

Using Your PSE Shadow Styles

©2009 Stan and Jennifer

White/ScrappersWorkshop.com All Rights Reserved- Do not Reproduce in any method, digital or otherwise without express written permission of the authors.



The default drop shadows that come with PSE leave a lot to be desired for digiscrappers. Either we put up with inappropriate shadows, or are always having to adjust them! No longer!

I've put together a set of styles for you that include the settings I use most often. I've tried to title them so that you can tell which one will work for different situations, but do use your own judgment.

You may not be familiar with are the three styles that say "with background separation". This is for use when you're adding a shadow to an item that is on top of another item of similar color pattern. The shadow is set to show just a little bit on the opposite side of the item from the drop shadow. This sets the top item off from whatever is beneath it, making it look more realistic. You can see this in action in the preview above, where I used it to separate the word "Shadow" from the "W".

INSTALLATION – installing styles is different for the different versions of PSE –

PSE7 – place both the .asl file and the .xml file in this folder:

VISTA: Computer > Local Disk C: > ProgramData > Adobe > Photoshop Elements > 7.0 > Photo Creations > layer styles

XP: Computer > Local Disk C: > Documents and Settings > All Users > Application Data > Adobe > Photoshop Elements > 7.0 > Photo Creations > layer styles

PSE 6 – place the .asl file ONLY in the following location (the .xml file goes elsewhere):

VISTA: My Computer>Local Disk C:> Program Data> All Users> Application Data> Adobe> Photoshop Elements> 6.0> Locale> en_US> Photo Creations> Layer styles

XP: My Computer>Local Disk C:> Documents and Settings> All Users> Application Data> Adobe> Photoshop Elements> 6.0> Locale> en_US> Photo Creations> Layer styles

THEN place the .xml file in this folder:

VISTA: My Computer>Local Disk C:> Program Data> All Users> Application Data> Adobe> Photoshop Elements> 6.0> Locale> en_US> Photo Creations Metadata

XP: My Computer>Local Disk C:> Documents and Settings> All Users> Application Data> Adobe> Photoshop Elements> 6.0> Locale> en_US> Photo Creations Metadata

(If you have an older version of PSE, you can find installation instructions here:

<http://www.scrapbookgraphics.com/forum/showthread.php?t=5693>)

Now when you go to your effects palette and click on the dropdown menu, you will see SWShadows in the list! Hover over each style thumbnail with your cursor and you'll see the name of the shadow pop up, which will help you choose the appropriate style!

Do let me know how you like these, you can email me at jenn@scrappersworkshop.com and if you'd like to share with a friend, please send them to our blog to get the download!

<http://www.scrappersworkshop.com/blog>

Happy Scrapping! *Jenn*