



# Lets talk Photoshop

## Simulating Paper Curl

Here is a novelty task that can be useful if you produce cards, calendars or certificates. I have described using a black background but you can use any colour or even use part of another photograph.



Open your image and create a blank layer.

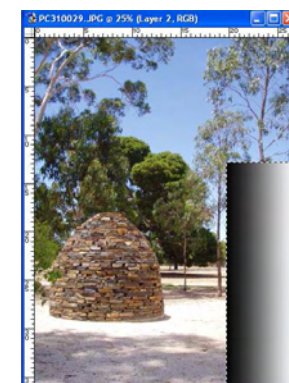
Select the Polygonal lasso tool. Click once at the right edge of the layer at the top of where you want the curl to be. Release the mouse and click on the bottom of the layer. Again release the mouse and this time click at the bottom right corner and finally click back at where you originally started, this should make a triangle.

With the foreground colour set to black use the bucket to fill the triangle. Press D if it is not set



Create a new layer. Select rectangle marquee and make a rectangle slightly wider than the triangle.

Select the gradient tool and while holding the shift key drag horizontally across the rectangle.



Select Edit>Transform>Perspective drag top corners till they meet in the middle.

Select Edit>Free Transform, rotate and move it until it joins with the black triangle on the left edge of the triangle

With the Elliptical marquee make an ellipse slightly wider then the gradient triangle. Make sure the gradient layer is highlighted. Click inside the ellipse and drag until the top of the ellipse touches both corners of the gradient triangle. Press the delete key, and deselect.

Finally you can add a drop shadow on the gradient layer. Click on the stylized F on the layers window and select Drop Shadow. Suggested starting values are Multiply, Opacity 75%, Angle 90, Distance 20, Size 10.

