

# SCRAPPER'S GUIDE

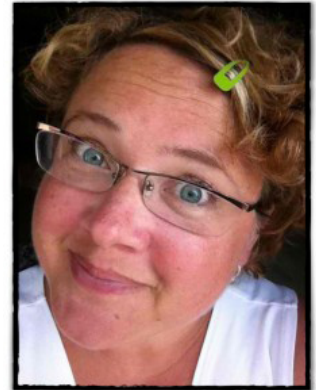
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## Embossed Background Paper (Photoshop)

Tip of the Week by Jen White on November 1, 2011

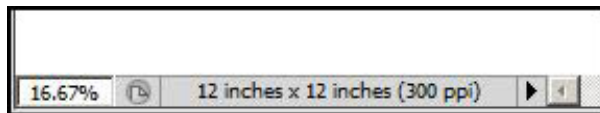
Sometime you just need a little extra 'something' to spiffy up a scrapbook page without stealing interest from the subject.

Embossing a shape into your background might be just the thing that makes the difference. Try it out and see what you think...



### Step 1: Create a New Document

- Create a new document (File > New) at 300ppi with a white background.



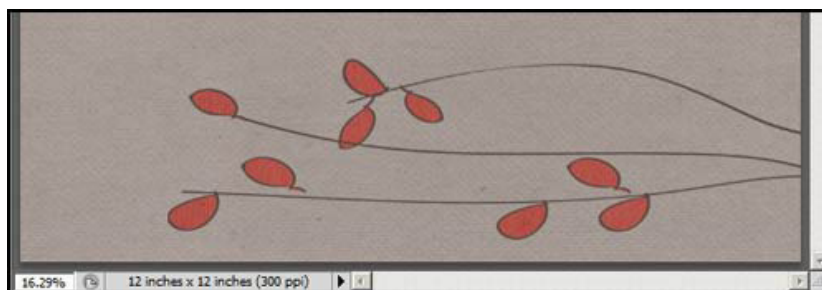
### Step 2: Add a Background Paper

- Open a background paper (File > Open). I'm using the SolidTaupe paper from [At Home by Paislee Press](#).
- Get the Move tool.
- Holding down the Shift key, click on the paper and drag it onto your scrapbook page.
- Close the original background paper.



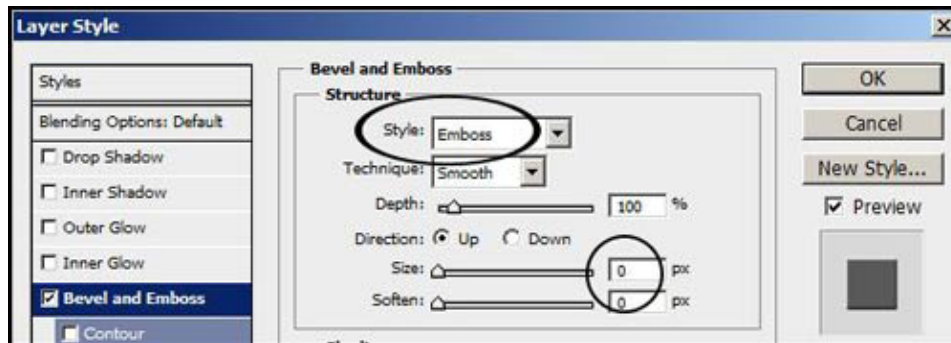
### Step 3: Add an Element, Shape, or Stroke

- Open an element (File > Open) with an interesting outline. I'm using Leaves1 from At Home by Paislee Press.
- Click on the element and drag it onto your scrapbook page.
- Close the original element.



