 6
ADD A BORDER (SELECT)
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Here is a way to add a complex border to any photo. It requires more steps than my lesson, "*Add a Border (Stroke)*," but offers much more options for exotic results.
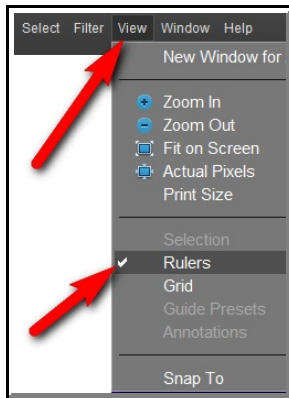

Figure 1

1. With your photo in the Editor, ensure you can see the Rulers by selecting View ➤ Rulers from the MenuBar (**Figure 1**).

2. I prefer to work with the Rulers set to inches. If yours is not showing inches, change to inches (**Figure 2**):
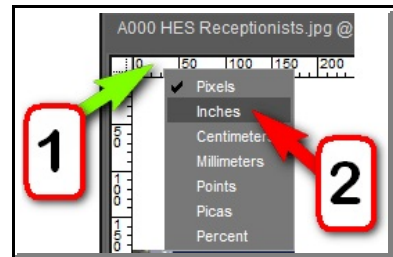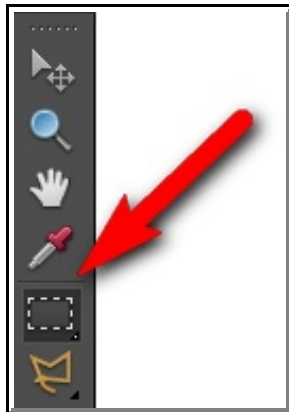❶ RIGHT-click on the Rulers.
❷ Left-click on "Inches".

Figure 2

Figure 3

3. Select the Rectangular Marquee tool (**Figure 3**).

4. Draw your selection (**Figure 4**) by Left-clicking the desired distance from the left, upper corner, holding down the button, and dragging your cursor to the lower, right corner.

5. 5. Since the selection is *inside* the dotted rectangle, but the border is to be *outside* the selection, from the MenuBar, choose Selection Inverse (**Figure 5**).
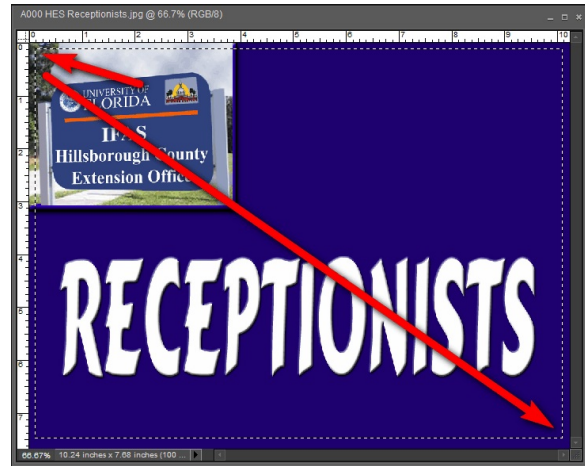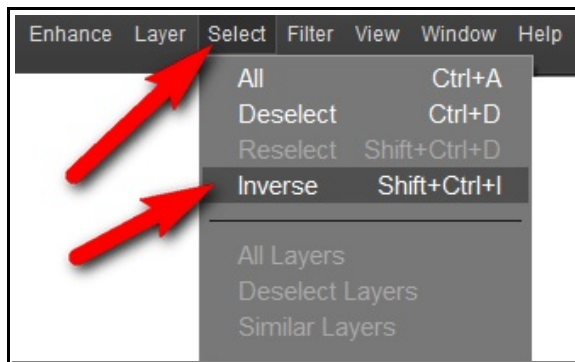

Figure 4

Figure 5

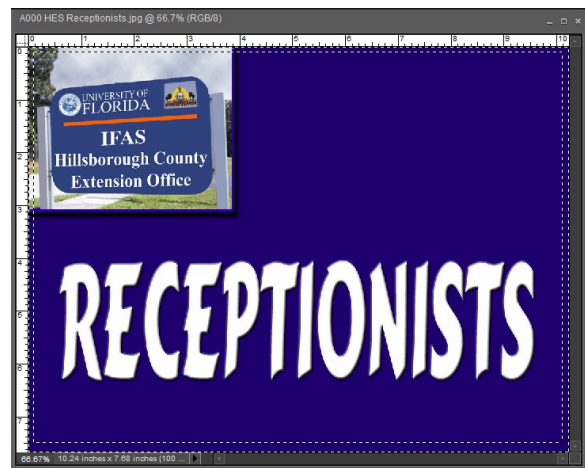6. Now you'll see a dotted border along the edges (**Figure 6**).

Figure 6

7. Create a New Layer (**Figure 7**) by Left-clicking on the icon to the upper-left in the Layers palette.
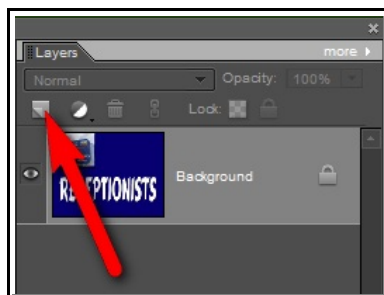

Figure 7

8. The New Layer appears in the Layers palette (**Figure 8**).

Figure 8

9. Select Paint Bucket (**Figure 9**). You'll see that I'm using Black as the color of the fill, but it doesn't matter what color you use. The color will be changed later.

