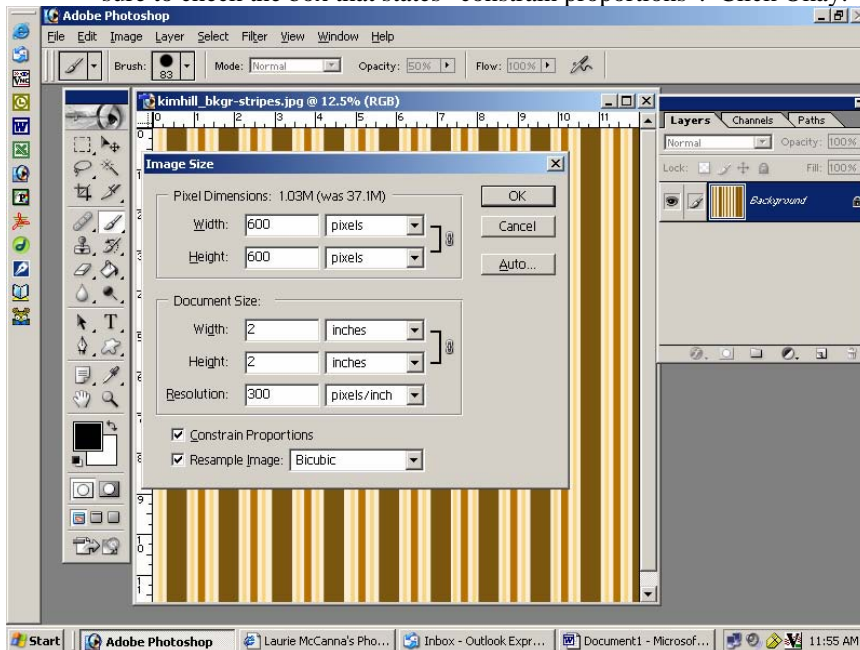


MAKING AND USING PATTERNS – PHOTOSHOP TUTORIAL

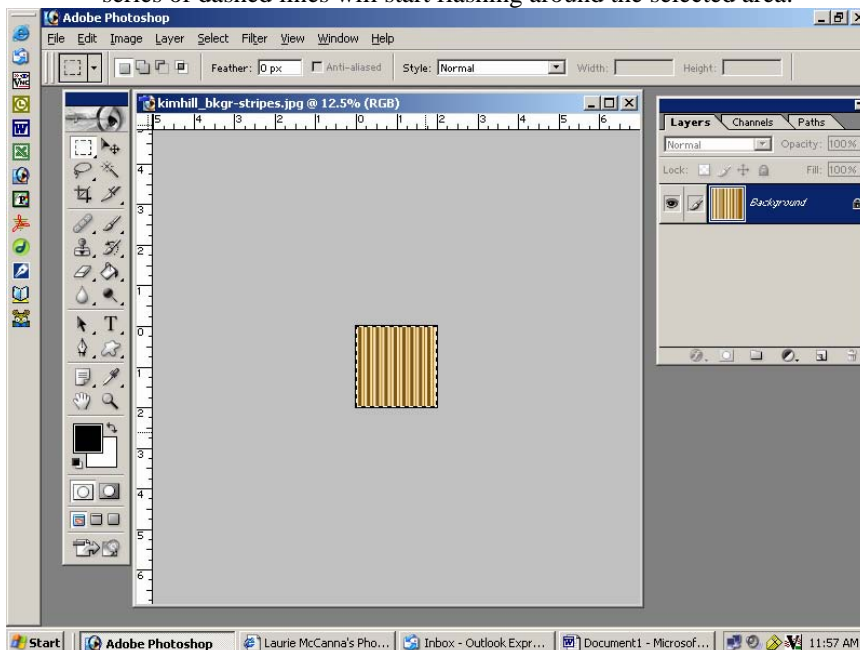
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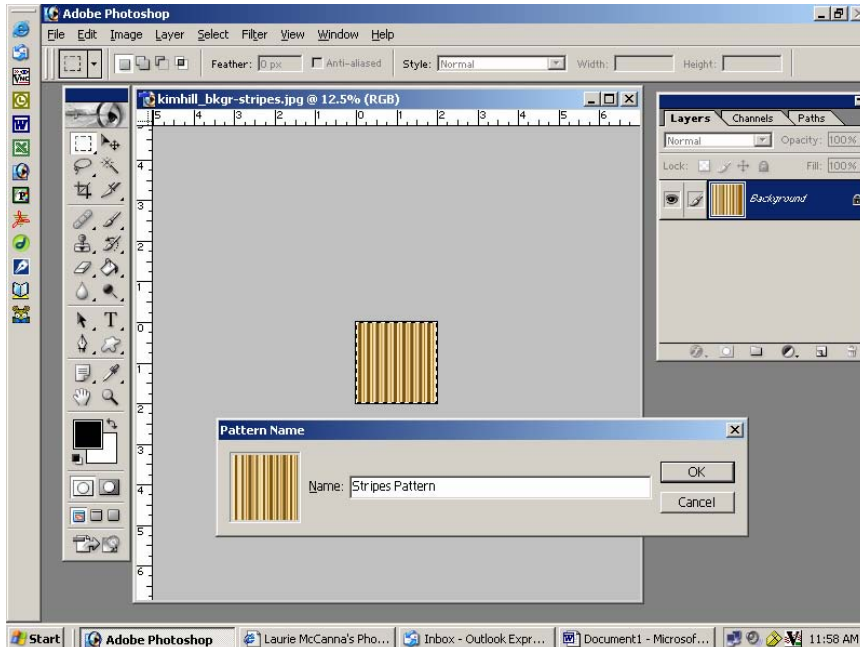
1. Open an image that you would like to create your pattern from. I am going to use a striped background paper. Change the image size to 2 inches square (600 pixels square) by clicking on Image/Image Size. A new window will open where you can change the image dimensions. Be sure to check the box that states “constrain proportions”. Click Okay.



