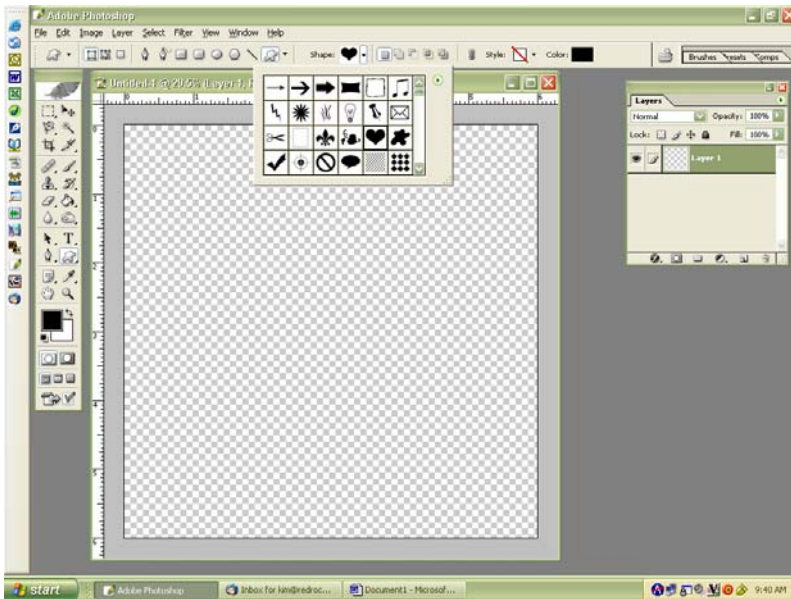


## STITCHING ON A PATH – PHOTOSHOP TUTORIAL

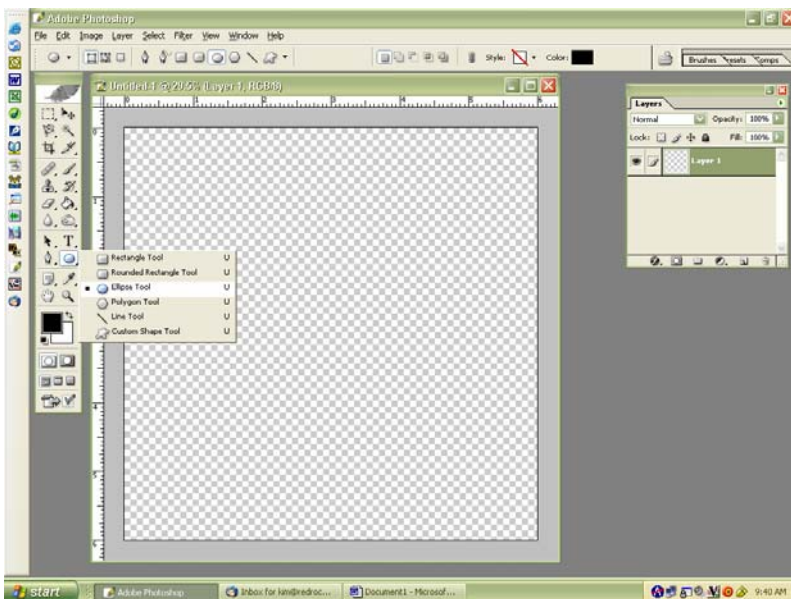
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Create a new document the size that you want your end result to be. I'm making mine 6 inches square just for the tutorial. Now you will need to select the shape that you want your stitching to be in. It can be any shape you want, but I'm going to use a circle. Go to the custom shapes icon in the palette on the left side of your screen. It is the 9<sup>th</sup> icon down on the right. If you want a basic circle, just choose the Ellipse Tool. If you want a star or heart or something else, click on the Custom Shape Tool. If you use a Custom Shape Tool, you will then go up to your options bar at the top of the screen and select the shape you want.

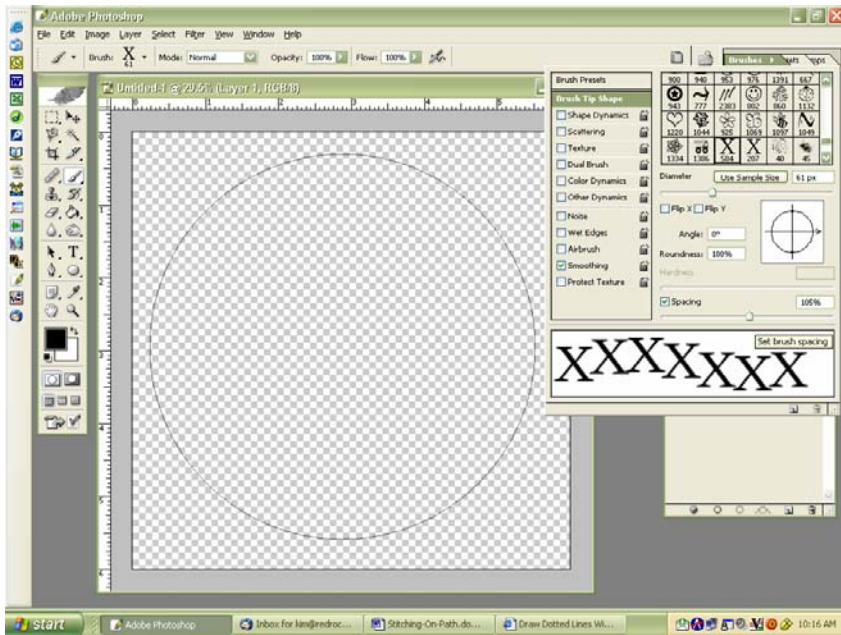


Since I'm doing just a circle, though, I'm using the Ellipse Tool from the tool palette on the left of the screen as shown here.

