

How to make a square
overlay in Photoshop



Quicker to make than a cup of tea

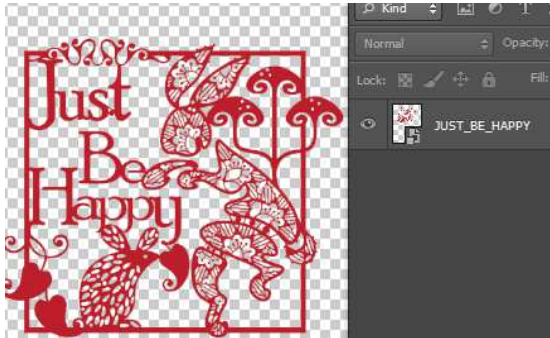
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Open Photoshop

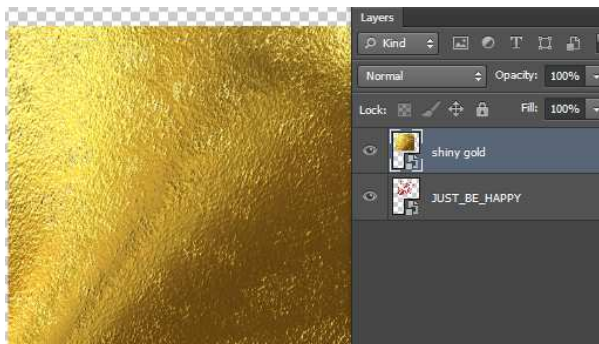
Create a new document

Double-click the background layer in the Layer Palette to convert it to a layer

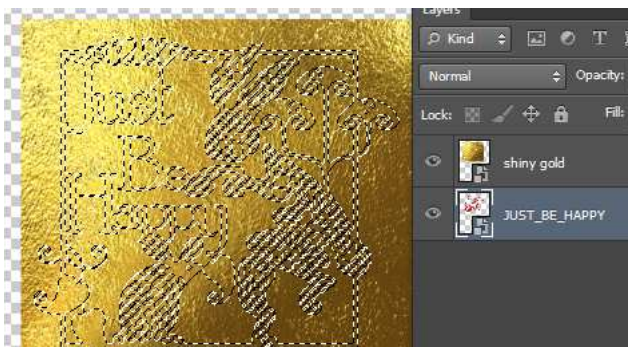
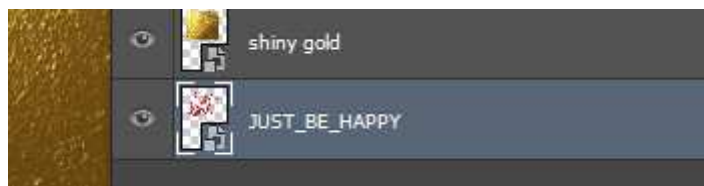
Type in some text or place/create a graphic image



Place a background image, eg, gold foil but you could use silver, bronze or ANY background you like. As this is about a gold foil effect, I'm using a shiny gold .jpg. If you don't have anything suitable, Google for free backgrounds - there are plenty available.



Select the 'Just Be' layer and Ctrl-click on the thumbnail in the Layer Palette.



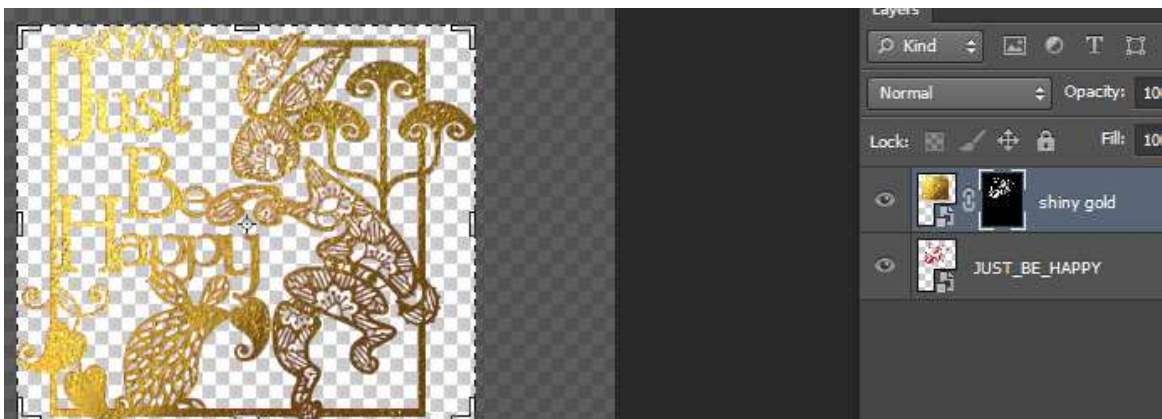
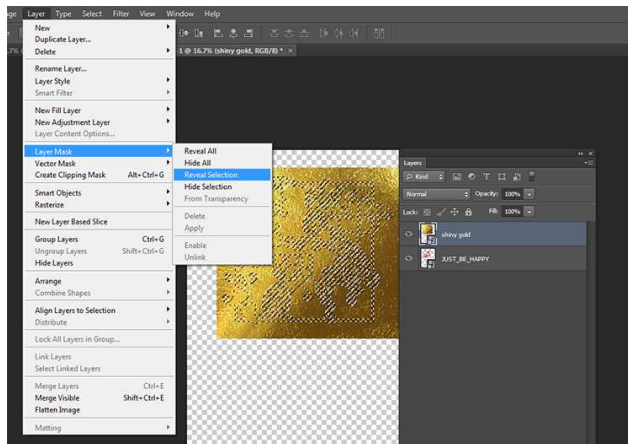
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You will see the graphic outlined by 'marching ants'.

With the ants still marching, select the Gold foil layer:



Go to Layer>Layer Mask>Reveal Selection



The result is a beautiful graphic overlaid with gold foil. To preserve it for future use, save as a .png (to retain transparent background).