

CREATE A PHOTO EDGE



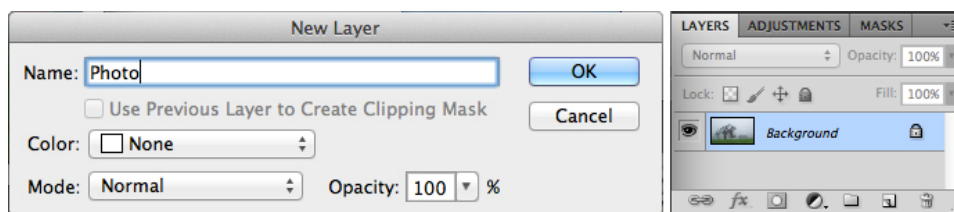
Interesting or unusual photo edges can help create the mood of your yearbook spread. Below is a method for creating photo edges using Layer Masks. Edges created with Layer Masks can be edited to create even more effects.

WORK FROM A COPY OF THE PHOTO

- Open a photo by going to **File > Open** and double-clicking on the file name
- Work from a copy of the photo
- To save a copy, go to **File > Save as**
- In the **Save** section, click **As a copy** to add a checkmark to it
- From the **Format** drop-down menu, choose **Photoshop (*.PSD,*.PDD)** in Windows or **Photoshop** on a Mac
- This format will allow you to save the file with layers
- The file can be edited at a later time
- Click **Save**

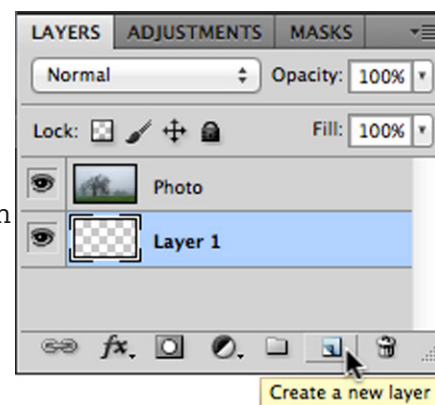
RENAME THE BACKGROUND LAYER

- In the Layers palette, double-click the **Background** layer name
- In the **New Layer** dialog box, type a new name for the layer
- This example uses **Photo** for the layer name.
- This unlocks the layer so a layer mask can be added



ADD A NEW LAYER

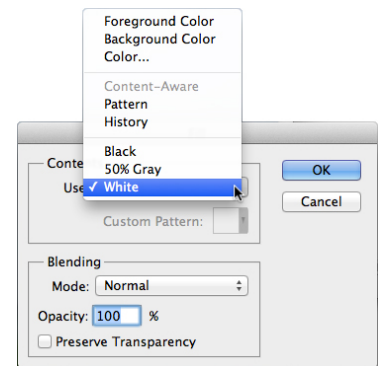
- Add a new layer below the current layer
- Hold down **Control** in Windows or **Command** on a Mac
- Click the **New Layer** icon in the **Layers** palette
 - This icon is on the bottom of palette, second icon from the right




FILL THE NEW LAYER WITH WHITE

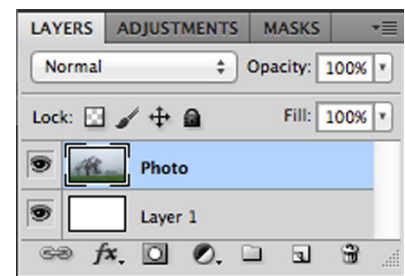


- With this layer still selected, go to **Edit > Fill**
- In the **Contents** section, change **Use** to **White** using the drop-down menu
- Click **OK**



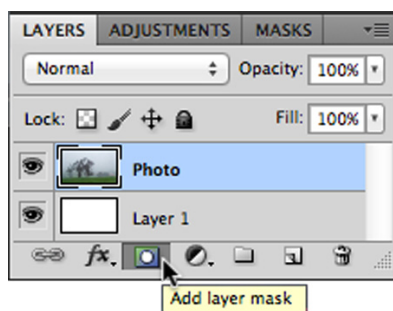
CREATE A BORDER

- Select the **Rectangular Marquee tool** 
- Click and drag from the top left to the bottom right corner of the photo
 - Start and end a little bit away from the edge of the photo - approximately two picas



