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Brad, brad, where are you? (Photoshop)

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Brads, those tiny little fasteners that you can NEVER find when you need them. It's a classy little fastener that can be used to hold thing down, or hang things up. I don't know about you, but I have a hard time keeping them in one place. My kids love them, the dog loves them, and I would love them...if I could find them. This is one of those reasons I love digital. I can make them in a matter of minutes.

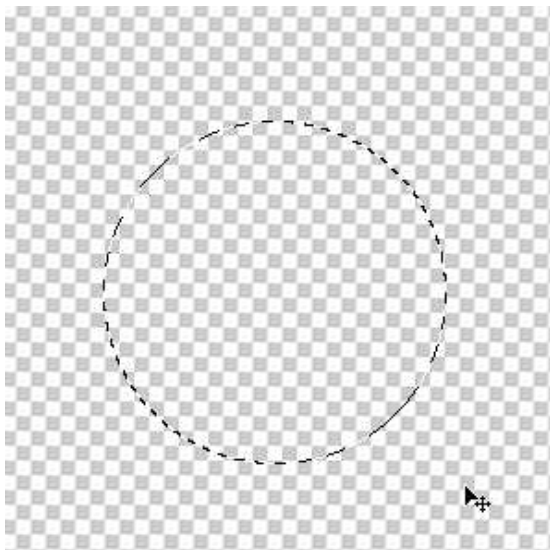


Step 1: Create a New Document

- * Choose File>New.
- * Your document should be 1 inch x 1inch, 300 pixels/inch on a transparent background.
- * Click OK.

Step 2: Create Your Shape

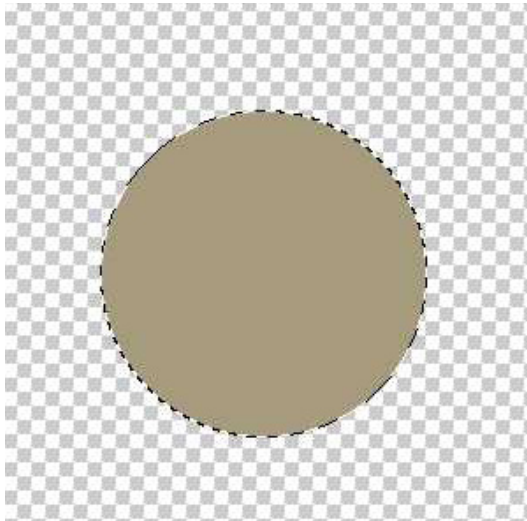
- * Get the Elliptical Marquee tool in the Toolbar.
- * In the Options Bar above, make sure that New Selection is chosen, Feathering is at 0, and the Style is Normal.
- * On your document, click and drag your circle out, holding the Shift key to constrain proportions to a perfect circle.



Step 3: Fill Your Shape with Color

- * Click on the Foreground Color Chip, pick the color you would like your brad to be, then click OK to close the Color Picker.

* Press Alt Backspace (Mac: Opt Delete) to fill your circle with color.



