

PaintShop Pro Tutorials

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TITLE: COMPOSITE PRESET SHAPES IMAGE

Software: PaintShop Pro X7

Web Page: Creative-Designs

Materials Required:

Other Version May Also Be Used



DESCRIPTION

Make several vectors with the vector shape tools then export as a composite shapes image.

REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR WORK OFTEN

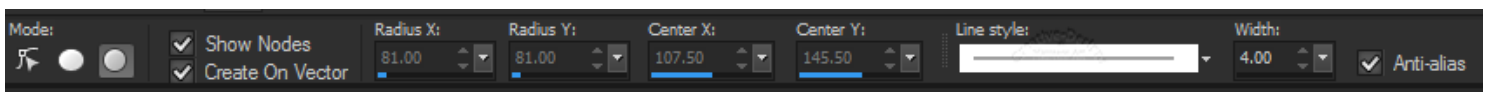
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MAKE THE SHAPES

Open a new vector layer of 300x300 pixels.

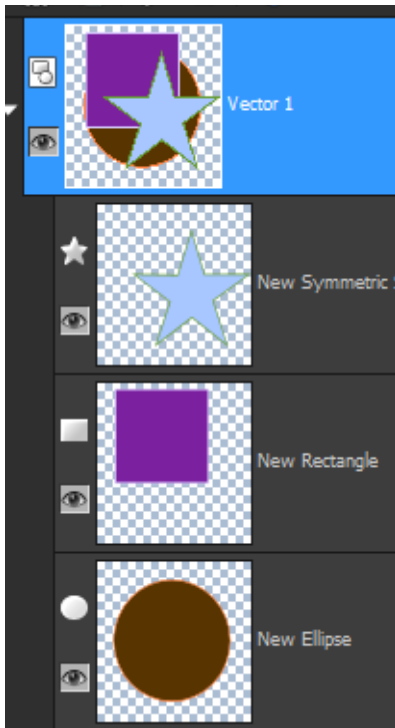
You will require different foreground and background colours for each shape. Select the colours *before* drawing. You can select your own colours.

On the Tool Options palette, select the circle. Tick create on a vector, show nodes and anti-alias, add a width of 4 for borders.



Draw all three shapes without adding a new vector layer. All shapes will be placed on their own layers automatically.

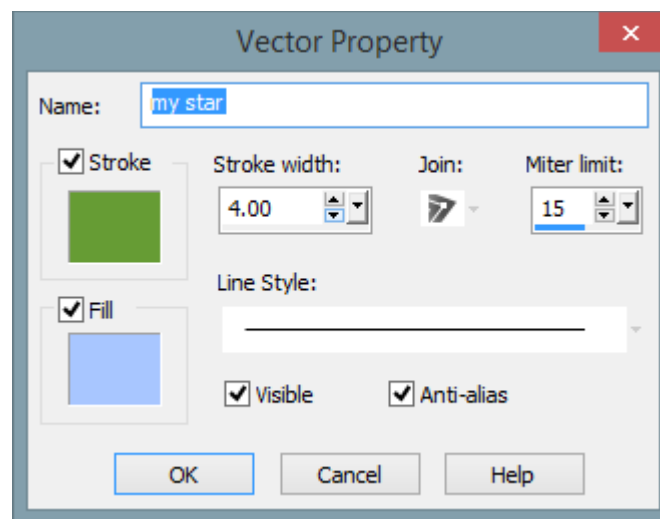




Each of the shape layers must be renamed. Of course, you can name them as you create them then you won't have to do it after the making.

The reason for renaming is, within the preset shapes there's already symmetry, rectangle and ellipse shapes. If you saved as these names you will get a duplication notice.

Double click on the New Symmetry layer. A Vector Property window opens. Rename the layer as my star. If you are okay about the stroke and fill colours, leave as is and click OK.