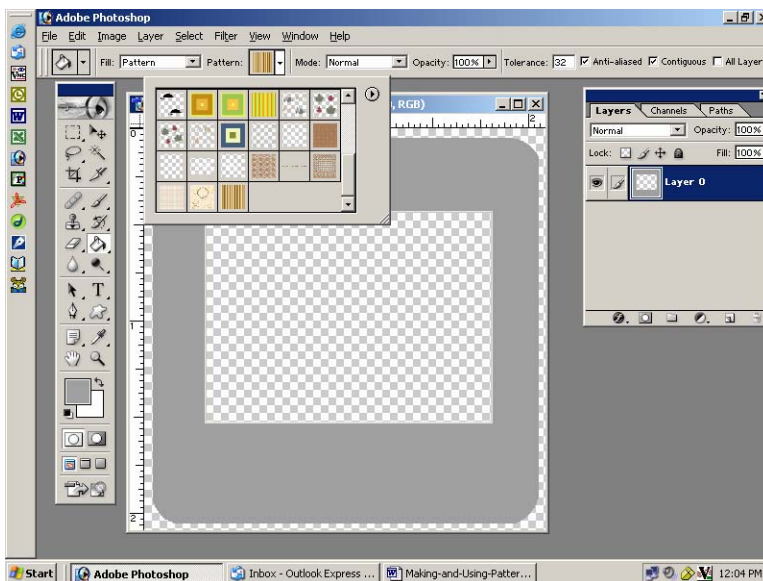
2. Now grab your square selection marquee from the tool palette. It is the square dashed line to the left of the arrow tool. Use the square marquee to drag and draw a box around the entire image. A series of dashed lines will start flashing around the selected area.



- Now you need to define the pattern. Click on Edit/Define Pattern. A new window will open asking you to name your pattern. Name it whatever you want and click OK. You now have a pattern to use as a flood fill for documents that are 2” square or smaller. Close out this document.
- If you use this on larger areas, it will show a seam.



- Now let's put this pattern to use. We're going to create a patterned slide frame. Open up a solid color slide frame as a new document.
- In the options bar at the top of your screen, you will see a small box that says "foreground". Click on that and change it to pattern. To the right of that, you will see the patterns palette. Click on the small arrow to open it up. Scroll all the way to the bottom and select the pattern you just created.



7. Now go to your tool palette and select the paint bucket tool. Place your paint bucket on top of the slide frame and click your left mouse button to pour the paint pattern onto the slide frame. Woohoo!! You now have a patterned slide frame that should look like this. Wasn't that fun?!