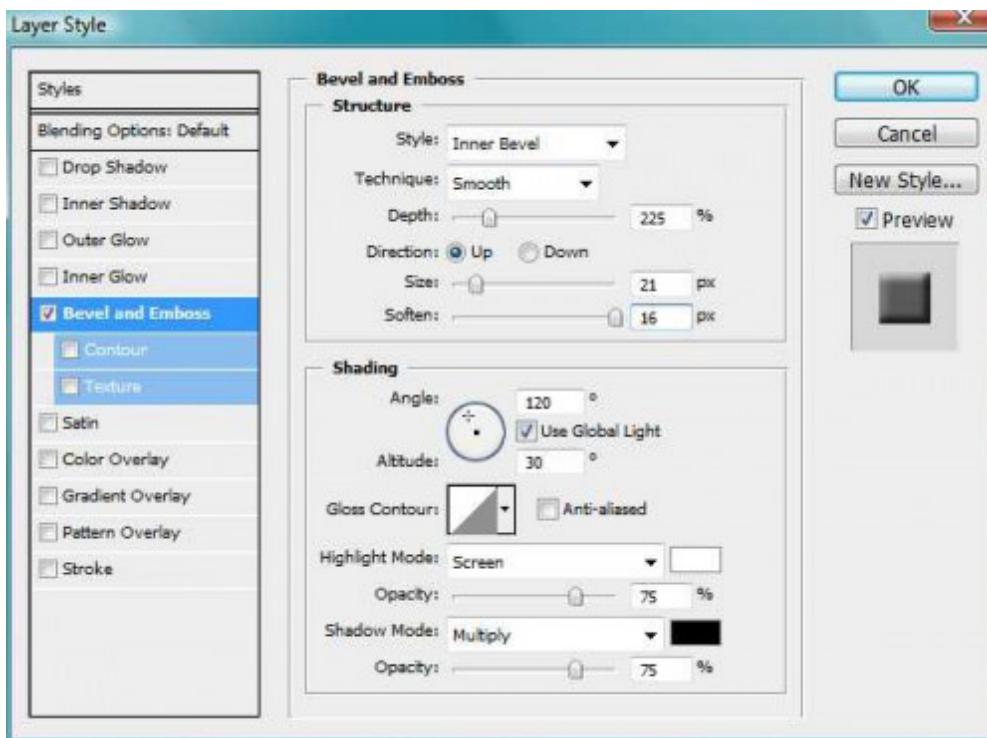
* Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect your circle.

Step 4: Adding Bevel and Contour

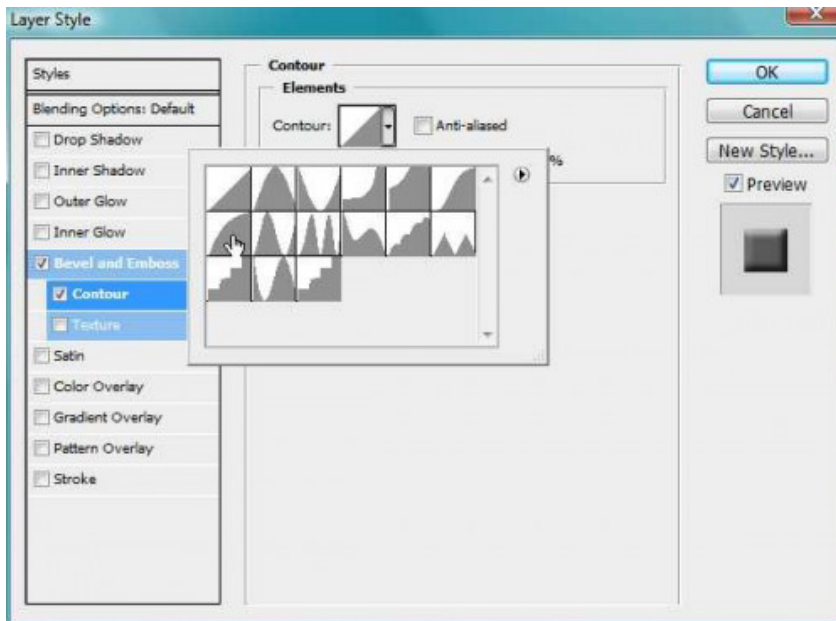
* In the Menu Bar choose Layer > Layer Style > Bevel and Emboss.

* In the dialog box enter the following values:

- o Style: Inner Bevel
- o Technique: Smooth
- o Depth: 225
- o Size: 21 px
- o Soften: 16 px



- * In the list of styles to the left, under Bevel and Emboss, click on the word Contour.
- * Click on the down facing arrow next to the contour thumbnail.
- * Pick the Half Round contour.



- * Click OK

Step 5: Finishing Up

- * Right click (Mac: Ctrl click) on your brad layer in the Layers panel and choose Convert to Smart Object.
- * Right click (Mac: Ctrl click) on your brad layer one more time.
- * Choose Rasterize Layer.
- * Done!



I bet you didn't know how easy brads could be. There are so many ways you can play with them. Experiment and have fun!

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