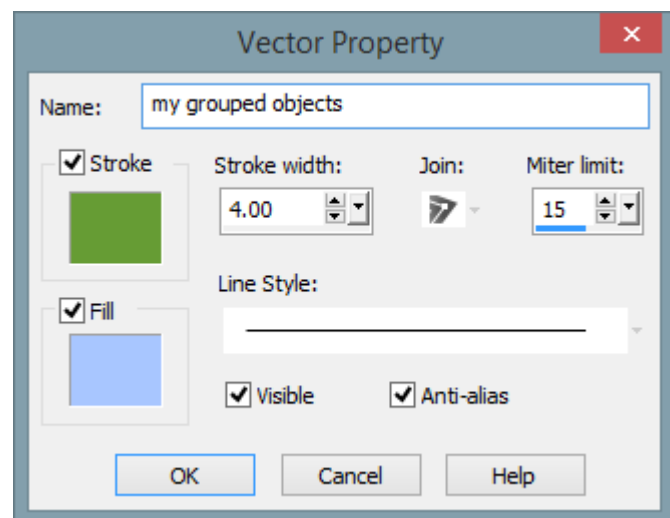
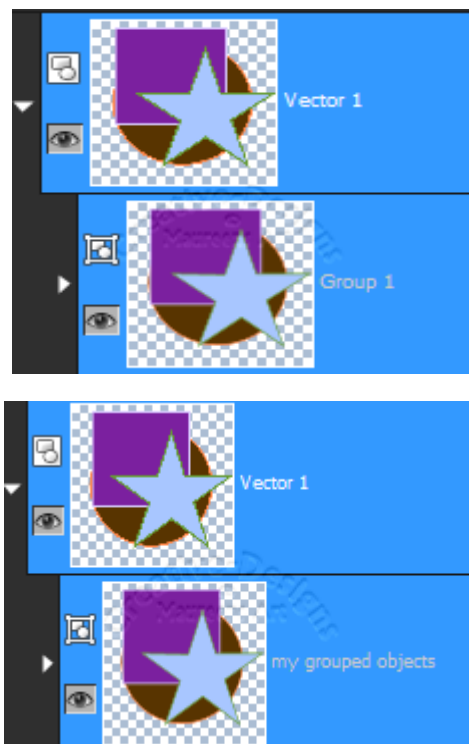
Now that all layers are named, except Vector 1 which does not require renaming it's time to save as a Preset Shape. If you export these shapes as they are, each shape will show individually in the Preset Shapes Library. It's okay to do that, but much nicer to have the image as a composite image.

GROUPING

Right click on Vector 1, hold the Ctrl key and select all layers by tapping each one. Once selected, the layers turn blue.

Go to the Menu bar, Objects and select Group.

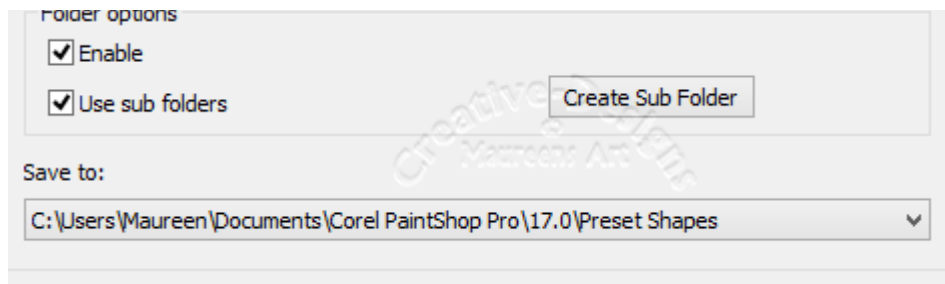
You will still have Vector 1 but a new layer Group 1. Rename this to my grouped objects. Click OK.



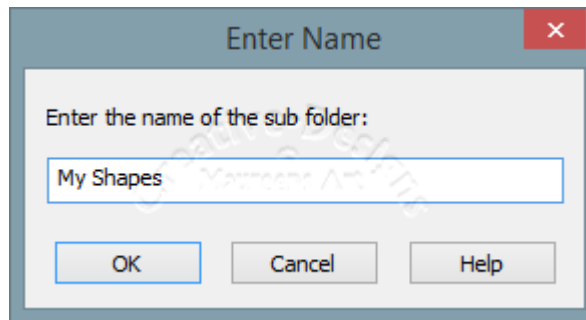
EXPORTING SHAPES

Go to File, Export, Shape. Check the name is my grouped objects.PspShape. Don't click ok yet.

Click the folder icon to open File Locations. Preset Shapes in the left column will already be highlighted. Your custom folders are shown in the centre window. Now check the Save to: You really need to save your custom shapes separately from all others.



Check Preset Shapes is showing in the Save to: Click on Create Sub Folder.



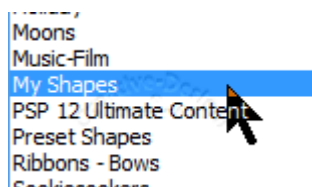
When the dialogue window opens, name the folder My Shapes. This folder is located in Documents / Corel PaintShop Pro / your version / Preset Shapes / My Shapes. Each time you create something new, it will automatically be saved to this folder.

Remember to change this location if importing shapes. You can click OK now.

TESTING NEW PRESET SHAPES

Open a new canvas.

Select the Preset Shape tool from the toolbar. Open the Category drop list to view your Preset Shapes library. Locate the my shapes folder.



The 'my grouped objects' will be visible as a single image. Click on it.

Check that Create on a Vector is ticked.

Draw the shape(s) on the canvas.

In the Layers palette, right click a layer and Ungroup.

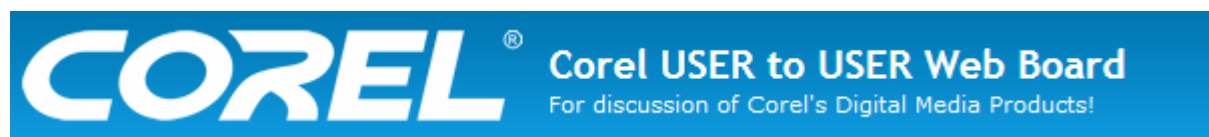
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