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## Draw an Easter Egg in Photoshop

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### By: psddude

**Easter** is coming soon, so in today's tutorial, I will show you a simple way to create an **egg in Photoshop**. The egg is made from scratch and it is created as a **vector shape** so you can resize without loosing its quality.

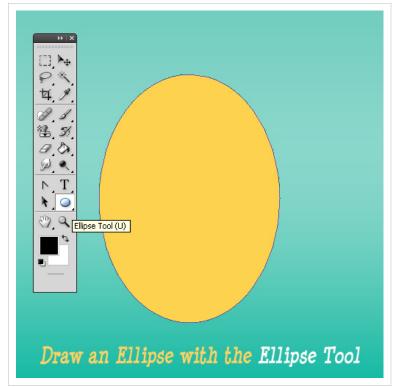
It will take you no more than five minutes to draw these beautiful decorative eggs. They are perfect for creating **Easter cards**. If you want, you can

follow the easy way and use one of my  $\underline{\text{egg shapes}}.$  Hope you like it!

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# Draw an Egg Shape

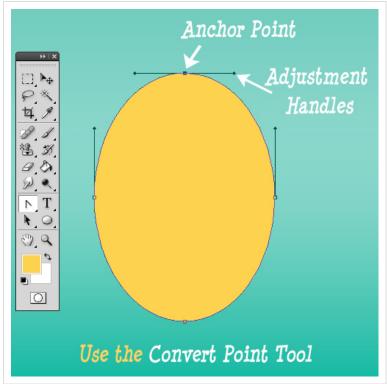
Open a new psd file, size 500x500 pixels. Add a #8bd5c8 background layer. With the Ellipse Tool and draw a simple elliptical shape, the color is not important, I have used a brite yellow color. Call this layer Egg Layer.

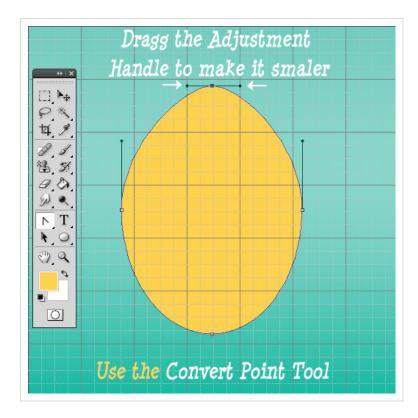


Let's remodel the shape to look more like an egg. Use the Convert Point Tool to make the top point of the egg more sharp. Select the top point that describes a curve between two lines. You see two

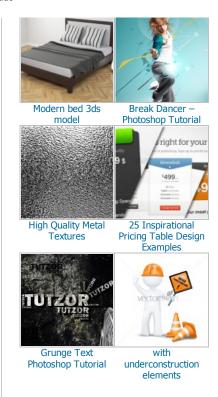


the anchor point. Press CTRL and ' to see the grid. This grid will help you make simetrical moves.





With the same Convert Point Tool and select the two anchor points from right and left and move them down like in the image. Now we have a nice egg shape.



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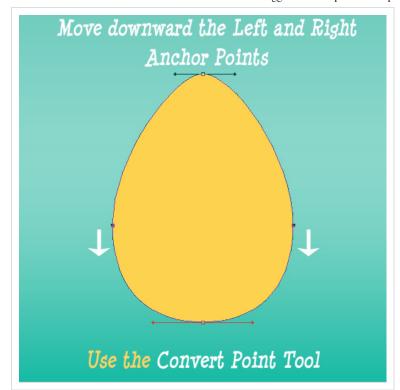
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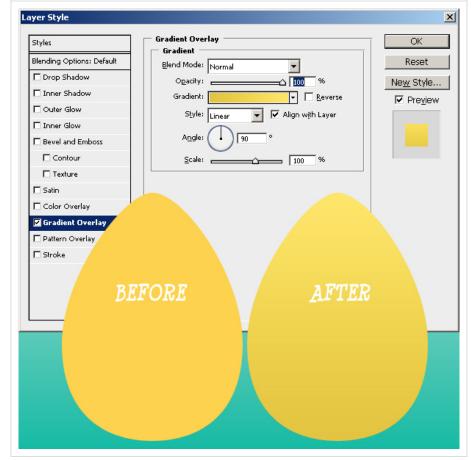
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## Add 3D Effect to The Egg

As you can see our egg looks too flat, it doesn't have that tridimensional look. Open the Egg Layer Style Window and let's add some cool effects. First let's add a simple Gradient Overlay, with two tones of yellow. You can of course use red, green or other color.



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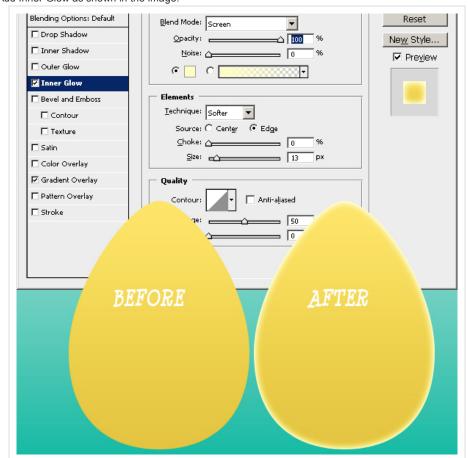
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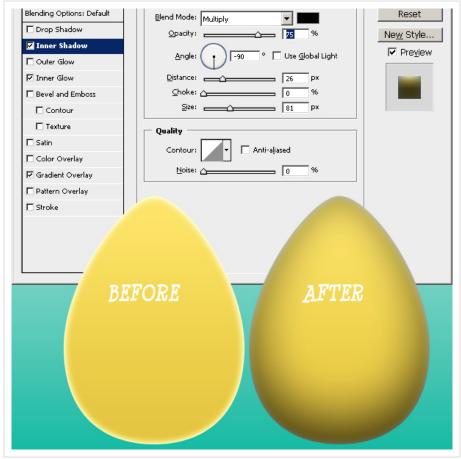
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Add Inner Glow as shown in the image:



Add Inner Shadow, use black for the shadow.





