

WARPING RIBBONS (AND OTHER STUFF)

– USING THE DISTORT FILTER!

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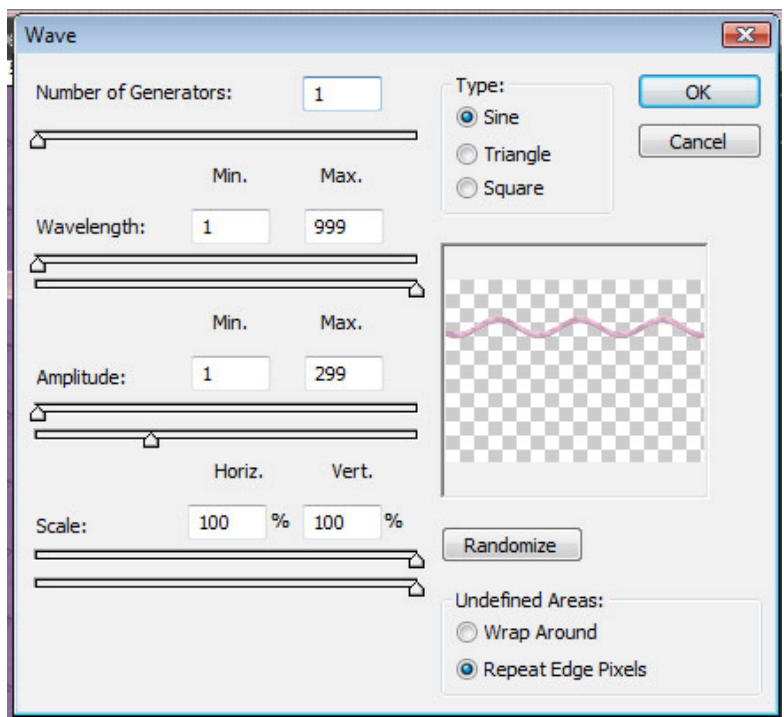
This tutorial includes instructions/screen shots for PSCS3 and PSE8, if you have other versions of PS or PSE it should work for you too. If you use another program, read carefully and you should be able to figure out which tools do the same thing in your program!



A great way to get more use out of your existing kits is to alter them! One way I like to do that is to use the distort filter to get more out of your ribbons. Now, you can buy fancy plug-ins that will do this stuff for you, or get an action where someone has recorded the steps to do this, but it's free and easy to learn how to do it yourself!

MAKE A WAVY RIBBON

- Choose a ribbon from the kit that you'd like to work with. I like to choose ribbons that are at least 12 inches wide. You can always 'cut' them smaller by selecting part of it and deleting later.
- Create a new document as tall and wide as the ribbon is long. If you're working with a 12" ribbon, make a 12x12 doc. If you have a 17" ribbon, make it 17x17.
- Drag your ribbon onto the document. You can position it anywhere on the document, just be sure it goes all the way from one side to the other.
- Go to Filter > Distort > Wave
- Set the settings as indicated at right----->



This will get you a basic wave. You can play with the sliders and see the different waves you can come up with!

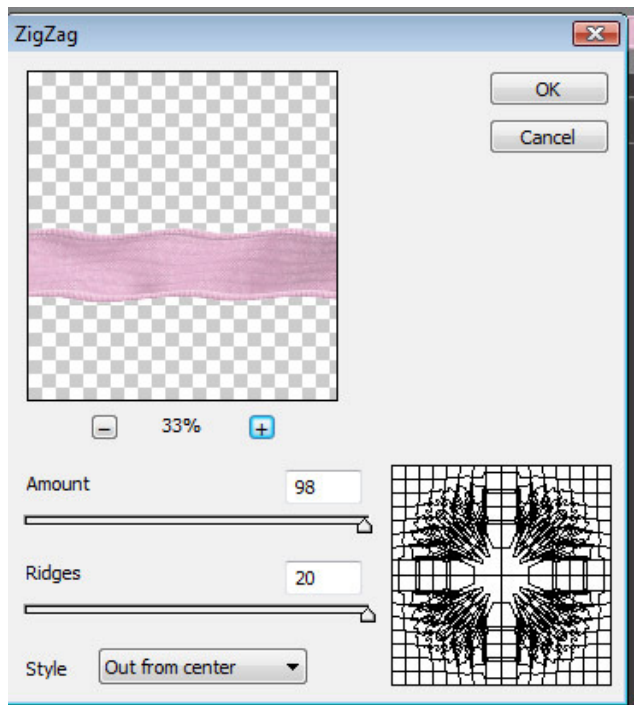
- Now you can drag it, or copy and paste it to your layout!

Try this with other straight elements, such as borders and stitches!

WRINKLE YOUR RIBBON

- Get another ribbon onto your document, same as before.
- Go to Filter>Distort>ZigZag
- Set the settings as indicated at the right →
- You can play with the sliders and the style options, to see what you get.

If you're not having any luck, your ribbon may need to be on a different portion of the page. As you can see from the grid at the bottom right of the window, the distortion takes place only certain parts of the document. Placing your ribbon in the top or bottom third the page will give you the best results!



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Happy Scrapping! *Jenn*