

USING A BRUSH (like you would a RUBBER STAMP!)

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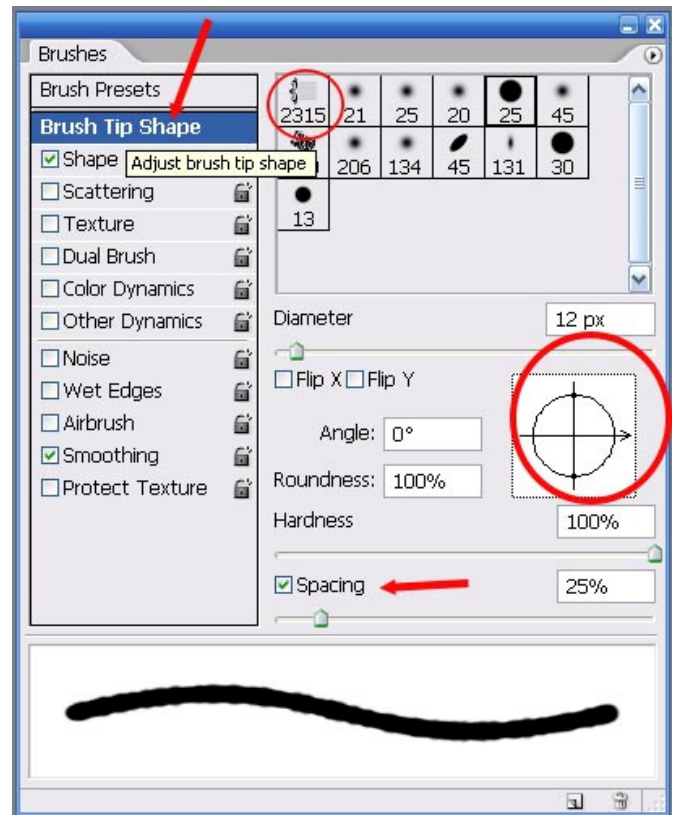
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One of the best things you can do with a brush is use it like you use rubber stamps! Brushes are so much more versatile than stamps though, because you can change their size, color, even opacity very easily!!

All screen shots in this tutorial were made with PSCS2, but should be very similar to most Photoshop and PS Elements versions.

Here is how to make your brushes work like stamps:

1. Choose your brush tool.
2. Go to Window>Brushes and click to open the window. It may be docked in your palette dock, if so just pull it onto your work space.
3. Click on the option 'Brush Tip Shape' This will give you all the functionality you need to make your brush work like a stamp!
4. At the top you will see the brushes you have installed, and can change brushes.
5. At the right is a circle with an arrow and a line through it. You can click and drag the arrow to point in any direction you wish, and this will rotate your brush! This is VERY helpful if you want a randomly stamped look.
6. The sliders will let you adjust the diameter, hardness and spacing of the brush. When using a brush as a stamp, you want to adjust the spacing until you see the pattern clearly, not as one long line. This will make it easier to see what you're doing when rotating.
7. Click away! Move your cursor over your layout, and click once. You may adjust the opacity of the brush in the tool options bar at the top of your workspace. OR – leave the brush at 100% and adjust the opacity of the layer you stamped on!



HAPPY STAMPING!