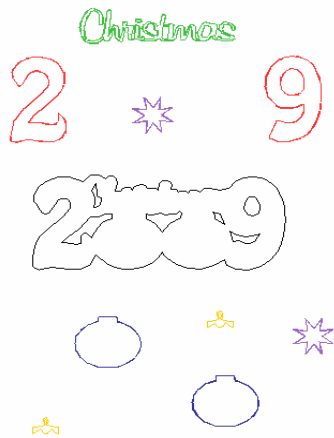




## Tutorial: How to Import Digital Cutter Files into Photoshop. By Shelly Sweigart

This tutorial uses Photoshop Elements 6.0 and KNK GE Studio. However, please try this technique with other photo editing programs and let me know if it works. I will put a little info at the end of this tut explaining how to use Illustrator and Robomaster software too. Please be aware there are many different ways to do this technique but I figured this was the easiest for everyone, even novice Photoshop users.

Key: **blue words**=menu items you click **orange words**=keys you hit on the keyboard

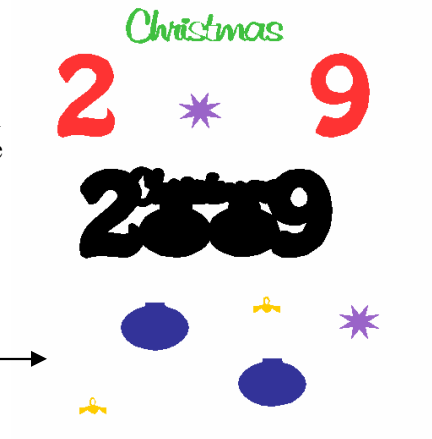


1. Open your KNK file. I have provided you with a free file in this newsletter. I recommend you use this file to follow along with this tutorial.

2. Separate all layers as shown in the screen shot. Make sure you leave space between your items as this will come in handy later.

3. Click on **view** → **show fill**. Hit **Ctrl +A** or **F3** to select all items. Click on **layout** → **ungroup**. Click each item then hit **Ctrl +B** to bring each item to the back. Notice how the inside of the letters, numbers and mat aren't showing. We need to correct this.

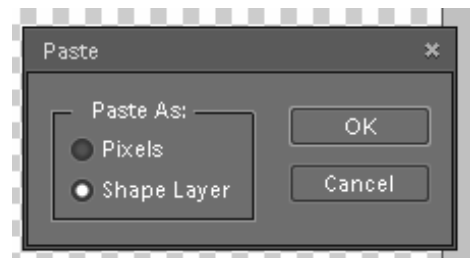
4. Click on **view** → **show fill** to turn off fill color. Now click on the inside of the "s" in the word "Christmas" and while holding down **shift**, click the inside of "a." While still holding the **shift** key, click on the inside of "t." Now at the bottom of your screen you will see colors. Left click the white color to make your selection white. Click **view** → **show fill** again. Notice now your insides of the letters show. Repeat this procedure with all the inside parts for all items. When finished your screen should look like this:



5. Hit **Ctrl +A** or **F3** to select all items. Hit **Ctrl +C** to copy all items.

6. Now open Photoshop.

7. Click **File** → **New** → **Image from Clipboard**. Choose shape layer. Wait for the image to appear. Your screen should look like this:



8. Click on layer 1 to the left of the screen.
9. Hit **M** to turn on the rectangle select tool . If you end up with the oval select tool just hit **M** again until you get the rectangle one.

10. While holding down the left mouse button, click and drag a rectangle of marching ants around the word “Christmas”.

11. Right click with your mouse and a pop-up box as shown to the right should come open. You want to click **layer via cut**. This will put the word “Christmas” in it’s own layer.



12. Click on **layer 1** again. Do the same procedure you did in step 10 and 11 for all items. You can leave the last item in layer one or put it in another layer if you choose. Just be sure to go to layer one before you select each item as you are cutting the items from this layer.

13. Click on the word “Christmas.” This will highlight the layer in which it is.

14. Now hit **Ctrl + +** to zoom in on the word “Christmas.” You will notice the white areas. We need to erase these. Hit **E** until you see the magic eraser in your tool bar to the left of your PS screen...as shown in the diagram to the right.



15. Click on the white areas with the magic eraser to erase them.

16. Hit **V** to change back to your move tool and click on your next item. Repeat steps 14 and 15 for all items. Make sure the layer you are erasing is highlighted by clicking on it .

17. Hit **Ctrl +** or **Ctrl -** to zoom in and out as needed.

18. Now with each item in its own layer, you can change the items to suit your needs. You can bucket fill with color, apply styles and clip paper to the images. I won’t go into detail on how to do this as there are many wonderful tutorials at [Hummie’s World](http://Hummie's World) that can explain everything much better than I ever could.

I hope you understood everything I wrote. If not feel free to e-mail me at [shellysart@verizon.net](mailto:shellysart@verizon.net). This isn’t a substitute for your cutter; however, if you are interested in digital scrapbooking, this tut will allow you to use all your cutter files in your digital pages. Also, if you do find yourself in a rush to complete those Christmas gifts you may be able to print digital versions that look almost as good as the real thing!

Illustrator users still need to separate all layers and make sure fill color is showing but you can actually export to PSD format and open that file directly in Photoshop.

Robomaster users need to separate all layers too, although you don’t have an option of show fill. Also, you can’t copy into Photoshop but you can do a screen capture using a program such as [King Kong Capture](http://King Kong Capture) to capture your file and then paste it into Photoshop.

Merry Christmas!

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