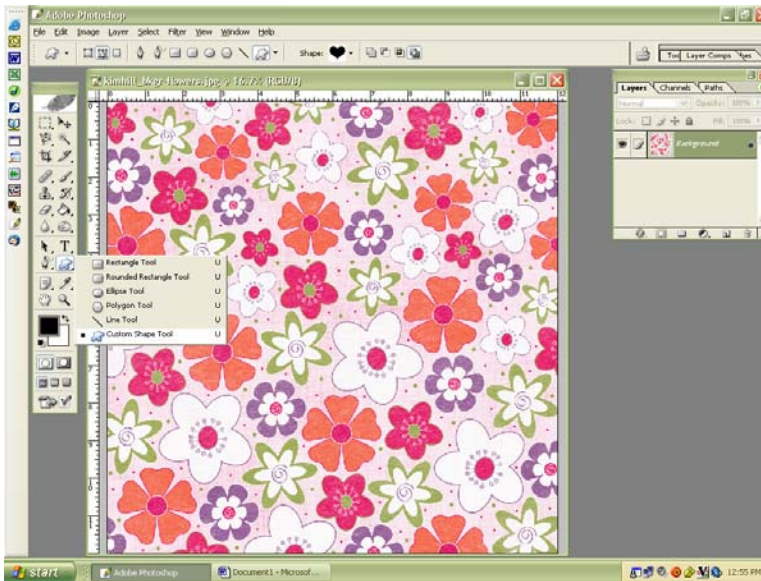


## CUTTING OUT SHAPES AND LETTERS FROM PAPERS (PS 7, PSCS, PSCS 2)

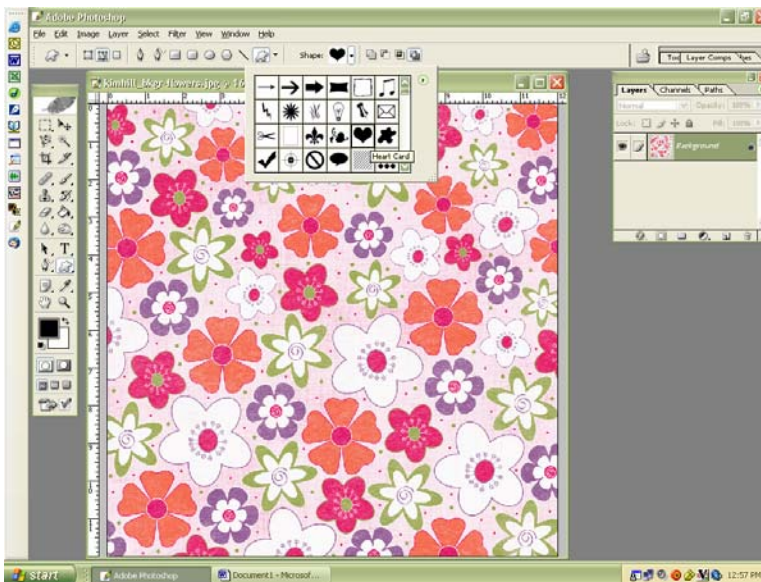
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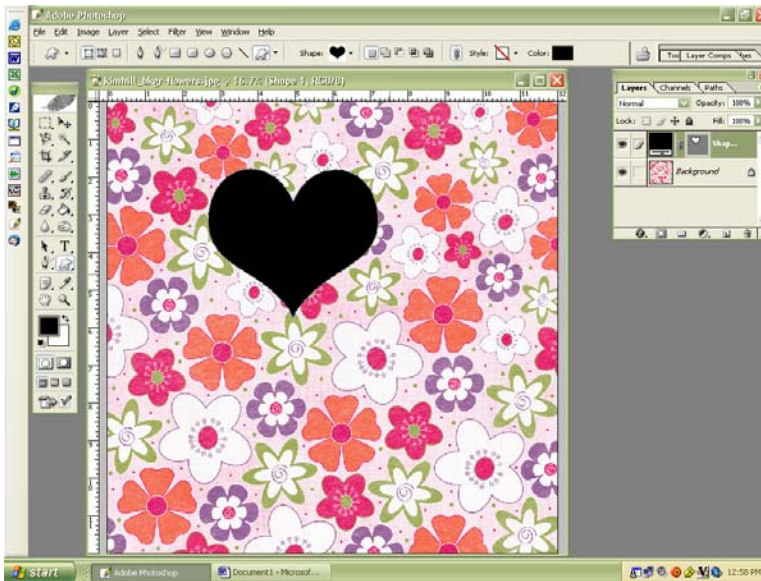
First you will open up the paper that you want to cut from. Now choose the custom shape tool. It is the last icon on the right side of your tool box. Hold it down and you will see several shape options. Choose the blob looking one.



