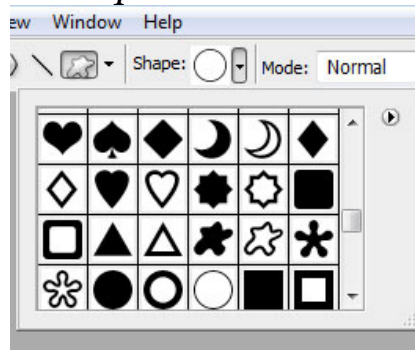


MAKING CUSTOM SHAPES

– TURN YOUR DRAWINGS INTO SHAPES!

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This tutorial includes instructions/screen shots for PSCS3. These instructions will not work for PSE, it does not have the requisite tools.



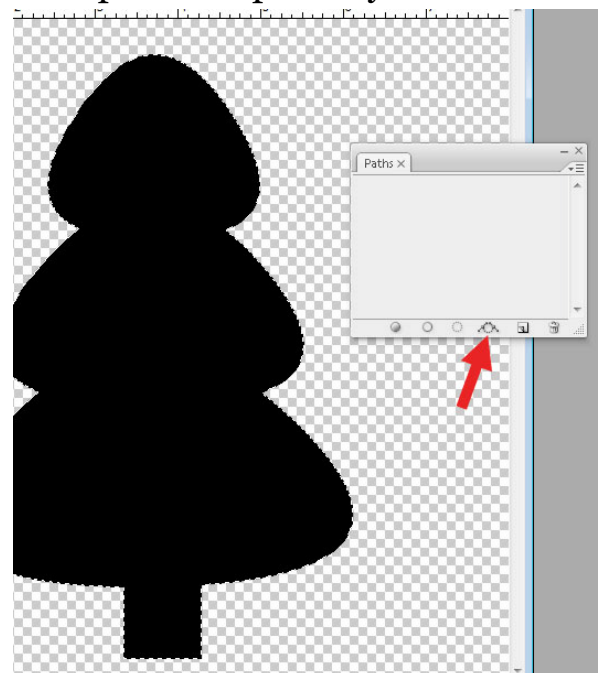
Custom shapes are very useful, because they can be resized up or down without losing quality, and are easy to store and manage. But sometimes you just don't have the shape you need. No problem, now you can make, save and share your own custom shapes!

DRAW YOUR SHAPE

1. I find it's best to draw my shape out in black on a transparent background. You can use a brush, your eraser, whatever drawing tools you like. Simpler shapes come out better; more complex shapes can have irregularities when they are converted to vector shapes.
2. Save your drawing as a .png file. This is useful in case you mess something up, or if you want to share with someone who doesn't have photoshop – they can still use your .png!

CONVERT TO A PATH

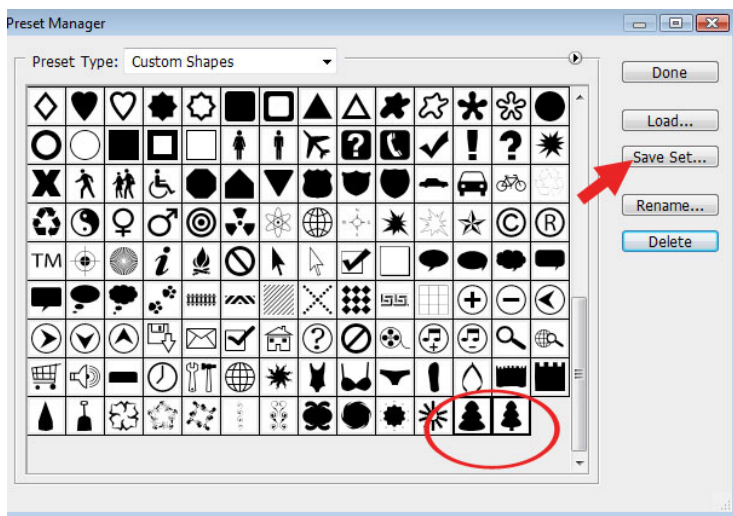
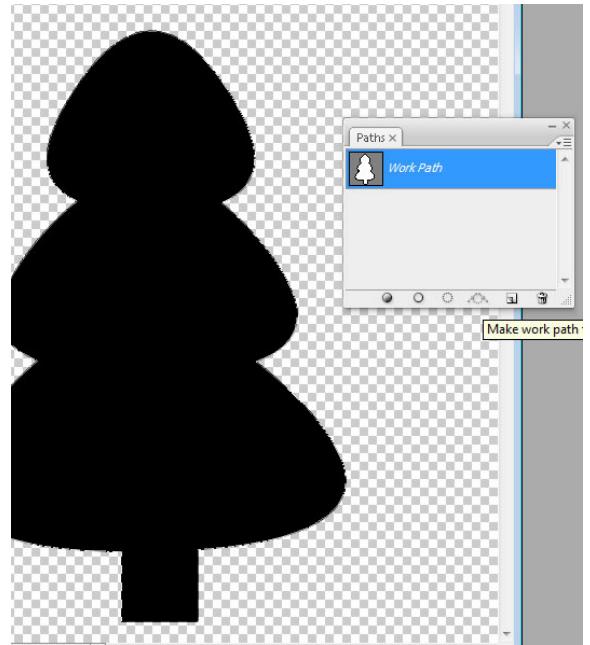
1. Select the entire shape by holding your CTRL key and clicking on the layer thumbnail.
2. Open the PATHS Palette – it may be tabbed under your layers palette. If so, click on the word Paths to reveal it. If not, go to Window> Paths.
3. With the shape selected, click on the Convert to Path symbol at the bottom of the Paths Palette.



4. Now you'll see your path show up on the palette like this-→

CREATE SHAPE

1. Go to Edit>Define Custom Shape, name your shape and save!
2. Now open your shapes palette, and it will be there at the end!
3. To save, select the shapes you want in your set, and click on Save Set. Name the set and navigate to the folder you'd like to save it in, and it will create a .csh file.



4. Now you can re-load those shapes when you need them, or email the .csh file to friends to share!

I hope this inspires you to make some new shapes and use them to make some fun stuff! Do share with us by posting an image in the gallery when you do!

Happy Scrapping! *Jenn*