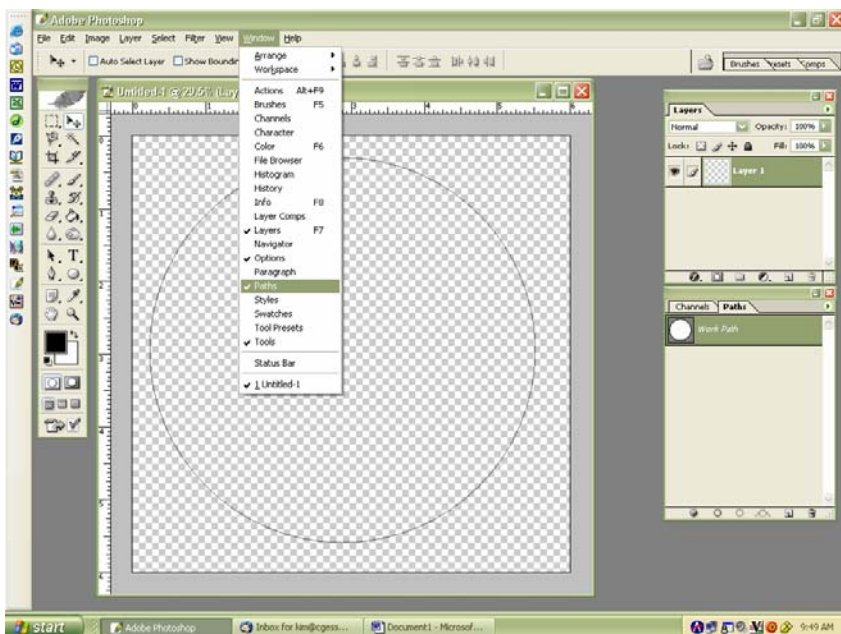


Before you draw your shape, you need to go up to the options bar and change it to PATHS. This icon is on the left...you'll see the custom shape, then shape layers, then paths. Select PATHS and then go ahead and draw your shape that you've selected. If you want to keep it in proportion, hold down the Shift key at the same time as you are drawing the shape.

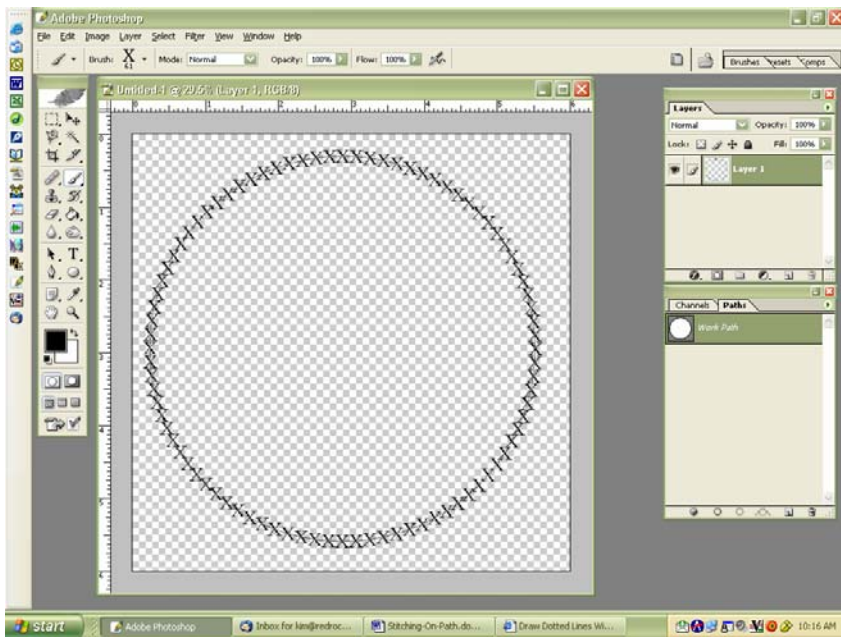
Now go to your brushes palette and choose the brush you want to use for your stitching. I made a brush out of the letter X which I'll use as my stitching brush. To learn how to make your own brush, please refer to the tutorial on my site for creating and using custom brushes. You will need to adjust the size and distance of your brush. To do this, go to the top right of your screen and click on the brushes presets option. Adjust the Diameter to a size you like. Mine is going to be set at 68. And then adjust the Spacing. I'm going to set mine to 105%. I want my stitches to touch just slightly.



Now you will need to open up the Paths Palette. To do that, go to the options bar at the top of your screen. Click on Window. And then select Paths. A new window will open up. At the bottom of the paths palette, you will see different options. Choose the second option Stroke Path With Brush.



As soon as you click that option, the entire path will fill up with the brush you selected. If you are unhappy with the look of the stitching, just go back and adjust your brush size and try it again until you are satisfied.



And that's all there is to it. Have fun playing!!