

# Photoshop Elements CUSTOM SHAPES

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## 1. SELECT

1-1. To access the Custom Shapes palette in Elements (**Figure 1**):

- 1 Click on the Shapes tool.
- 2 Select the Shape you want.
- 3 Change the Color of the shape.
- 4 Change the Style of the shape.

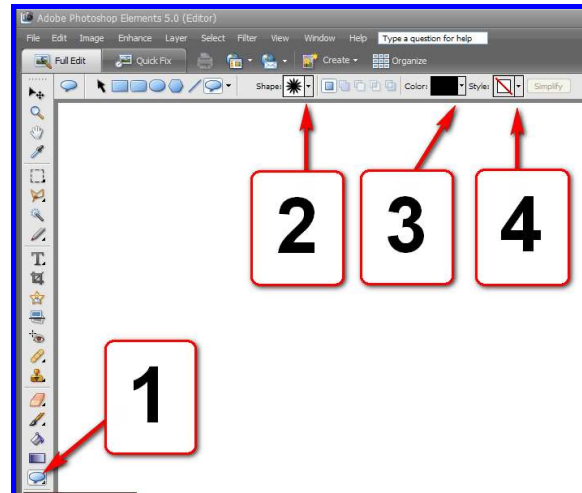


Figure 1

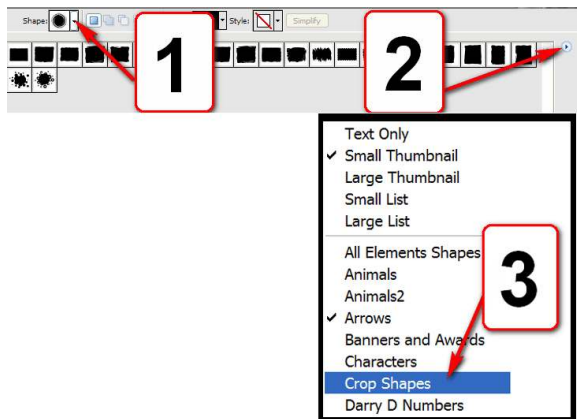


Figure 2

1-2. If you don't like the shape that is already selected, change it (**Figure 2**):

- 1 Click on the Shape selections.
- 2 Click on the arrowhead in the circle to the right of the current display of shapes.
- 3 Click on the shape group you desire.

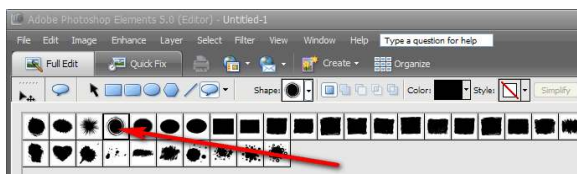


Figure 3

1-3. Double, left-click on the shape you want (**Figure 3**).

1-4. Left-click, hold, and drag to the size the shape desired (**Figure 4**).

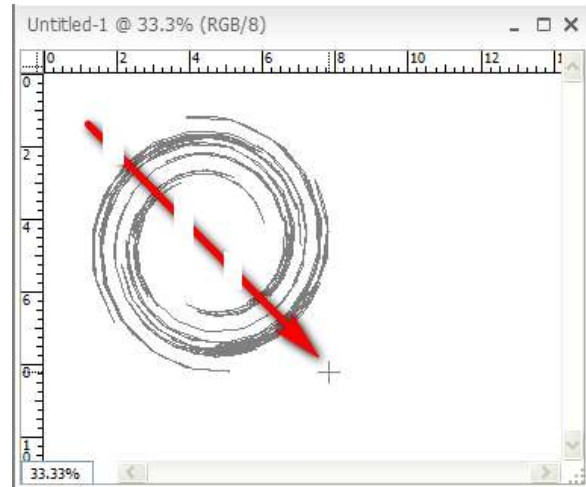


Figure 4

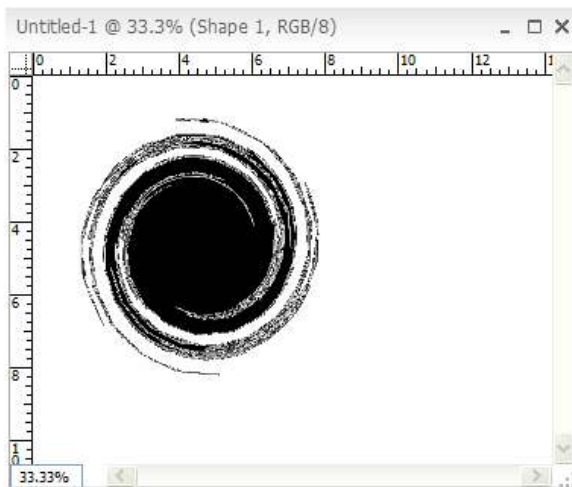


Figure 5

1-5. When you release the mouse button, the result is immediate (**Figure 5**).

## 2. DELETION OF SHAPES

To delete the shapes, just remove the CSH shapes files from the Custom Shapes folder under the Presets folder *C:\Program Files\Adobe\Photoshop Elements 5.0\Presets\Custom Shapes* and the shapes will not appear in the shapes menu on the next start of PSE: (**Figure 6**).

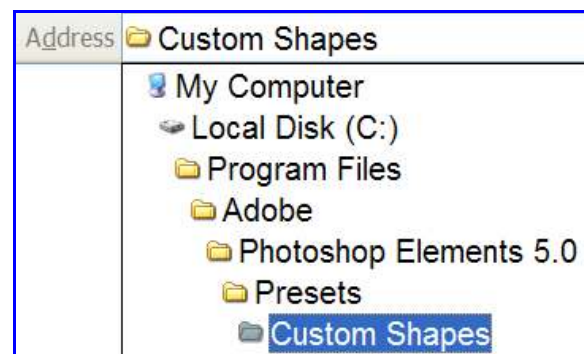


Figure 6

### **3. SAVING YOUR OWN SHAPES**

You might prefer to only access a certain number of shapes or perhaps set up a set of shapes for a certain project, delete all the shapes in the current shapes palette, leaving the required shapes, and then use the save command (on the right of the Palette > Drop-down) to save the current set of shapes. The shapes will be saved in the format of your version of Elements.

### **4. NUMBER OF SHAPES IN A PALETTE**

The number of shapes allowed in a palette is 500. However, the more shapes you have in a palette, the more resources are used and the slower the startup of Photoshop Elements.