# Add Egg Decoration

So far we have a nice looking vector egg. Time to add easter decoration to our little egg. Because we have a vectorial shape and I intend to keep it that way, I have decided to use some Photoshop Custom Shapes that I have made a week ago. So download the <a href="Photoshop Shapes Inspired by Romanian Folk Art">Photoshop Shapes Inspired by Romanian Folk Art</a> and load them in your Photoshop program. Create a new layer and call it Decoration Layer. Use white for the shape color.



I will now add a round curved shape to the decoration layer. To do that go to Edit, Transform and choose Warp. You can see a white point. Simply drag it down.

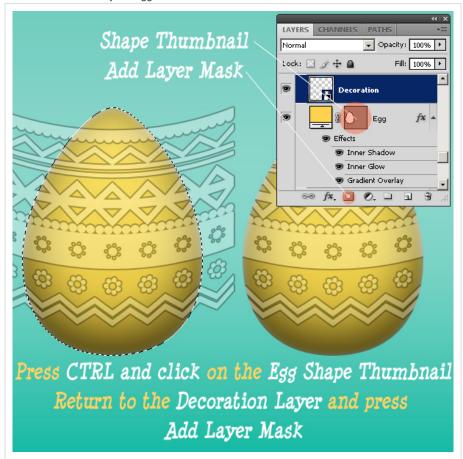


Add a little 2px black Stroke to our Decoration Layer. Change the opacity of the layer to 30%. Right click on the layer name and Convert into Smart Object.



# Add Layer Mask

Press CTRL and click on the Egg Shape Thumbnail as shown in the image. Return to the Decoration Layer and with the egg shape selected press Add Layer Mask. You can see that now from the decoration it is visible only the egg area.



# Add Egg Shadow or Refraction

The egg is standind on a horizontal surface so I want to add a little shadow or refraction. In fact I don't know if it is shadow or refraction. Select the two layers and create a group. Convert this group into smart object. Flip it Vertical. Now make a selection with the Rectangular Marquee Tool. Add Layer Mask. Lower the opacity to 30%.



You can add little cracks on the egg surface for a more realistic look and that is all.

# Easter Vectorial Egg





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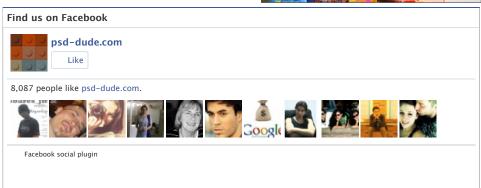
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### john

7:00 AM Tuesday, April 12, 2011

it looks very realistic but I was wondering how did you make the cracks on the egg surface?

reply



### tirath

7:00 AM Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Excellent tutorial with nice realistic output Thanks so much for your all grate tutorials you make Photoshop more interesting keep up good work god bless you :-)

reply



#### **PsdDude**

7:00 AM Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Hi John, the effect is pretty simple  $\dots$  just draw the cracked shapes with the Pen Tool. Choose the color #ebfafb  $\dots$ 

Add Layer Style Effects:

- Stroke: add a 1px stroke, color #e7e0b4.
- Add Inner Shadow, distance 2 px , size 3 px, color bl

reply



melissa

7:00 AM Wednesday, April 13, 2011

hi.

Love this site! its such a big help!!

how did you create the grass?

thanks!

reply



#### **PsdDude**

7:00 AM Wednesday, April 13, 2011

Hi melissa!

The grass is easy to make. Adobe Photoshop CS4 has a list of predefined brushes. Among this brushes there is a brush called "grass"; use it with different tones of green and that is all.

reply



Jill

7:00 AM Thursday, April 28, 2011

This is GREAT!!! Thanks so much....

reply



#### **PsdDude**

7:00 AM Thursday, April 28, 2011

your welcome Jill!

reply



#### **Bonnie**

4:04 AM Monday, January 28, 2013

How would you make these easter eggs if you only have Photoshop CS which doesn't have the warp tool. Is there another way to wrap the design around the egg?

reply



John

4:07 AM Monday, January 28, 2013

You can try to use the Filter > Distort> Spherize filter (but you will have to rasterize the folk motif shape before you apply the filter) ... hope it works!

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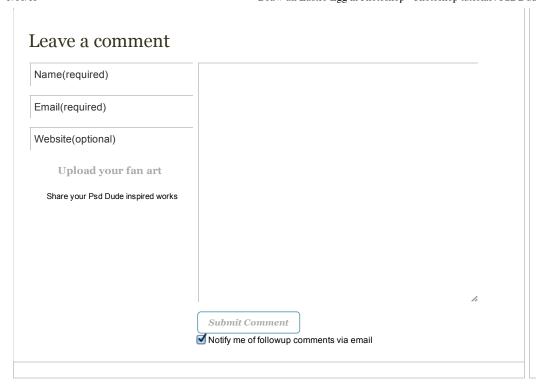


Bonnie Gean

12:30 AM Tuesday, January 29, 2013

John, that worked perfectly! Thanks!

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