ADD LAYER MASK

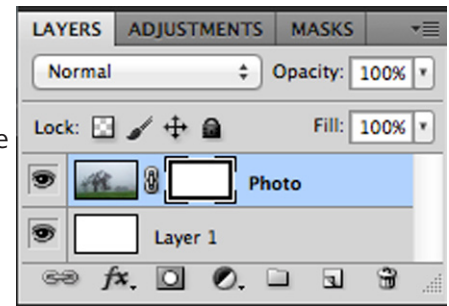
- Click on the **Photo** layer (previous Background layer) to select it
- Add a **Layer Mask** by clicking on the **Layer Mask** icon at the bottom of the **Layers** palette.
- The area outside the selection will be masked showing the bottom white layer





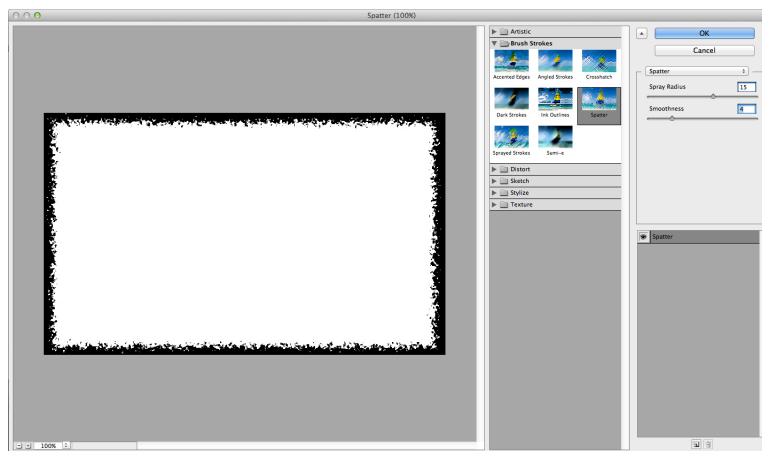
SELECT LAYER MASK

- The Layer Mask should automatically be selected
- There will be a border around the mask thumbnail in the Layers palette
- The layer will be highlighted in blue
- If it is not selected, click the mask thumbnail



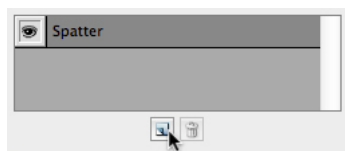
ADD EFFECT TO BORDER

- Go to **Filter > Brush Strokes > Spatter**
- Change the **Spray Radius** and the **Smoothness** settings to change the look of the border
- The filter preview only shows the black and white mask, not the photo itself



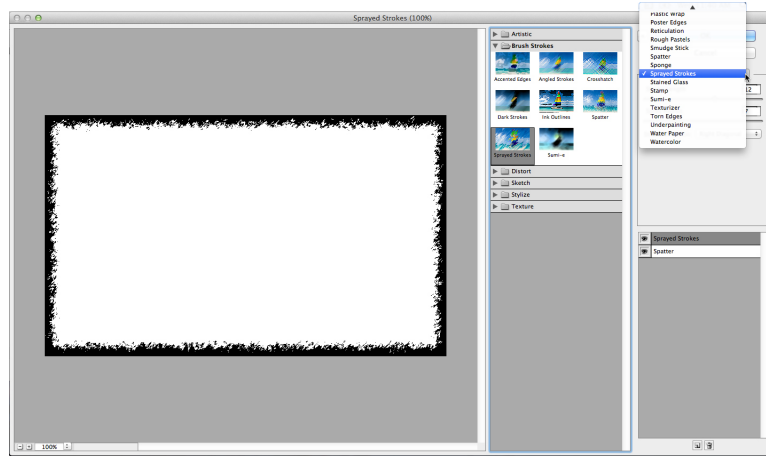
ADD ANOTHER EFFECT

- Another filter can be added to change the effect
- If you don't want to add another filter, click **OK** now.
- To add another filter, click on the **New Effect Layer** button (bottom right corner)



- Choose a filter such as **Sprayed Strokes**





- Or try the **Sumi-e** filter



EXPERIMENT

- Experiment with the settings until you get the desired effect.
- When you are finished, click **OK**.
- The photo edge is very simple to edit or remove
- To change the look of the edge, click on the layer mask thumbnail and apply more filters
- To remove the filter effect, delete the layer mask.

SAVE THE FILE

- Go to **File > Save**

TO SAVE A COPY TO PLACE ON YOUR YEARBOOK PAGE

- From the Layers palette menu, choose **Flatten Image**
- Go to **File > Save as**
- Choose **TIFF** or **JPEG** from the **Format** drop-down menu
- **TIFF**: Under **Image Compression** choose **LZW**
- **JPEG**: Under **Image Options** choose **Quality** of **10** or **12 Maximum** and under **Format Options** choose **Baseline ("Standard")**
- Scroll to the **Artwork & Images** folder inside the **Yearbook** folder
- Click **Save**