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Recycling Stripes (Photoshop)

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I am a big time bargain hunter.

But that's not always good... I'd buy a used coloring book as long as it was marked "80% off".

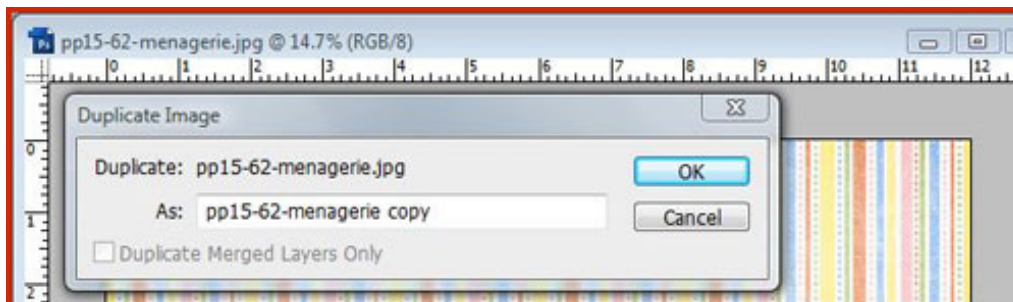


Lucky for me, I've got Adobe to help me be frugal in the digital aspects of my life. In this tip you and I are going to recycle. It just doesn't get more bargain-y than that! We'll take any ole piece of striped paper and give it a fresh new look.

Let's get started!

Step 1: Prepare

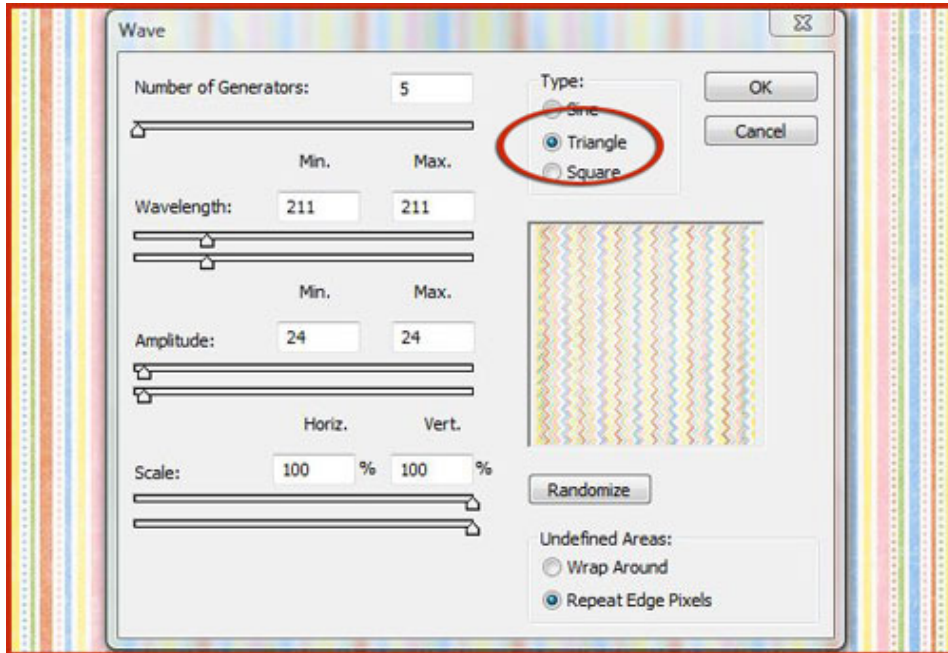
- * Open (File > Open) a piece of striped paper. For this tutorial I'm using 'paper1' from One Little Bird's Menagerie kit.
- * Follow good advice and never work on an original. To do this,
 - o Choose Image > Duplicate from the Menu Bar.
 - o Click OK to accept the name for your new image.
 - o Close the original.



Step 2: Wave

- o Choose Filter > Distort > Wave from the Menu Bar.
- o In the Wave box that pops up, play with the settings till you come up with something fun. I chose the following settings:
 - + Type: Triangle
 - + Number of Generators: 5
 - + Wavelength: Min 211, Max 211
 - + Amplitude: Min 24, Max 24
- o Click OK to accept the changes.
- o Unfortunately the Wave box does not offer a Preview option. So if you don't really like the results,

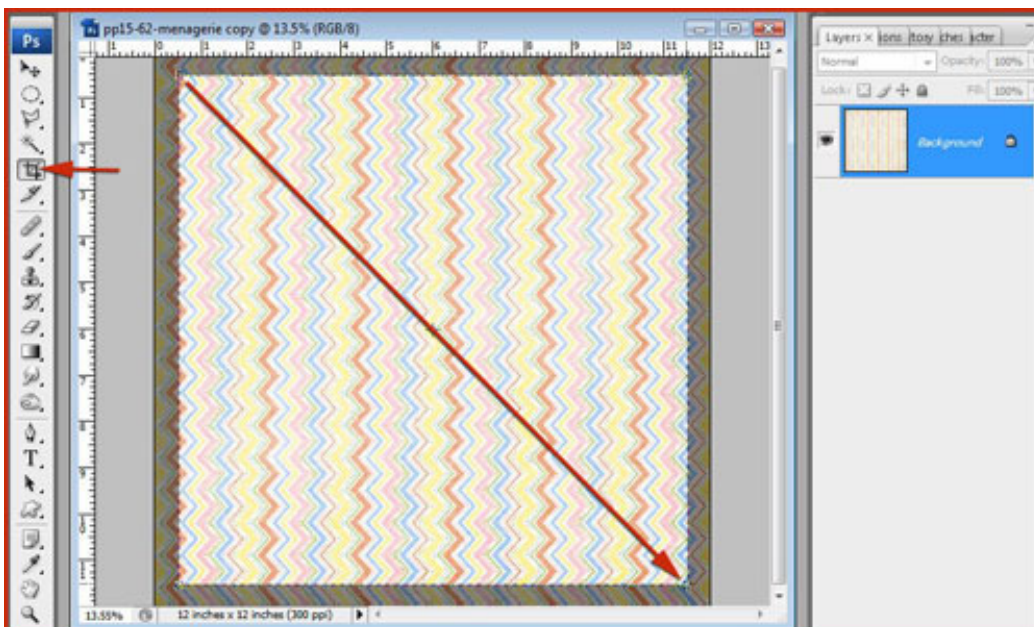
simply undo the changes by pressing Ctrl Z (Mac: Cmd Z). Then you'll just have to redo it. I usually have to do this several times before I get settings that look good to me.



Step 3: Crop

Many times when you apply filters to patterns, the edges will be a bit distorted. But not a problem, we can just crop off the edges. To do this:

- o Get the Crop tool in the Tool Bar.
- o In the Options Bar, click on the button labeled 'Front Image'. This button will make sure you are cropping with the same settings as the original image.
- o You should be able to see the distorted edges of your patterned paper. With your cursor, click and drag a selection outline that will crop those out.
- o Press Enter on your keyboard to accept the changes.



Step 4: Save

Now you have an original piece of paper to add to your collection.

Be sure to save it (File > Save As) with an original file name.

I think that is really cool! Now I'm going to get busy and create a scrapbook page with my new creation.

Credits: Photoshop CS3 tip, photo and scrapbook page by Jen White. Kit: Menagerie by One Little Bird.



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