

# Photoshop Tutorial - 'Out of Bounds Swan'

We start with 3 photos :

texture 01.jpg  
texture 02.jpg  
swan2.jpg

## Background

Open a new document.

Click of the 'Foreground Colour Icon' and select an aqua colour.

Select the 'Bucket Fill Tool' and fill the document with aqua.

Open the photo 'texture 01.jpg' and import it into the document. [Texture 01](#)

Resize and reposition to fill the document then change it's 'Blending Mode' the 'Soft Light'.

Reduce 'opacity' to suit.

Open the photo 'texture 02.jpg' and import it into the document. [Texture 02](#)

Resize and reposition to fill the document then change it's 'Blending Mode' the 'Soft Light'.

Reduce 'opacity' to suit.

## Photo Paper

Insert a new layer by clicking the 'Add a Layer' icon at the bottom of the layers window.

Use the 'Rectangular Marquee Tool' to make a selection in the shape of a photo.

Edit>Stroke - 150 pixels - white - inside.

To lay the photo down we first select the 'Move Tool' then pull down the top middle handle to squash it down a bit.

Edit>Transform>Perspective - pull in the bottom left handle until the photo looks like it's laying down.

Edit>Transform>Warp - pull up a bottom corner to give a curled effect, do the same to the other bottom corner.

## Swan

Open the photo 'swan.jpg' and import it into the document. [Swan](#)

Reduce 'opacity' to 50%.

Resize and reposition so the swan is sitting in the 'photo paper' with it's tail and neck overlapping the 'photo paper'.

Increase 'opacity' back to 100%.

Use the 'Quick Selection Tool' to select the neck and head of the swan then holding down the 'shift' key also select the tail.

Select>Modify>Contract - 2 pixels

Select>Modify>Feather by 1 pixel.

Place these selections on their own layer by pressing the 'Ctrl+j' keys

Turn off the 'head/tail' and 'swan' layers by 'clicking' their 'eye' icons.

Highlight the 'photo paper' layer and using the 'Magic Wand Tool' select the empty part inside the borders (make sure 'contiguous' is ticked).

## Out of Bounds

Now turn on and select the 'swan' layer.

Create a Layer Mask by clicking the 'Add Layer Mask' icon at the bottom of the Layers Window.

Turn back on the 'head/tail' layer.

## Finishing

Add a levels adjustment layer.

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