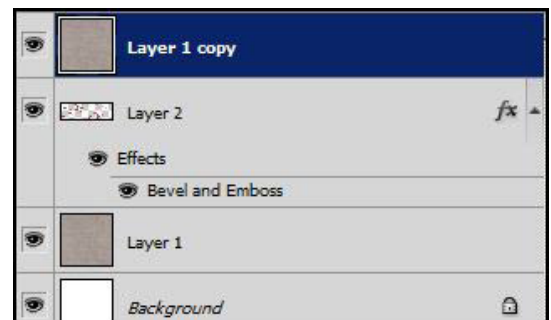
#### Step 4: Apply an Emboss Layer Style

- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Layer Style > Bevel and Emboss.
- In the dialog box, change the Style to Emboss.
- Move the Size slider to 0 pixels and click OK.



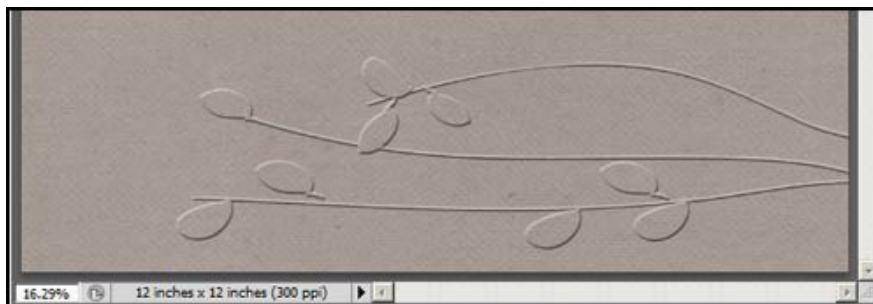
#### Step 5: Duplicate the Paper and Move It

- In the Layers panel, activate the paper layer by clicking on it.
- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the paper layer.
- Press Ctrl ] (Mac: Cmd ]) to move the duplicated paper layer to the top of the Layers panel.



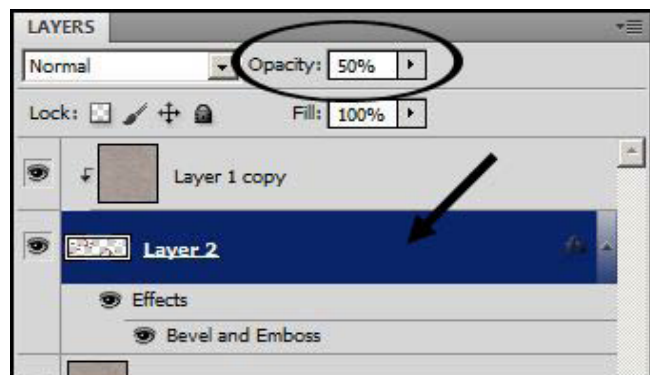
#### Step 6: Clip the Paper Down

- In the Layers panel, choose Layer > Create Clipping Mask.



#### Step 7: Lower the Layer Style Opacity

- In the Layers panel, activate the element layer.
- Lower the Opacity of this layer to around 50% or whatever looks good to you.



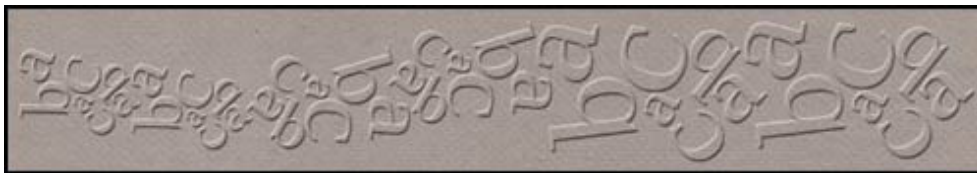
Here are more examples showing what can be done with this technique using the same paper and different elements:



Above: Swirl-Doodle from our [Sugar and Spice kit](#).



Above: Flourish-Border from our [Cherish This Moment kit](#).



Above: WordArt3 from our [Back 2 School - Whimsy kit](#).



Above: And never underestimate the powerful addition of just a straight line or two.

Credits:

Tip of the Week - Embossed Paper by Jen White

Paper: At Home by Paislee Press

Elements:

[At Home kit](#) by Paislee Press kit

[Sugar and Spice kit](#)

[Cherish This Moment kit](#)

[Back 2 School - Whimsy kit](#)

Software: Photoshop CS5



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