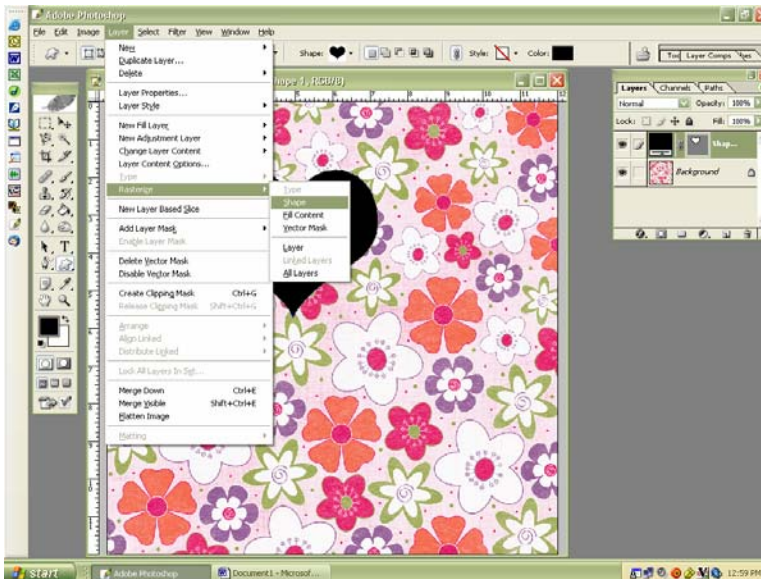
Now go to your options bar at the top of your screen. You will see a shape icon up there. Click on the little arrow to the right of the shape and you will see a lot of different shapes to choose from. Pick the shape you want to use. I'm going to use the heart shape.



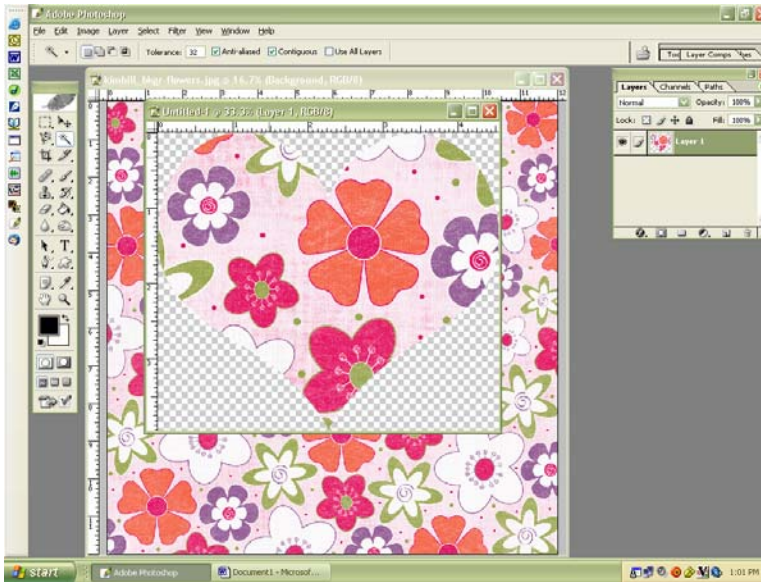
Now you will draw the heart shape on a new layer. Create a new layer by clicking on the new layer button at the bottom of the layers palette. To draw your shape proportionately, hold down the shift key while using your mouse to drag the shape outline.



Once your shape is drawn, you will need to rasterize it. Rasterizing makes it editable. To do this, click on Layers / Rasterize / Shape.



Now you will grab your magic wand from the tool box. Point it at the shape and click one time. The marching ants will surround your shape. Now you need to switch layers to the paper layer. Once you've clicked on the paper layer in your layers palette, press Control-C to copy your paper. Now you will create a new blank canvas. Press Control-V to paste the copy to your new canvas.



These same steps can be applied to cutting out text. Instead of choosing the shape icon, simply type your text. Then rasterize your text, select the text with your magic wand, switch layers to the paper, copy & paste it to a new canvas. Voila!