Figure 9

10. Left-click on the selected area (**Figure 10**) to fill it with the color.
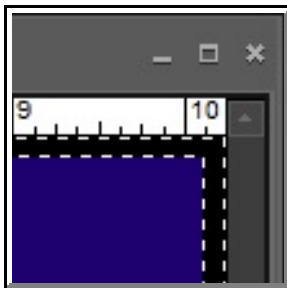
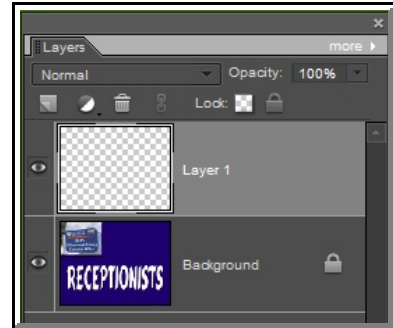11. You now have a black-filled border (**Figure 11**).
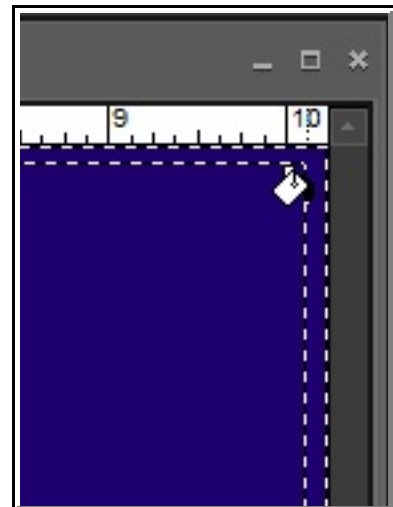
Figure 11

Figure 10

12. Click on any of the selections in the Effects palette. I have selected "Star Glow" (**Figure 12**).

   If your Effects palette is not visible, Left-click on Window ➤ Effects from the MenuBar.

Figure 12

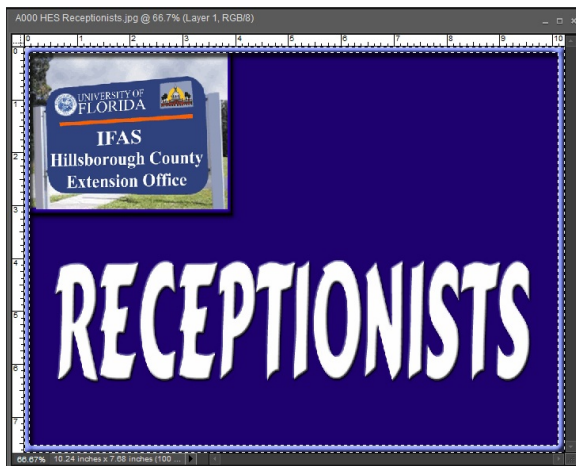13. The result is a beautiful Star Glow border (**Figure 13**).

Figure 13

14. Use the Ctrl+D keys to deselect (remove) the marching ants from around the border.

15. Flatten the Layers (**Figure 14**):
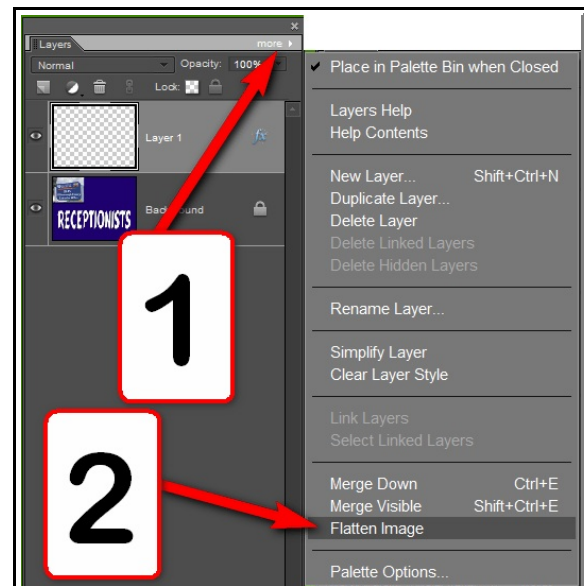❶ Left-click on "more".
❷ Left-click on "Flatten Image".

Figure 14

16. SAVE your work by using either the *Ctrl + S* keys or, from the MenuBar, select *File > Save as*.

17. Ensure that the "Image Options" is set at the Maximum quality (**Figure 15**), then Left-click on "OK" button.
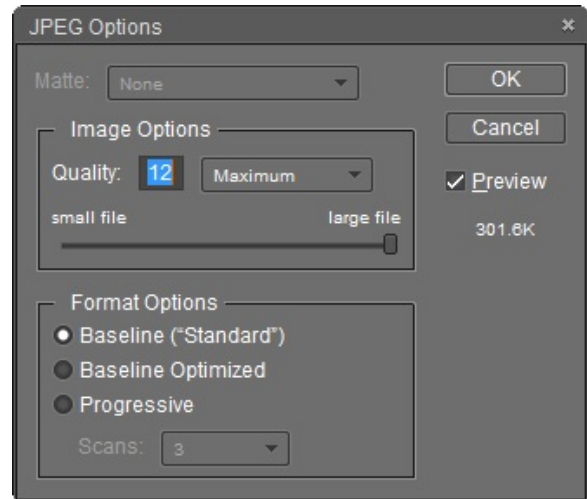
Figure 15